

Dear [REDACTED]

I attach a copy of the final letter dated 25th April from Ambassador Gomes to Commissioner Ciolos. It is a response to a letter dated 18th March sent by [REDACTED] on behalf the Commissioners for Agriculture Trade and Devco but which we do not accept as an accurate and satisfactory reply to the concerns of the ACP/LDC suppliers . We believe that the Commission has failed to have regard in its proposals for CAP Reform for the EU's commitment to a Coherence of Policy towards its ACP/LDC partners . The negative impact on trade and development objectives as enshrined in the Cotonou and EPA Treaties will be severe as predicted by a number of studies of the reform proposals by distinguished independent academic observers and even by the Commission's own Impact Study of October 2011. (A further IA has been promised but not yet seen)

I look forward to meeting on Tuesday to discuss the issues further

Kind Regards

Barry