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RE: 46th CIBE Congress, 1-3 June 2022, Gdańsk

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of all the participants at the 46th CIBE Congress in Gdańsk on 2 June 2022, we would like to thank you warmly for your participation and contribution to the success of our congress.

In your address to sugar beet growers from all over Europe, you made it clear that farmers and growers in the EU had done their job during the pandemic, helping to avoid a food crisis. You recalled that crises make politicians aware of the importance of food security, pointing out that in connection with the war in Ukraine, the European Commission has recently taken several actions (allowing the granting of state aid, releasing the budget reserve of 500 million for the first time in the CAP's history, allowing derogation from obligations related to the exclusion of land from agricultural production).

You also pointed to the challenges ahead, notably the highly ambitious reduction targets for fertiliser and PPP use. We count on you to stay vigilant for the interests of EU farmers and growers and to recall the reality on the ground (e.g., the shrinking of the crop protection toolbox without viable alternatives coming onstream) in the face of sometimes ideological political claims.

You concluded by saying that our sector should be perceived as particularly vulnerable, and you invited the CIBE delegation to a meeting to discuss the conclusions that would be developed during the congress. We thank you for that proposal. We consider it highly important to further discuss with you the issues of our sector and we would be grateful if you could suggest us some dates at your earliest convenience for such a meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you.

With best regards,

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