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Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD) (*CAP Reform*)
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (the horizontal regulation) (*CAP Reform*)
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (*CAP Reform*)
- Letter from the EP Chair of the COMAGRI

Delegations will find attached for information a letter from Mr Paolo De Castro, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament.



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Dear President,

On behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development I would like to inform you that, even if we do not reach an agreement on the outstanding issues on Direct payments and Rural Development between our two Institution during these last trilogues, COMAGRI would still be obliged to vote on the whole CAP reform package on the 30th of September.

Indeed, as you know there are time constraints concerning the procedure for the adoption of the Transitional Measures Regulation which runs in parallel with the CAP reform package. Therefore if no agreement is found during the last trilogues, we would have to vote on all MFF related issues (square brackets) using the initial mandate of the European Parliament. For the other issues we would follow the political agreement reached on 26 June. This situation would however lead to a legal uncertainty whose outcome would be difficult to predict. As stated during my speech at the informal Agriculture Council in Vilnius, the Parliament as a co-legislator, as provided for by the Treaty, is entitled to negotiate on all aspects of the CAP reform.

Yours sincerely,

Paolo De CASTRO
