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Subject: RE: BTO meeting between Anne Bucher and Copa-Cogeca on the Farm to

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Dear

For this one as well, you have Sabine's approval and can register in Ares.

Many thanks, Kind regards,

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Dear Sabine,

Please find below a draft BTO of the meeting between Anne and Copa-Cogeca of 20 November. Could you tell whether this is fine for you?

Thanks

BTO meeting between Anne Bucher and Copa-Cogeca on the Farm to Fork (FtF) strategy - 20/11/2020

Participants:

Copa-Cogeca (CC):

and (General Affairs)

SANTE: Anne Bucher (Director General), Sabine Jülicher (Director E) and

(E1)

The meeting was organised at the request of Copa-Cogeca.

CC:

 Support the FtF strategy and the Green Deal but stressed that EU actions are preferable from an internal market angle.

- Support actions in the primary production area from a consumer oriented value chain and not driven by environmental concerns alone. If the support schemes were driven by environmental concerns alone and farmers were supposed to make their initial investment on the basis of (high quality, safe, sustainable, nutritious and affordable) food to consumers, this would not work.
- CAP is still important given its comprehensive approach to all food and environment related issues.
- Expressed concerns of the primary production sector related to the costs generated by the FtF strategy and stressed the need for a transition.
- On pesticides, do not disagree that the dependency should decrease but alternatives should be available.
- On organic production, there is a good potential, however organic could be controversial from a climate point of view. However, farmers have invested in organic and this should be maintained.
- Confirmed their interest in new technologies and that CC will contribute to the study on NRTs
- Expressed concerns on international trade and double standards applied to food production by EU farmers versus imported food (pesticides, GMOs,...).
- Support a digital agenda.

SANTE:

- Green Deal will be adopted early December 2019. FtF strategy is one of the strands under the Green Deal.
- FtF strategy will be adopted around spring 2020 and probably after easter.
- EU Safety standards will not be jeopardised by the FtF strategy.
- Stakeholders will be consulted on the FtF strategy.
- On the international dimension, explained the ambition to ensure a level playing field for FBOs via trade agreements and international standards.



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