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to the Commission**

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Subject: Coffee, chocolate, and climate change

According to Starbucks, the US coffee retailer, coffee supplies, particularly of the Arabica coffee bean, are in danger of running out in the next 20 to 30 years due to effects from global warming. Similar concerns have also been expressed with regard to the supply of chocolate, since expected heat conditions in regions such as the Ivory Coast and Ghana are supposed to be too hot for cocoa plants to grow. A recent CIAT (International Centre for Tropical Agriculture) study revealed that by 2050 cocoa crops could be limited, which would lead to high prices and shortages in the worldwide supply of chocolate.

Does the Commission have information or reports regarding climate change's impact on shortages of coffee, chocolate, and other foods?