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FINAL CAOBISCO/ECA letter to support EJF global call for endosulfan

Dear Sir, Madam,

CAOBISCO, representing EU Manufacturers of Confectionery, Chocolate and Fine bakery wares and ECA representing the major companies involved in the cocoa bean trade and processing, in warehousing and related logistical activities would like to support the EJF call for a global ban on the use of Endosulfan on cocoa.

Farmer safety, environmental sustainability, as well as food safety, are our top priorities. Our member companies support the recommendation contained in the International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO) Manual on Pesticides in cocoa which has listed Endosulfan as **a pesticide that MUST NOT BE USED on cocoa** (hereafter the link to the ICCO Manual <http://www.icco.org/about/press2.aspx?Id=p5x12160>, see page 69 for a list of all the active ingredients that MUST NOT BE USED ON COCOA FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY REASONS).

Endosulfan has historically been an important insecticide and was used on cocoa to control several very damaging pests, but is now obsolete and has been withdrawn.

CAOBISCO and ECA companies are committed to promoting Integrated Pest Management and Good Agricultural Practices in Cocoa Producing Countries through several programs in the field aimed at reducing pesticide usage whilst helping to ensure that farmers are able to obtain good yields of high quality cocoa.

Kind regards,

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