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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The Director-General

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Dear Ms Spurek, dear Ms Janowicz,

Subject: Your letter of 18 October 2023 on Sustainable Food System of the European Union

Thank you for your above-mentioned letter to Commissioner Kyriakides, urging the Commission to adopt the legislative framework for sustainable food systems (FSFS). Commissioner Kyriakides has asked me to reply on her behalf.

I fully share your views on the necessity to address the severe and imminent climate and biodiversity threats that the world is facing. These threats are here to stay forming a new reality. It is therefore not surprising that the need for an urgent transition to sustainable food systems has been widely recognised.

As you rightfully point out, sustainability is fundamental for food security. Without a transition to sustainable food system, food security will be severely at risk in the long-term with irreversible impacts in Europe and globally.

As stressed in the State of the Union speech 2023, the Commission was, is, and continues to be ambitious with respect to the European Green Deal and its implementation. The fact that the FSFS has not been included in the 2024 Commission's work programme does not alter the fact that this is an important initiative for the Commission. Work on this initiative is ongoing, but no decision has been made at this point regarding the timing of its adoption.

Unfortunately, due to her very full agenda, it will not be possible for the Commissioner to meet you, as you request to present your position.

I would like once again to thank you for your support of the objectives of the framework.

Yours sincerely,

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