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CELCAA President Paul Rooke re-elected as vice-chair of the DG AGRI Civil Dialogue Group on International Aspects of Agriculture

At the DG AGRI Civil Dialogue Group on International Aspects of Agriculture held in Brussels on 19th March 2018, Paul Rooke, President of CELCAA, was re-elected vice-chair by his peers. This re-election proves that CELCAA is a key actor to facilitate the dialogue between the European agri-food operators, non-economic operators and the EU institutions.

Paul Rooke stressed *"I am very pleased to have been re-elected as vice-chair and I would like to thank my peers in the group for their confidence and trust. I would like to congratulate Mr. Morawitz who has been re-elected Chair of the group and I look forward to our continued collaboration the strategy for the CDG on IAA including striking a balance in terms of agenda items; priorities for discussions and exchange with colleagues from economic and non-economic background, and our continued good collaboration with the services of the Commission"*.

"The CDG should continue to play a crucial role of exchange of views on the international aspects of Agriculture in this challenging time. Ideally the CDG should be able to adopt common position that would reflect a common approach and would guide the Commission on specific issues. CELCAA will try to work towards that end", Paul continued.

Paul Rooke is the President of CELCAA since 2013. Paul is Head of Policy, External Relations and Sector Head, Crop Marketing and Seed of Oilseed and Grain at the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) in the Head Office in Peterborough. Paul has been president of the Civil Dialogue Group on International Aspects on Agriculture from 2014 to 2016 and vice-chair from 2017.

CELCAA is the EU umbrella association representing EU organisations covering the trade in cereals, grains, oils and fats, sugar, fruit and vegetables, olive oil, agro-supply, animal feed, wine, meat and meat products, dairy and dairy products, eggs and egg products, poultry and game, tobacco, spices, cut flowers and plants and general produces. Members include CEEV, CIBC, COCERAL, EUCOLAIT, EUWEP, FETRATAB, FRESHFEL, GAFTA, SACAR and UECEBV. CELCAA's main objectives are to facilitate understanding of European decision-makers and stakeholders on the role played by the European traders in agri-products; to act as a platform of dialogue and communication with the European Institutions and to encourage public and general interests in agri-trade issues.

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