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Subject: Flash of DDG Dumitru meeting with COPA-COGECA

**Participants**

COPA-COGECA: Art. 4.1(b) - priv. Mr Pekka Pesonen, Art. 4.1(b) - priv.  
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**Summary**

The meeting was held at the request of Copa-Cogeca to present their views on the Commission's proposals on the Regulation on sustainable use of pesticides (SUR), OUT OF SCOPE

COPA-COGECA highlighted that the farming sector is going through a very sensitive period marked by uncertainty on different fronts (energy prices, fertilisers, feed availability and costs, impact of war in Ukraine...) which raises concerns on the economic sustainability of some businesses. In these already difficult circumstances, the farming community is seriously concerned about new legislation proposed by the Commission, particularly SUR. Farmers will be asked to do even more but this risks pushing many of them out of business. OUT OF SCOPE. COPA-COGECA regrets that the SOTEU speech did not include any direct reference to farming and/or food security.

On SUR, COPA-COGECA considers the Commission proposal on targets untenable and should be rejected. OUT OF SCOPE

COPA-COGECA called on the Commission to be better attuned to the reality of the farming sector when proposing legislation, the farming sector cannot absorb any more shocks.

DG AGRI took note of the positions expressed on the current crisis, SUR/ OUT OF SCOPE. It reminded that the Commission mobilised all available tools to help farmers face the impact of the covid crisis and the impact of the war in Ukraine (as outlined in the food security communication). The importance of food security was acknowledged but the (environmental) sustainability of the sector, and increasing its resilience, remains a key goal as is essential to the survival of the sector in the long-term. COM is trying to conciliate the long-term needs of the sector with the current challenges. OUT OF SCOPE