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**Minutes meeting Miguel Ceballos Baron – Copa-Cogeca on beef market access in EU-Mercosur and TTIP negotiations (21/01/2016)**

**Participants:**

**Copa-Cogeca:** [Art. 4(1)(b)]; Arnaud Petit, Director; [Art. 4(1)(b)]

**Commission:** Miguel Ceballos Baron (Deputy-Head of Cabinet Malmström), [Art. 4(1)(b)] (TRADE D3)

**Report:**

Copa-Cogeca enquired over the state of play over a prospective **EU-Mercosur** deal impact on the EU beef market, recalling that since the beginning of the EU-Mercosur negotiations, in 2000, the world has changed substantially. Copa-Cogeca highlights a 27% drop of beef consumption in the EU over the last twenty years, as well as reduction of EU beef imports. This means that for Copa-Cogeca the 300,000 t envelope agreed in 2008 is no longer up-to-date and it needs to be revisited downwards. Copa-Cogeca mentioned that DG AGRI is already working on this recalculation.

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