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<b>TO:</b>	<b>The Presidents of Copa and Cogeca Member Organisations</b>
<b>COPY:</b>	<b>The Members of the POCC/CCC The National Offices</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Secretary General, Pekka Pesonen</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6 February 2012</b>

**Re:      Invitation to the Advisory Group on International Aspects of Agriculture**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commission's services have informed us that an **Advisory Group meeting on International Aspects of Agriculture**, will be held on **Monday, 12 March 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at Centre de conferences Albert Borschette, rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels.

DG AGRI is aiming at organising three of these meetings in 2012, with the aim to develop a dialogue between civil society on the topics of trade and development in relation to the CAP. Taking into account the variety of stakeholders in the meeting, it will be important to have experts in the Copa-Cogeca delegation with knowledge/expertise in the field of international trade and development, in order to take active part in the discussions.

For the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012, the Commission has allocated **27 expert seats** to the Copa-Cogeca delegation. In order to draw up a list of representatives, we will use the following method:

I would like to ask you to decide per **national delegation** (i.e. not per member organisation), who will be nominated to represent your national delegation in this Advisory Group. The seats will be distributed in accordance with the population in each Member State, starting with the Member State with the highest number of inhabitants disposing over the first seat etc.

Considering the foregoing I would like to ask you to **nominate two representatives per national delegation in order of preference** enabling the Secretariat to draw up the list of the Copa-Cogeca delegation. I trust that you will be able to reach an agreement within your national delegation on deciding who will be nominated. Please bear in mind that preference should be given to those experts with knowledge/expertise in the field of international trade and development.

Please take note that the agenda of the meeting will be available on Agri-Info soon.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pekka Pesonen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Pekka Pesonen  
Secretary General

Please **fill in the enclosed participation form and send it back** to the Secretariat **by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 by noon at the latest** so that we can inform the Commission's services in time.