Dear [Art.4.1(b) - privacy],

On behalf of Executive Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, I thank you for your letter in relation to the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture in the EU, which was announced by President von der Leyen on the occasion of the 2023 State of the Union Address. I welcome and appreciate your support for this initiative.

In her opening speech of the EU Agri-Food Days on 6 December 2023, the President added that the Strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture in the EU dialogue will be formally started in January. It will contribute to strengthening the understanding of current and expected challenges and listen to the concerns of farmers and stakeholders from across the agri-food chain.

Stakeholders will range from “small traditional producers of organic food to large wheat producers; from those who make our food to those who process it or bring it on the market”.

The dialogue aims to address pertinent issues such as:

- How can we give our farmers, and the rural communities they live in, a better perspective, including a fair standard of living?

- How can we support agriculture within the boundaries of our planet and its ecosystem?

- How can we make better use of the immense opportunities offered by knowledge and technological innovation?

- How can we promote a bright and thriving future for Europe’s food system in a competitive world?

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By combining different perspectives, the dialogue aims to foster the creation of new solutions and to cultivate a common vision for the future of agriculture in Europe.

The precise launch date, exact make up, scheduling, invitations will be available in due time.

I hope I can count on your continuous engagement in the path towards a more sustainable and resilient European agri-food sector in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Juraj Nociar