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Dear Sirs,  
Dear Mrs Nagy,

Thank you for the letter of 19th December 2003 by which you submitted a Joint Position paper on the reform of the Common Sugar Market Organisation and by which, in the context of the sectoral Social Dialogue, the social partners of the European sugar industry request that accompanying social measures and industrial conversion programs are envisaged in case of a massive restructuring in the European sugar sector.

So far the Commission is continuing its internal reflexion process after having had an intense discussion in the Council instances in order to prepare concrete proposals in the course of this year.

The Commission will bear in mind the requests and the information contained in the Position Paper during the preparation process of any legal act and will continue the ongoing consultation with the interested parties on the appropriate level.

My colleagues to whom you have addressed the same letter may participate in respect of any particular point of their competence in this consultation.

Yours sincerely,



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