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Subject: Meeting COPA COGECA - report

On 22 June 2016 a meeting was organised between COPA-COGECA and TRADE CAB.

COPA-COGECA expressed concerns about the current crisis of the agricultural sector and noted that more export is needed in order to support the EU farmers.

COPA-COGECA noted that the access to foreign markets by EU agriculture products shall be further promoted and welcomed the efforts by the Commissioners for Trade and Agriculture in this respect.

In the framework of TTIP, COPA-COGECA noted that we should keep reassuring the farmers on the most sensitive products. COPA-COGECA maintains its position on non – tariff barriers and will circulate an updated list of non-tariff priorities to the relevant services of the Commission.

COPA-COGECA noted the importance of improving market access in the Japanese market and explained the sensitivity of the beef sector vis-à-vis Mercosur, suggesting that the conditions of the concessions, the specifications of the quotas, will be of utmost importance.

COPA-COGECA also made reference to the Russian market and finally to WTO negotiations. As closing remark COPA COGECA insisted on the importance of exports promotion for the EU farming community.

TRADE CAB took note of the stakeholder's position and offered a short overview of the current state of play of the trade negotiations with the United States, Japan and Mercosur.

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