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Directorate E – Markets
The Director

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email of 21 September (our ref. Ares(2023)6395045) by which you express your concerns regarding the Commission's participation in the upcoming meeting of the COP 10 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to be held on 20-25 November 2023 in Panama.

In your letter, you point out that the common position of the European Union should take into consideration the various interests concerned and in particular the impact that COP decisions may have on the tobacco growing sector, given the socio-economic importance of the tobacco sector in Europe and in particular for tobacco leaf producing countries.

For this reason, you consider that DG AGRI should be involved in the decision-making process of the EU joint position so that the considerations on the impact on the tobacco growing sector are taken into account when setting the European position.

As you know, the European Commission will be represented at the COP 10 by DG SANTE, which is the lead service on this matter.

I can inform you that the responsible services of DG SANTE have already involved other interested services, among which DG AGRI, in the preparation of the common position of the European Union which is ultimately steered by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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