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Press Release

Copa and Cogeca welcome agreement on new emission reductions to tackle climate change

Copa and Cogeca welcomed today as a positive step the provisional agreement on the Effort sharing Regulation to tackle climate change, even though it does put tough constraints on the agriculture sector.

Speaking in Brussels, Copa & Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen said "We thank the Estonian Presidency for their swift work to strike an agreement during the triologue talks on this important piece of legislation which puts binding national emission targets on sectors such as agriculture. We believe it is crucial to tackle climate change in a balanced way, without threatening food security. Agriculture and forestry are part of the solution in tackling climate change. It will consequently be important that Member States ensure that there is sufficient flexibility when implementing this legislation which will impose a tough burden on the agriculture sector".

"We also cautiously welcome the provisional agreement during the trilogues this week on a key legislative proposal needed to implement the EU's 2030 climate objectives. – on accounting of emissions from Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)", Pesonen added.

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