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**RE: Impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the agricultural sector
and consequences for the internal market - Meeting with Copa and
Cogeca [REDACTED] 7 April 2022**

Dear Commissioner,

The entire European farming community has been carefully considering the development of the war in Ukraine with deep sorrow. The impulse of solidarity of the agricultural community with the Ukrainian people is real and visible in all member countries. The number of refugees hosted on our farms is increasing, convoys organised by farmers are on their way as well as food, other supplies, and financial donations.

On the political and economic front, our analysis clearly shows the importance of the reconstruction challenges that European agriculture will face in the short and medium term. This war which affects Europe will have worldwide repercussions for several years to come.

Global supply balances in some key sectors were already very tight before the war and input costs were rising. The war has exacerbated this situation and made it more critical. Most sectors are or will be directly or indirectly impacted.

Copa and Cogeca have welcomed the emergency and temporary responses outlined by the European Commission in its Communication on “Safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems” starting with the support granted to the Ukrainian population and farmers and for farmers and consumers in the EU in light of rising food prices and input costs, together with the various operational guidelines issued to facilitate transport and mobility including for workers.

It becomes even more crucial to take all the necessary measures to guarantee a well-functioning of the European single market in a context where some Member States have for example imposed restrictions on the movement of cereals that will delay and limit the redistribution of the volumes within our single market.

With the occasion of the presence in Brussels of Copa and Cogeca [REDACTED] on 7th April 2022 afternoon, we would appreciate the possibility of a meeting with you to discuss in more details the impact of

the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the agricultural sector and consequences for the EU internal market.

While we understand the short notice, my offices will be in touch with your Secretariat to try to find possible options.

Thanking you in advance for the consideration.

Yours sincerely,

