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The Annex to this document contains the statement of Bulgaria, Cyprus, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Romania referred to by the Bulgarian minister during today's meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council.

**COMMON DECLARATION OF  
BULGARIA, CYPRUS, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY, POLAND AND ROMANIA  
ON TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL AID IN CAP TRANSITIONAL RULES**

The Transitional package containing the two proposals designed to ensure the continuity of the CAP support to farmers and other beneficiaries in the transition period envisages the extension of the applicability of the existing legal framework and adaptations of certain rules to ensure the continuity of the CAP until the new system is in place.

Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania ask for inclusion in the Regulation on CAP transitional rules the possibility to extend the implementation of the Transitional national aid provided for in Article 37 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 on financial levels not lower than in 2020.

Our proposal is substantiated by the following rationale:

- Proposed transitional rules are based on existing applicable rules and schemes and it is logical to include the Transitional national aid which is a part of the existing legal framework;
- Continuation of Transitional national aid would contribute to providing certainty and continuity in the granting of support to concerned farmers and avoiding a sudden and substantial decrease of support for sectors in respect of which Transitional national aid is granted;
- Discontinuance of Transitional national aid means a sudden and substantial decrease in the incomes of farmers concerned which would endanger ensuring of employment opportunities and development of rural areas;
- Transitional national aid is financed by the national budget and is budgetary neutral for EU;
- Agreement on the CAP Reform proposals remains the priority and exclusion of the Transitional national aid from the Regulation on CAP transitional rules would prejudice the discussion on the issue in the margins of CAP Reform.

Taking into account the arguments, we request the prolongation of the Transitional national aid in the CAP Transitional rules.