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### **COCERAL applauds the approval of CETA by the European Parliament**

17 February 2017 – COCERAL congratulates the Members of the European Parliament for approving the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement – CETA, which will serve as a model for the EU's future negotiations.

Commenting on the Parliament vote, COCERAL Secretary General Teresa Babuscio said: “After almost 8 years of negotiations, we are now looking forward to the provisional application of CETA as well as its adoption by the National Parliaments to provide confidence and clarity for trade across the Atlantic.”.

COCERAL welcomes the trade liberalization brought with CETA. Among others, Canada is an important supplier of high quality wheat and canola for the EU's internal consumption and CETA will provide the framework for the already existing strong trade links between the two regions.

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