Dear [Name],

As much as it would have been a pleasure to meet in person, of course we understand it is easier to schedule an online meeting.

Thanks a lot in advance for the Webex.

Wishing you a nice and relaxing end of the year.

Best regards,

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Dear [Name],

Due to changes, would it be possible and fine if we hold this meeting virtually 18th January at 15.00

Thanks for letting me know, and if in the affirmative I will share the virtual link via webex.

Kind Regards,
Subject: RE: Meeting request on behalf of the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) to discuss the SUR

Dear [Name],

Thanks a lot for your email.

We will be delighted to meet with Mr. Giorgos Rossides on the 18th January at 15.00.

Could you please send us the practical details.

Thank you

Best regards,

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Subject: Biological control - Meeting request on behalf of the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) to discuss the SUR

Dear Commissioner Kyriakides,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to request a meeting with IBMA, the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) to discuss the proposal on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products (SUR).

You may recall the positive exchange we had back in June 2020 where we discussed the importance of biological control solutions to reach the EU Green Deal objectives, and the back then just published Farm to Fork Strategy and the importance of encouraging the authorisation of biological control so that farmers have more alternatives to chemical pesticides available to them. The overall approach in the SUR towards more IPM and indicative positive targets for biological control provides an excellent focus on alternatives. The proposed SUR is supportive of wider initiatives from FAO on supporting agroecological farming and the use of biological control.

We followed with a lot of interest your intervention in the AGRI Committee on Tuesday and are fully aligned with your ambition to phase out the most hazardous pesticides and promote sustainable alternatives that will allow for food security in the long term. For that to happen, we also agree that farmers will need to be provided with concrete solutions that are readily available and be financially incentivized to use them.

We would therefore appreciate the opportunity to discuss how we can support you in making your vision a reality and ensure that credible alternatives, such as biological control, can be made available in the nearest future.

Would you have time to meet in your very busy agenda in the next few days to discuss this in more detail?

For your information, we had a valuable meeting on 22 November with Ms Claire Bury and some colleagues in DG SANTE on the biological control pipeline and opportunities and have a follow up meeting on 13 December (Tampon will lead the meeting) on the implementation of Regulation 1107/2009 to perhaps enable quicker authorisation of biological
control in the context of the on-going SUR negotiations.

We thank you for your consideration of this meeting request and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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