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Press Release

Copa and Cogeca call for true targets on renewables in the long-term strategy to promote Renewable Energy Sources (RES)

In the run up to trilogue talks between the EU institutions on the EU's renewable energy Directive this week, Copa and Cogeca sent a joint letter today urging the EU to ensure that there is a stable, long-term policy in the future with realistic targets for renewables to decarbonise the transport sector.

To achieve this, Copa and Cogeca believe that the EU should have an ambitious target of renewable energy sources, with a binding blending obligation on fuel suppliers of at least 14%, without technological restrictions. The EU also needs to maintain at 7 % until 2030 the maximum share for crop-based biofuels used in transport.

Copa and Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen said "We need real targets for renewables in the future EU Directive, not a policy that uses artificial multipliers to give a misleading impression of the true environmental impact of tools. The only winners here are fossil fuels. The contribution of palm oil and its derivatives to the EU's climate and environmental objectives should also not be included as long as there is no solution to the sustainability problems such as deforestation in the country of origin".

"We call for the removal of all multipliers and effective corrective measures for palm oil in the bioenergy sector. The EU needs crop-based biofuels post 2020 in order to meet the EU's ambitious climate and energy targets and to ensure an environmental-friendly transport sector and vibrant rural areas", added Pesonen.

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