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Letter of Intent from the European Crop Protection Association on 2030 Commitments

Dear Commissioner Wojciechowski,

The Green Deal and the Farm to Fork communication give us all a great opportunity to deliver a more sustainable agriculture, to ensure that the EU supports the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals and further strengthens food security in Europe and globally.

We recognise that the way food is produced is being challenged by a society that demands food production to become more sustainable. Society is calling on farmers to reduce inputs, such as fossil fuels or chemicals, in order to further decrease the impact on human health and the environment.

And we agree - sustainability matters. It matters in our operations, it matters in our food supply chain from farm to fork.

Despite the wide agreement on the matter, how to best achieve sustainability is a complex debate. It is a debate that all relevant parties have to engage in together, with open minds, and take shared responsibility for finding solutions to produce enough of affordable food more sustainably.

We want to be part of the solution to help deliver the Green Deal and we will play our part. To that end we are presenting you our 2030 Commitments which outline how our industry will help increasing the resilience of the global food system and support the European Commission's growth strategy, while delivering 'More with Less.'

We are making clear commitments to support the European Commission's agenda, especially in the areas of:

- **Innovation & Investment:** *By supporting the deployment of digital and precision tools as well as biopesticides, we further the European Commission's ambition of a digital and green recovery.*
- **Circular Economy:** *By increasing the collection of the plastic containers in which pesticides and biopesticides are packaged, we contribute to the EU's goal of a circular economy that aims at minimizing waste and resources used, lessening the environmental impact of plastic packaging.*
- **Protecting People and the Environment:** *By training farmers on the implementation of Integrated Pest Management, water protection, the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE), our industry desires to further minimise exposure and*

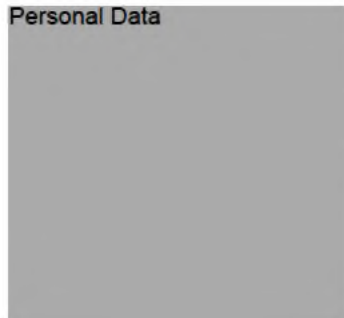
reduce risk of pesticide use, all while contributing to the overall goals of the Sustainable Use Directive.

To illustrate our Commitments, please find attached a summary paper that explains each of the six Commitments in more detail.

We would like to take the opportunity to request a meeting with you to discuss these issues further and to present how we can best support the delivery of the ambition you have.

Yours sincerely,

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