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Dear All,

Thank you very much for your joint media statement of 28 November 2018 in which you call on G20 leaders to support the WTO and prioritise maintaining, reforming and reinvigorating the multilateral rules-based trading system.

I fully agree that it is crucial to continue and strengthen ongoing efforts by the EU and many other Members to successfully reform the WTO in order to maintain its relevance for the global trading system. As you are aware, the EU has recently launched various initiatives aimed at reforming the WTO in terms of rulemaking, transparency and notification, and at overcoming its current crisis. In particular, the EU focuses on ensuring the continuation of the WTO dispute settlement system and reviewing the important role of its Appellate Body in a manner acceptable to the wider WTO Membership. Numerous other WTO Members are supporting the EU's ongoing reform initiatives and have co-sponsored our proposals; this will hopefully lead towards agreement on an appropriate, balanced and broadly accepted reform package in the future. This reform process is of course very important for trade in agricultural products.

I am grateful that you have joined forces to voice the concerns of the global dairy industry and support our efforts to encourage comprehensive and constructive discussions, which would eventually pave the way for a successful reform of the WTO. I highly appreciate your important contribution and count on your continued support in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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