Dear COPA-COGECA

Thank you for your letters of 18 November 2020, 30 November 2020, 1 December 2020, 9 December 2020, 16 December and 17 December 2020 outlining COPA-COGECA’s detailed position on the trilogues.

The Commission has 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.

As I already said in our meeting last 9 December 2020, the Commission is now working together with the European Parliament and with the Council to secure a swift agreement on a truly reformed CAP.

The new CAP 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, support the agricultural sector to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help farmers face climate change and biodiversity loss, and allow European food to become the global standard of sustainability. Moreover, the CAP has to help farmers ensure that agriculture stops being an important driver of biodiversity loss.
In addition, as announced in the recent Farm to Fork Strategy, the Commission has adopted recommendations to each Member State with regard to the future CAP strategic plans, centred on its nine specific objectives and with a particular focus on the Green Deal.

To ensure ambitious CAP Strategic Plans, intensive cooperation between Member States and all stakeholders will be crucial. The new CAP Strategic Plans must be prepared under the principle of partnership. Member States need to draw up the CAP Strategic Plans based on transparent procedures and involving partners at all the preparatory stages of the future CAP Strategic plans.

Therefore, I would like to emphasise the importance of the active involvement of your Member State administrations in the dialogues with the Member State administrations in drawing up ambitious plans deliver on sustainable food systems.

Yours sincerely,

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