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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter in which you share the set of commitments from the European Crop Protection Association and its members with a view to contributing to the Green Deal objectives, in particular on the reduction of the use and risks of pesticides in the EU.

As you are well aware, the Farm to Fork Strategy addresses the challenges to improve the sustainability of our entire food system in such a way that food security and safety are never compromised. In line with the European Green Deal, the strategy aims at strengthening the contribution of EU agriculture to combating climate change, protecting the environment, preserving biodiversity and improving animal welfare.

Our food system needs to become more resilient and sustainable. The ambitious – yet realistic – targets for the reduction of the use and risks of pesticides, as well as other inputs, will help achieve this objective by 2030. Our society expects a farming sector with high environmental performance. The demand for sustainable products is increasing. I am convinced that this is a real business opportunity for farmers and thus for the downstream industry, such as the manufacturers of pesticides and biopesticides.

I am particularly pleased to read that you share the same view and that the six commitments made by European manufacturers of pesticides and biopesticides aim at achieving the same objectives as those of the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Your proposal for a meeting seems the perfect opportunity to learn more about your commitments so I would ask that you kindly liaise with my Cabinet members to set a date.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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