Dear [PERSONAL DATA]

Thank you for your letters of 19 March outlining COPA-COGECA’s views for the trilogue meetings on the CMO and the Horizontal regulation and the letter from of 24 March with your views on the super-trilogue held last 26 March.

The Commission services have taken due note of your position and the useful information you have provided, which has been passed on to the colleagues in charge of each of the specific subjects.

The new Common Agricultural Policy needs to be fit for purpose and put the agricultural sector on track to achieve greater sustainability, resilience and prosperity. It has to contribute to a fair income of farmers, help farmers face climate change and biodiversity loss and allow European food to become the global standard of sustainability. I believe that in the recent trilogues we have been able to achieve progress towards these objectives.

The Commission is determined to continue to play its full role in the negotiations and will work hard to reach a political agreement in May.

We are convinced negotiations must speed up to be able to leave sufficient time to Member States to prepare the CAP strategic plans by the end of this year. This will also provide farmers certainty as regards the CAP rules and payments for the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

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