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## World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) supports the EU Code of Conduct for Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices

As the Chairman of the World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM), I would hereby like to confirm WUWM's signature to the EU Code of Conduct for Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices.

WUWM is an international network of fresh food and products organizations. Together with 220 members (mostly wholesale markets, some street markets and food experts) in over 40 countries, WUWM's mission is to lead international efforts to ensure food security and safety and provide healthy diets in a sustainable, inclusive, and consistent way.

More than half (129) of WUWM's members are based in Europe, including the largest wholesale markets and collectives of the world such as Rungis and the French Federation of Wholesale Markets in France, Mercasa in Spain and Italmercati in Italy. As an association, WUWM pledges to the obligations set out for European Associations in section 1.4. We will also collect commitments from our European members and promote the Code to our members in other parts of the world and other stakeholders. WUWM will publish activities undertaken in response to this Code on the website: www.wuwm.org

Wholesale markets are committed to being key players and pioneers on sustainability. We are honored to have helped develop this Code together with the other food sector stakeholders in Europe and we sincerely thank the European Commission for bringing us together on this decisive moment. This Code will be an essential document for a common path towards healthy and sustainable diets and I am proud to sign it on behalf of WUWM.

Yours sincerely,

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