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Ms Cecilia Malmström
European Commissioner for
Trade
Rue de la Loi, 200
BE-1049 Brussels

Brussels, 26th September 2016

Re: Invitation to the next joint Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meeting, 8th December 2016

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of the President of Copa, Martin Merrild, and the President of Cogeca, Thomas Magnusson, I would like to invite you to the next joint Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meeting, which will be held on **Thursday 8th December 2016** at our premises, Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Bruxelles.

The Copa and Cogeca Praesidia consists of the Presidents of the 66 Copa and Cogeca member organisations, who represent farmers and agri-cooperatives throughout the European Union.

Taking account the highly ambitious current trade negotiations, Copa and Cogeca members would greatly appreciate to have an exchange of views with you regarding these negotiations and their impact on the agricultural sector.

If this suits, I would like to propose you to attend the meeting for one hour between **4:30 and 5:30 p.m.** Your participation would consist of giving an introductory speech/presentation, which would be followed by a debate.

Naturally, I am at your disposal for any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

[Art. 4.1(b)]

Pekka Pesonen
Copa and Cogeca Secretary General