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Subject: Invitation to the Conference "*The CAP towards 2020 – taking stock with civil society*", Brussels, Charlemagne building, 13 July 2012

Communication for the attention of the Permanent Representatives of the national parliaments in Brussels

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the conference "*The CAP towards 2020 – taking stock with civil society*", to be held in Brussels on Friday 13 July at the Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170, from 9h00 until 18h00.

Mr Dacian Cioloş, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development has asked me to contact you on his behalf about this event. He would be very pleased if you could arrange for the nomination of one representative of your national parliament to attend the conference.

This conference will provide a forum for civil society, representatives of the Member States and the EU institutions to debate the reform proposals for the CAP towards 2020 adopted by the Commission on 12 October 2011, and to discuss the degree to which they contribute to meeting the challenges identified during the public debate which was launched by Commissioner Cioloş in 2010, and which culminated in the summing-up conference "*The CAP post 2013*" on 19/20 July 2010.

In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- To what extent the future CAP and the proposed combination of policy tools will contribute to food security
- To what extent the new CAP will contribute to a more sustainable management of natural resources and to mitigation and adaptation to climate change
- To what extent the new CAP will contribute to a balanced territorial development of European agriculture and rural areas

Kindly note that for the plenary session of the conference, interpretation in all twenty two languages will be available. For the workshops, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Polish will be available.

The draft agenda is attached to this letter.

Kindly send us as soon as possible, and no later than 15 June 2012, your nominated delegate to the email address

AGRI-CONF-CAP-2020@ec.europa.eu . At the same time, and no later than 15 June 2012, kindly register your nominated delegate online for the conference on the website https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fmi/scic/CAP12/registration_1.php . Registered delegates will then receive a confirmation letter by e-mail.

More information on the conference can be found on the website http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/events/cap-conference-2012_en.htm

Please note that travel and accommodation expenses for this conference will not be covered by the Commission.

We look forward to welcoming the representatives of the national parliaments to our conference.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Draft conference programme