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Dear Mr Pesonen,

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2013 sent to Director General Philip Lowe concerning the scientific Advisory Committee (AC) to the Commission's new study on ILUC. Mr Lowe asked me to reply on his behalf.

Let me assure you that there was a thorough discussion within the Commission - and with the contractor - resulting in a careful and balanced selection of scientists to ensure there is solid expert knowledge on agriculture and economic modelling represented in the AC.

We take note of your suggestion to further expand the AC and of the two experts COPA-COGECA is supporting for such an expansion. EU biofuel lobby groups and environmental NGOs have also come forward with experts they want to see in the AC.

In order to increase ownership among stakeholders for this new ILUC study - while keeping costs under control, having a manageable size of the AC and maintaining the delicate "political" balance of the AC - the Commission may consider to expand the AC by two experts, one supported by the biofuel industry and one with support by environmental NGOs.

We thus suggest that COPA-COGECA, ePURE and EBB present one ILUC expert as common candidate.

Yours sincerely,

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