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Dear Ms Davies,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 June, addressed to Commissioner Byrne, which included the position developed by the TACD on pesticide residues in food.

Unfortunately, this resolution was issued after the TACD conference that took place in May 2001 and at which 8 resolutions were produced by the TACD Working Groups on Electronic Commerce and Trade. These 8 resolutions were officially transmitted to the Commission by letter of 7 June. On several occasions, the Food Working Group was also asked to publish resolutions, but it chose to concentrate on discussing present positions with government officials and did not produce a recommendation.

As the Commission has already started the preparation process leading to coordinated replies to these resolutions, I regret to inform you that, at this stage, the Commission is not in a capacity to draft an official reply to the position on pesticide residues in food. I would recommend that you re-issue the paper on the occasion of the next TACD conference in Washington.

Yours sincerely,

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