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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 16 January 2018 (your ref: CC(18)268:1 – CG/rs) in which you express your regret that Copa-Cogeca were not selected by our services for membership to the sub-group established under the EU Platform on Animal Welfare to support EU activities on animal transport.

A committee from DG Health and Food Safety selected the members of the sub-group based on the evidence presented by the applicants as indicated in point 4 of the mandate for this sub-group and its relevance for the selection criteria indicated in the same mandate. The attached application submitted by your organisation by email on 22 November 2017 did not provide any evidence for the committee to consider.

I note that in your letter of 16 January you indicated that your organisation has been involved in the drafting of guidelines on the fitness of animals for transport and that you were involved in the stakeholder platform of the animal transport project, as financed by the European Commission. Unfortunately, this information was not provided to the selection committee in the context of your application.

The complement for the sub-group is currently full and cannot be reopened at this stage, but in light of the information which you subsequently provided in your letter of 16 January, we could offer you the possibility to take part to the sub-group meetings and discussions as "observer", thus facilitating your contribution to the sub-group's work

Yours sincerely,

