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Dear [REDACTED],

Please find herewith a BTO of the meeting of CAB of 16 June with Euroseeds.

Best wishes,

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#### **BTO meeting Cabinet with Euroseeds**

**Date and place:** 16 June 2022

**Participants:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (SANTE), G. Rossides, I. Prainsack, R. Reig Rodrigo (CAB), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (Euroseeds)

**Outcome:**

The aim of the meeting was to have an exchange of views on the Commission's initiatives on plant reproductive material (PRM) and new genomic techniques (NGTs). In his opening statement, G. Rossides emphasised that sustainability is a central theme under the Farm to Fork Strategy and in all related Commission proposals.

[REDACTED] was very pleased to see progress in the consultation procedure on the NGT initiative. He raised two main points. Firstly, there is an urgency to adopt the NGT proposal under this Commission mandate. Secondly, Euroseeds stands ready to support the Commission. Euroseeds underlined that a sustainability assessment should be done horizontally under the PRM legislation, not to discriminate between production

techniques, but there should be no additional administrative burden for Member States and companies, especially SMEs. Euroseeds will propose an approach for assessing sustainability.

G. Rossides acknowledged the urgency to act on the NGT initiative and highlighted that it is essential to perform robust evidence-based policymaking considering several policy options. Under the framework for sustainable food systems (FSFS), sustainability will be defined in a general way. The horizontal concept of sustainability will also be reflected in the vertical legislation on PRM and NGTs.

explained that the sustainability concept could be extended to other species (vegetables, fruit plants,...) under the PRM legislation but that some varieties might be rejected after testing. A transitional period could be introduced and marketing of PRM could be permitted while testing is still ongoing.

informed that the Biotechnology and PRM units are in close collaboration on the issue of sustainability, and that any NGT proposal will examine which traits could contribute to sustainability.

Euroseeds agreed with the necessity to demonstrate the benefit of NGTs. It is not only about environmental sustainability but also about ensuring that there will be a sufficient amount of affordable food available for the EU and third countries. Euroseeds is investigating what they can do as a sector to ensure seed security.