

**TO**  
**Alexandra Nikolakopoulou**  
**Head of Unit**  
**Farm to Fork Strategy**  
**Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)**  
**European Commission**

*Madrid, 22 June 2021*

**Dear Mrs Nikolakopoulou,**

On behalf of the Spanish Confederation of Consumer and User Cooperatives (HISPACOOP), I would like to confirm our intent to sign the EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices and be among the Code's signatories at the high-level launch event on 5 July 2021.

HISPACOOP is the body that unites and coordinates consumer co-operatives active in food distribution and several other sectors of the economy in Spain and represents them before national and international institutions. In parallel to this, we are an association of consumers, stemming from our founding objectives to defend, inform and train consumers on issues of interest to them. This places HISPACOOP in "the golden middle" position of liaising between economic and consumer interests by pursuing sustainable development through the advancement of social and environmental norms. Spanish consumer co-operatives fully endorse the Code of Conduct's aspirational objectives, and we commit to promoting the Code among our membership – business enterprises, individual consumers and society at large.

**Pursuant to Section 1.4(a) of the Code, HISPACOOP stands ready to put forward concrete contributions in the form of studies and roadmaps, and where possible, concrete commitments on behalf of the companies within our membership.** We possess solid capacity and experience in carrying out national campaigns and the development of publications and education materials, in collaboration with national and regional authorities, academia and NGOs precisely on issues within the Code's thematic scope, including sustainable consumption, food waste, recycling, health and physical activity, and environmental protection, among others. Our member companies have concrete targets in a number of these areas, which they are exploring to put forward as commitments under the Code. We are committed to report annually our activities and co-operate closely with our EU-level association Euro Coop for the exchange and dissemination of good practices.

Attached is our association's logo in high resolution. I remain at your disposal.

With co-operative greetings,

**Félix Martín**  
**Secretary General**