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Country / Venue: Brussels

Dates: 30 June 2022

Subject: Meeting with ECFA

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4. **4.00 pm Meeting ECPA.**

There was no formal agenda but having followed the legislation they wanted to cover:
- a) target setting and Art 5,
- b) sensitive areas,
- c) IPM and
- d) CAP provisions.

a) On the target setting we went through the methodology and criteria to be considered. Lots of questions, they had obviously done calculations themselves which I didn’t verify but were more or less in line with our calculation, they had identified IT as problematic. They couldn’t do the exact calculation without the same source data (eg on Intensity of use) and asked if this would be provided (I said no). They also asked if the calculated figures would be provided publicly (I responded no). They didn’t push further on this but given the likely request from EP, ATD from PAN it’s going to be difficult not to. They stated their opinion that the addition of Intensity of use in the equation was a positive step.

b) On sensitive areas they expressed concern on the impact on forestry and on agriculture in Natura 200 areas. They asked why this had changed from the IA which was less prescriptive (and only chemical areas) and why the IA hadn’t been changed. Difficult to answer but to explain it was changed at a later date.

c) On IPM they pointed again to precision agriculture and its role, agreed that the message on drones was confusing (although they will provide some evidence from members separately – see email) and that needed to have a clearer and more positive representation of the role technology could play. They were not clear on the link to CAP and I had to explain this. They discussed if it was expected that NSP could be amended, and clarified there was no additional funding.

Finally they invited attendance at events later in the year - TOPPS and container disposal meetings.