Meeting took place on 7 July at 12h30 with [Name 1], [Name 2] and [Name 3] from YARA Belgium, Ireland and UK.

YARA presented their business and explained how their core competence lies in empowering farmers to select and manage plant nutrients in the most sustainable way – also by using digital tools and precision farming – to ensure profitability at farm level. They are committed to sustainable food production, manufacturing climate-friendly crop nutrition solutions and achieving zero-emission energy targets.

We discussed the impact of the current geographical and farming context in their work.

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On the other hand, since fossil fuels are an integral part of the chemical processes used in the manufacturing of urea, it will be impossible to do the same with the production of this fertilizer type. Therefore, if regulations in Ireland would make protected urea obligatory for farmers, this would mean that the decarbonization of the sector is discouraged and that farmers’ toolbox of nutrient solutions is reduced. In addition, since 95% of the global urea is currently produced outside of Europe and given the geopolitical situation at present, it is important that farmers continue to have access to ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers produced in Europe. This is why it is key for the European Union to ensure its strategic autonomy in terms of nitrogen fertilisers supply.

We will come back to you after the summer recess also with a suggestion for the visit of the Commissioner McGuinness to one of Yara’s site. In the meantime, we are preparing some feedback on the taxonomy issue and will do our best to get back to you before the end of the week.

On behalf of [Name1], [Name2] and [Name3], it was a real pleasure to meet with you and once again thank you for taking the time from your schedule to meet with us.

Yours sincerely,