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Some further background on a final throw at changing minds on the date for ending quotas

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Thanks: I agree that ping pong with the Commission is fairly useless- probably more pong than ping !. A dissemination of copies to a wider group is essential as the only real audience that seems worthwhile cultivating is MS at Council and to some extent to stiffen the resolve of Parliament in any horse trading. Our position has been strongly linked to the CIBE CEFS lobbying to date and my only concern is to try and add some positive developing country differential to the basic argument for sticking with 2020. This will not fly on the say so of the beet industry alone but an appeal to a developmental slant seems well worthwhile. We may not gain anything but we have absolutely nothing to lose. After all it

is not a budgetary issue for the EU but simply a matter of mistaken trade philosophy.

Regards

Barry

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Dear all,

May I first thank Barry for his effort.

I wonder whether this ping pong game with the Commission will lead somewhere. The Commission (led by De Gucht and Ashton) has made its proposals and our positions (as Barry rightly puts it) will not converge. The game now is between the Parliament and the Council. We need to impress on Member States as a matter of priority while ascertaining that the EP stands its ground.. This was the advice given to us by some MEPs the bureau met last week.

Letters have been sent by the Ministerial spokesman to a number of his colleagues and some MEPs seeking a ministerial meeting with them but I understand that the response has been disappointing

so far. De Castro has apparently expressed his willingness to meet Ministers or Ambassadors and I believe the bureau will take up the offer.

In any event I've sought the views of my principles on both content and timing of this draft and will revert asap.

Bon weekend