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Subject: follow-up: Civil society findings of widespread presence of harmful chemicals PFAS widespread in food packaging (linked to Ares(2021)5444032 (linked to Ares(2021)3629387 & Ares(2021)4869840))

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Dear [REDACTED],

On behalf of the NGOs who participated in last week's cross-cabinet and services meeting and exchange, I would like to extend our deep thanks to you and other colleagues from the Commission, especially given the busy agendas of all.

Attached you will find the slide set on our joint report, [Throwaway Packaging, Forever Chemicals: European-wide survey of PFAS in disposable food packaging and tableware](#), that was presented as well as more background on the survey.

Some further points for follow-up/info:

- **Essential use:** We would like to reconfirm our interest in following the development of the essential use concept, and involvement in the targeted consultations and possible workshop in February/March.
- **ECHA SEAC [opinion](#) which support the PFHxA restriction:** Adopted last week, the clock is ticking. We encourage the Commission to act without delay in bringing out the draft decision within three months, as set down by REACH procedures and its adoption by the end of 2022.
- **PFAS in FCMs:** We look forward to the FCM proposals. We stress that an EU ban on PFAS in food contact material is expected to have a ripple effect at global level, such as triggering phase-out of PFAS in food packaging from major fast food chains operating globally.
- **How PFAS chemicals affect women, pregnancy and human development:** We wanted to share some [awareness raising materials](#) from HEAL, The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and the University of California in San Francisco (UCSF) including a [fact sheet](#) and an infographic in [English](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Italian](#) and [German](#) which call for immediate action against "forever chemicals".

Can I kindly ask you to forward this email to other colleagues who attended if we have missed out on anyone? Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us for any further questions you may have.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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