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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The Director General

Brussels,
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Dear Ms Cingotti,
 Dear Ms Roger,
 Dear Dr Warhurst,

**Subject: Follow up to the meeting on Food Contact Materials (FCMs)
 of 11 October 2017**

Thank you for meeting with me and my colleagues recently to discuss several issues on food contact materials (FCMs) and for your follow-up email.

Firstly on the regulatory process, I would like to assure you that we are fully committed to the Commission's better regulation agenda. This includes the publication of and consultation on planned initiatives such as the forthcoming work on printed FCMs or legislative proposals, including the public feedback process we undertook recently on the new measure concerning BPA. From time to time, the Commission needs to engage in dialogue with a specific set of stakeholders such as European professional organisations covered under the transparency register, concerning individual technical issues. Where broader issues or updates are covered within the scope of these meetings, the Commission publishes this information online.

Following our meeting, we are considering the format of our stakeholder engagement on FCMs and in particular in the context of the planned evaluation of FCM legislation. For this exercise in particular, we would like to ensure that consultation is as wide as possible and involves all stakeholders. To this end we very much welcome and value your expertise and input into the process. The evaluation plans to cover the current legislative approach, including the regulation at national level of those materials for which no specific measures exist at EU level, as a follow up to the published JRC study¹. The evaluation will also provide an opportunity to scrutinise the coherence of FCM legislation with other chemicals legislations in the EU, including REACH and the regulation of endocrine disrupting chemicals.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/eur-scientific-and-technical-research-reports/non-harmonised-food-contact-materials-eu-regulatory-and-market-situation-baseline-study>

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In addition to the public feedback on the roadmap and 12-week consultation process on the evaluation, we envisage the introduction of a FCM stakeholder forum, involving all interested parties, at minimum on an annual basis, to ensure that perspectives on current and future policy relating to FCMs are taken into account, including from public interest organisations such as yourselves.

Once again, I appreciate you taking the time to come and meet with me to discuss these important issues. Should you have any further questions, my colleagues in copy would be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected, somewhat jagged lines that form a stylized representation of the name 'Xavier Prats-Monné'.

Xavier Prats-Monné

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