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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: MAC Advice on the Contingency Plan for Ensuring Food Supply

and Food Security

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2021 on the contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security.

The EU Farm to Fork Strategy, a key element of the Green Deal, envisages the development of a contingency plan by the Commission, to be activated when there is a crisis that affects all or part of the food system and puts in danger food security within the EU. The aim is to ensure a sufficient and varied supply of safe, nutritious, affordable and sustainable food to citizens at all times. The contingency plan is a work led by three Directorates General — Agriculture and Rural Development, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, and Health and Food Safety.

Currently, the plan is under development and it will be the result of a thorough consultation process. Therefore, your advice is appreciated and it will be taken into consideration for the work of the Commission.

The Commission plans to adopt the Communication on the contingency plan before the end of 2021. The Communication will be accompanied by a more detailed staff working paper that will provide the findings of the analysis of the situation.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (<u>Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu</u>; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward it to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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