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Statement

Reacting to the official list of candidates released today by the European Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen, Pekka Pesonen, Copa and Cogeca Secretary General, said:

“We welcome the proposed list of candidates released today by European Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen. We are pleased to see Commissioner Hogan taking on EU trade policy and we have no doubt that he will continue to defend the interests of European Agriculture in his new position. We also welcome the appointment of Janusz Wojciechowski, Stella Kyriakides, Johannes Hahn and Frans Timmermans, with whom we would be delighted to work on topics such as agriculture, health, budget and the Green Deal. Mr Wojciechowski has proven experience in both agricultural matters and the functioning of the European institutions. He would have the responsibility of driving forward European farming policy at a pivotal point in time which is defined by generation renewal, low farm income, market volatility, trade and climate change.

At this stage, more than the name of future Commissioners, this is the proposed spread of portfolios that gives European farmers and agri-cooperative the right signal. In this regard, we are glad to notice that the DGs AGRI, SANTE and TRADE kept coherent attributions and that the coordination regarding climate action will be improved. We are now waiting for the hearings of the candidate Commissioners and the working programme of the future commission.”

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