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Mr Georgios Anestis
President
NEA-PASEGES

Mr Ioannis Koufoudakis
CEO
GAIA EPICHEIREIN SA

Brussels, 27th February 2017

Dear President Anestis,

Dear CEO Koufoudakis,

Last months and years have been difficult for the agricultural sector in Greece. Copa and Cogeca would like to show solidarity to their fellow farmers and agri-cooperatives in your country. The agricultural sector plays an important role in the Greek economy, hopefully the Common Agricultural Policy can help the your society to recover. Our October Congress of European Farmers in Athens was a success, for which I would once again thank you both.

We are well aware that following the Greek economical turbulences your respective organisation has been shaken creating some difficulties at national and EU level. While the situation is still evolving, Copa and Cogeca hope that an appropriate solution can be found, in order us to give the best possible assistance to the Greek agricultural sector.

Taking into account the political difficulties, we would like to support your involvement to the work of Copa and Cogeca in all sectors and services, as much as possible.

Therefore, Copa and Cogeca Presidencies' members discussed in detail the situation regarding the membership of Greek agricultural organisations during their last meetings held respectively 8th and 9th February 2017.

On behalf of both Presidencies, I would like to call upon national arrangements in order to have your involvements in our activities.

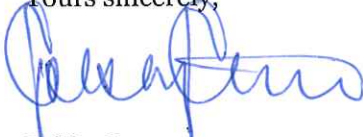
Preferably, we will submit your respective applications for membership to Copa and Cogeca to both Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meetings to be held in April, as a common package that could be supported by all parties involved. We do not want to open a public debate on national issues.

We remain of course at your disposal and we are happy to assist you in preparing this decision in an orderly manner, without going into details of the Greek national delegation.

Please make sure that you have sent to the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat the relevant documents in order to proceed with your application for membership (i.e. a signed letter addressed to the Secretary General stating your wish to become full member organisation of Copa-Cogeca; a copy of your statutes translated into English, by an authorized translator).

Copa and Cogeca remain at your complete disposal for any request in this area.

Yours sincerely,



Pekka Pesonen
Secretary General