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to the Commission**

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Subject: Promotion of EU agri-food products outside the EU through high level trade missions

There are many challenges facing the farm sector, making successful implementation of the policy promoting EU farm products absolutely essential in order to enable our farmers to compete on the world market. The promotion policy focuses on non-EU countries with growth potential, in view of the importance of diversifying into new areas for export and continuing to open up new markets.

In the past few years, the Commission has been arranging high-level trade missions that offer the sector remarkable opportunities for it to present its products outside of the EU. Representatives from the farm sector take part in these delegations.

1. Could the Commission provide detailed information on the results achieved by the delegations that have been established since December 2015, when the new promotion policy came into force?
2. Furthermore, given that the Russian veto continues, which of the missions taking place in the near future are likely to bring about better opportunities for the fruit and vegetable sector?