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Mr Phil Hogan Commissioner Agriculture and Rural Development BERL 08/302 B-1049 Brussels

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Dear Commissioner,

Once again, we would like to congratulate you on your election as Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development and wish you every success.

We are very pleased to invite you for the next joint Copa-Cogeca Praesidia meeting which will be held on **Thursday**, 4th **December 2014** at Copa-Cogeca's premises, 61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels. If it suits your schedule, we would like you to attend the meeting for one hour **between 4.30 p.m.** and 6.30 p.m. Your participation would consist of giving an introductory speech, which would be followed by a debate.

The joint Copa-Cogeca Praesidia consists of the Presidents of the 70 Copa and Cogeca member organisations, who represent EU farmers and agri-cooperatives.

On this occasion, we would like to have a first exchange of views with you regarding several items of paramount importance for our sector, and in particular:

- draft general budget 2015
- implementation of the CAP reform, and the need for simplification
- trade agreements

We look forward to collaborating with you.

Naturally we are at your disposal and that of your cabinet for any additional information.

Yours faithfully,



