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Subject: HLWG; chemical sector; joint submission on crop protection

Dear Dessie, please print out for Fernando this email of mine and show him, he will review and send to ECPA (pls copy Pablo and Christophe)

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(if possible still today).

Thanks!!

Geraldine

Dear Mr. Schmider,

My unit in the European Commission, DG TRADE, is dealing with tariff and non-tariff barriers and regulatory cooperation issues, including in the chemical sector. My team will be reviewing the input from various sector associations in view of possible future negotiations of an EU-US trade agreement. In this context, the Joint Solicitation of 10 September (see attached) is asking stakeholders for input on how to improve regulatory compatibility.

We understand from CEFIC that your organisation EPCA is also considering submitting a contribution, which would be most welcome, in view of the huge economic gains that would arise from the dismantling and avoidance of unnecessary behind-the-border barriers to trade. This will be very challenging, but the growth and jobs initiative launched by our presidents offers a unique opportunity to make real progress with our largest trade partner. The sector represented by your organisation, the European crop protection/pesticides industry, is one of the key sectors we would be looking at in terms of improving the framework for business. A substantial contribution from your side, ideally sponsored by your US partner, would thus be vital to start identifying opportunities of closer cooperation and increased compatibility.

I would thus encourage you to share with us your innovative ideas as to the possible improvements that could be made in the context of a trade agreement, in order to minimise costs and burdens for businesses arising from divergent rules and regulations applying on both sides of the Atlantic (both future and existing).