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Dear Mr Schreiber, Mr Brinon and Mr Combot,

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2012 to President Barroso regarding the upcoming Commission proposal on indirect land use change (ILUC), which he asked us to reply to on his behalf. We also would like to thank you for your ongoing interest and contributions on this topic.

The Commission has conducted an impact assessment focusing on the evaluation of a number of policy options for minimising the indirect land use change impacts associated with their production, including the assessment of the effectiveness of increasing current greenhouse gas saving thresholds and introducing indirect land use change emission factors into the greenhouse gas emissions methodology under the Renewable Energy and Fuel Quality Directives.

Following a recent College orientation debate on this topic¹, the Commission is now finalising a legislative proposal for amending the abovementioned Directives, which is to be adopted soon together with the accompanying impact assessment. After its adoption, the Commission will submit the proposal to the European Parliament and the Council, following the co-decision procedure.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Minutes available at <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/10061/2012/EN/10061-2012-2000-EN-F-0.Pdf>