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Dear Commissioner Hansen,

With a sense of responsibility and deep concern, I am reaching out to inform you about the serious situation affecting several regions of Greece due to the re-emergence of sheep and goat pox with increasing outbreaks.

Despite the implementation of the prescribed containment measures by the Greek authorities, the disease continues to affect livestock holdings, causing extensive losses of animals due to mandatory culling and imposing strict restrictions on animal movements. The impact is multifaceted: economic, social, and productive—particularly for small and medium-sized holdings that are at risk of permanently ceasing their activities.

This situation requires a coordinated and immediate response at the European level. In particular, the following actions are deemed necessary:

- Activation of European technical assistance mechanisms, in order to examine alternative and better tailored disease management approaches adapted to local specificities and needs.
- Mobilisation of available EU financial instruments to support the restoration of livestock populations, compensate lost income of affected producers, and enhance biosecurity in the affected holdings.
- Assessment of possibilities for emergency financial support, either through the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund or other special financial mechanisms, to provide immediate relief to producers and strengthen the resilience of the sector.

Livestock farming is a vital pillar of the rural economy and social cohesion in the affected areas. Your timely intervention is of critical importance to prevent further disruption of the productive fabric in these regions.

I remain at your disposal for any further information or collaboration that could contribute to the effective management of this ongoing crisis.

Yours faithfully,

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