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Dear Messrs. Remmers and Ongoundou:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 21, 2024, regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from animal agriculture. I appreciate your commitment to advancing Canada's efforts toward greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and I regret the delay in responding.

Canada participated in the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to advocate for an ambitious global climate response that strengthens mitigation, adaptation and climate finance. Canada's advocacy aimed to support greenhouse gas reduction goals with the view to transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient world. Canada called for ambitious action to avoid the worst impacts of climate change on the lives and livelihoods of all people.

At COP 29, Canada also advocated the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage as a vital tool to support communities on the frontlines of climate change, and the country remains committed to advancing the Fund's operationalization. At this time, the Fund is financed through voluntary contributions from countries and other stakeholders rather than through any mandatory levy, tax or earmarked revenue source. While innovative funding mechanisms may be considered in the future, they are not part of the Fund's current framework. The Government of Canada appreciates your engagement and perspective on this important matter and looks forward to continued dialogue as the Fund evolves.

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Achieving Canada's climate objectives demands that all sectors of the economy continue to decarbonize in a manner that makes cleaner alternatives more affordable and creates new sustainable job opportunities for workers. That is why Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan provides a roadmap that goes sector by sector to identify climate action and strategies. Agriculture is one of these sectors, and some of these actions, outlined in the Plan and its 2023 Progress Report, include developing the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy.

This strategy will set a shared long-term direction for collective action to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance and resilience in the agriculture sector, while supporting farmers' livelihoods and the vitality of the Canadian agricultural industry. In addition, it will co-ordinate and prioritize the agriculture sector's contribution to ongoing national and international environment and climate commitments as well as demonstrate the Government of Canada's commitment to supporting producers in taking action to address environment and climate issues.

More work needs to be done to mitigate all major sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Canada will keep taking significant steps domestically and internationally toward meeting its 2030 target under the Paris Agreement and its commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. I invite you to continue your engagement on these matters as the Government of Canada continues to make progress on its climate priorities.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,



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