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Mr Norbert Lins
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
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Dear Chairman,

In reference to our conversation before the summer recess, we are honoured to invite you to participate in the plenary discussion titled "Energy self-sufficiency of the Polish countryside", which will take place on October 21, 2022 in Grodno, near Szczecin, as part of the annual conference of the European Fund for the Development of Polish Villages.

The plenary discussion will concern the possibilities of supporting renewable energy, in particular biogas plants, as part of the energy policy in dispersed areas in Poland. Bearing in mind the risk of energy crisis in Europe in face of the Russian aggression on Ukraine we consider this subject is very urgent and vital and we have to seek urgent and effective measures to solve it.

The debate will be opened by remote introductory speech by Ms Kadri Simson – European Commissioner of Energy. We invited to participate in the plenary discussion Mr. Henryk Kowalczyk - Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Minister responsible for agriculture and renewable energy in rural areas, Ms Teresa Czerwińska - Vice-President of the European Investment Bank, Mr Narcis de Carreras Roques – President of Gas Distributors for Sustainability, Mr Henryk Majchrzak – representative of Polish Bioenergy Group and Ms Mechthild Wörsdörfer – Deputy Director-General, of DG ENER in the European Commission.

We would like to emphasize that our conference has been held annually for 10 years, and in the past it was attended by, inter alia, Commissioners Phil Hogan and Miguel Arias Cañete. As part of the conference, we started a great campaign in Poland to promote photovoltaics in dispersed areas

6 years ago, which brought very positive results. This year, we especially care about the promotion of biogas production, because only 148 biogas plants are registered in Poland, and the construction possibilities reach 5-7 thousand such units.

We hope for your participation in our venture,

Yours sincerely,

