



To:

Christian Burgsmüller  
Member of Cabinet in charge of Canada  
Commissioner for Trade, Ms Malmström  
in charge of Canada  
European Commission

Brussels, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

**Concern: Invitation to speak at CETA lunch hosted by MEP Pabriks at the European Parliament on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Dear Mr Burgsmüller,

CELCAA is the voice of the European traders in agricultural products to the European Institutions, media and stakeholders. We had the opportunity to meet you and exchange with you in May 2016. To recall, our members are the European sectorial associations, representing the trade in wine; meat and meat products; dairy products; tobacco, grains, rice, oilseeds, sugar, agro-supply etc.

CELCAA has been a strong supporter of the CETA negotiations and we believe that the deal reached by the negotiators is ambitious and balanced for the European agricultural sector. In order to promote the agreement at the European Parliament, we are co-organising with MEP Pabriks, INTA Rapporteur on CETA, a lunch at the European Parliament on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The lunch will be the opportunity for the European agri-food trade sector to speak up and explain the benefits of CETA for Europe, hence inviting the Parliament to provide its ascent. In parallel to the lunch, we are writing to all MEPs inviting them to provide their ascent.

We would be grateful if you could accept to attend the lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> October at the *Salon des Députés* at the European Parliament, and take the floor after MEP Pabriks introduces the lunch. An intervention of 5 to 10mn would be ideal. Experts from the wine, dairy and fruit and vegetable trade sectors will also take the floor for a couple of minutes during the lunch, and representatives of the trade will have the opportunity to exchange views with MEPs at their table over lunch.

I thank you for your attention and hope you will be able to accept our invitation,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rooke  
CELCAA President



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CELCAA is the voice of the European traders in agricultural and food commodities to the European Institutions, media and stakeholders. CELCAA is an EU umbrella association representing EU organisations covering the trade in cereals, grains, sugar, oil, animal feed, wine, meat and meat products, dairy and dairy products, fruit and vegetables, potatoes, egg and egg products, poultry and game, tobacco, cut flowers and plants spices and general produces. Members include ASSUC, CEEV, CIBC, COCERAL, EUCOLAIT, EUROPATAT, EUWEP, FC2A, FETRATAB, FRUCOM, GAFTA, Union Fleurs and UECBV. CELCAA's main objectives are to facilitate understanding of European decision-makers and stakeholders on the role played by the European traders in agri-commodities; to act as a platform of dialogue and communication with the European Institutions and to encourage public and general interests in agri-trade issues.

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