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- Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)
= Statements

Statement by Italy

Italy notes with regret that the agreement established last June within the Council, during the process of negotiations with European Parliament on CAP reform, on increasing from 65% to 75% maximum support rate for insurance expenditure according Article 37, paragraph 5 of Rural Development Regulation, has not been taken on board.

The proposal was aimed at harmonizing various percentages of aid intensities, currently not uniform, depending on the financial instruments that could be activated.

It is therefore hoped that such issue could soon be addressed during next legal initiatives relating to the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Statement by Austria with regard to Article 32(4)

"Austria states that the specific constraints which will be applied for the delimitation of areas according to Article 32(4) of the EAFRD regulation will be defined by the Member States."
