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Subject: **Inter-Service Consultation on the Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system**

The Farm to Fork Strategy (PLAN/2020/6694) is an important initiative of the European Green Deal. The objective of the Strategy is to move towards a sustainable food system that operates within planetary boundaries and *“delivers food security and nutrition for all in such a way that the economic, social and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generations are not compromised.”*¹

To reach these objectives, the Strategy aims to promote sustainable food production and consumption and includes *inter alia* targets on the reduction of the use and risk of synthetic chemical pesticides, the reduction of the use of fertilisers and antibiotics and strives to increase the area under organic farming in the EU.

The Strategy is accompanied by an action plan containing a list of initial actions – both regulatory and non-regulatory- to be developed to transform our food systems. I would be grateful if you could indicate the possible timeline for adoption for the actions falling within the remit of your DG.

The enclosed text is the result of close cooperation with DG AGRI, DG MARE and DG ENV and takes into account comments from other DGs.

I would be grateful to receive your approval or comments on the draft communication and action plan by **Friday 13 March 2020 at 16:00**.

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An Inter Service Group (ISG) meeting, chaired by the Secretariat General, may be organised during the Inter Service Consultation (ISC) period.

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Encl.: Draft Communication on the Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system

Draft action plan of the Farm to Fork Strategy

¹ Sustainable food systems: concept and framework (FAO, 2018)

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