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Dear [REDACTED]

I attach a Press Release by the ACP/LDC Ambassadors in Brussels. As you will note there is considerable concern at the failure of the Agricultural Council to take account of the trade and development interests of the EU's developing country partners in its "compromise" proposal . Indeed we can find no evidence that any consideration was given of the need for coherence in policy to meet the commitments made in the Cotonou and EPA treaties . There has certainly been a lack of consultation as required by these treaties on the wider impact of this domestic action proposal

The importance of the time needed to complete the Action Plans which formed the basis of the considerable funding commitments of the industries themselves plus the EU's Accompanying Measure support was recognised by the EU Parliament in its proposal to extend beet sugar quotas to 2020 .The Council's proposed earlier lapse in beet quotas in 2017 will inevitably release a premature and significant flow of incremental continental beet sugar and introduce a surplus and price instability in the market. It will deprive the ACP/LDC sugar producing partners of an extremely valuable predictable financial contribution at a critical time and introduce uncertainty in existing and prospective programmes which are already hampered by the late disbursement of the Accompanying Measures.

I should be grateful if you would send a copy of this message and the Press Release to your colleagues in DFID and advise that

representatives of the Brussels Ambassadors and the London Sugar Group are willing to meet at any time(preferably very soon) to explain our position in greater detail

Kind Regards

Barry Newton