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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your comments to the European Commission, expressed by the Prime Minister in an interview for the “Tweek” programme in Polish Television on 23 January 2022.

I share your belief in the need for active measures to overcome the difficult situation in agriculture linked to rising energy and fertiliser prices. There is clearly a need for remedial action at EU and national level and this should be coordinated. I briefed EU agriculture ministers at the Council meeting on 17 January about the preparation of such measures by the European Commission.

For the past three months, I look forward to a meeting with Mr Premier to discuss these and other issues concerning Polish agriculture, including issues related to the assessment and approval of the Polish National Strategic Plan. In my letters to the Prime Minister on two occasions I declared my willingness to meet, but these declarations remained unanswered — I understand that it is because of your numerous activities. Nor was it possible to meet with Mr Prime Minister during meetings of the Council of Agriculture Ministers due to your absence.

Against this background, I would like to invite you to a meeting at the premises of the European Commission in Brussels at one of your earliest possible dates. Such a meeting is a priority for me and I am ready to postpone my other duties.

The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss Polish proposals and requests for improvement of agricultural production costs, the situation on agricultural markets and the need for possible interventions, the fight against ASF and issues related to the Polish National Strategic Plan for the Common Agricultural Policy.

I would be happy to consider other topics if suggested by the Prime Minister.

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I will reserve the necessary time for this meeting and I will be available with my colleagues, Directorate-General for Agriculture, if necessary, invite representatives of other Cabinets and Directorates-General.

However, should the arrival of the meeting in Brussels be excessively difficult for Mr Prime Minister, I am prepared to meet with Mr Premier at the European Commission's office in Warsaw, the meeting could take place on 28-31 January, the date of the meeting to be agreed.

Mr Premierze, Polish agriculture, like European agriculture as a whole, needs support and assistance. We will therefore meet as a matter of urgency, as proposed above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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