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The Annex to the document contains a Commission non-paper on measures under consideration to address the market situation and food security considerations in the aftermath of the invasion of Ukraine.

Non-paper: Measures under consideration to address the market situation and food security considerations in the aftermath of Ukraine invasion

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has serious consequences for the global and European food supply and will further exacerbate an already challenging situation for European farmers, due to higher input prices.

The Commission will provide its detailed response to the situation in the upcoming **Communication on food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems** that will be presented in coming weeks.

Among the different avenues explored to address this critical situation:

- The Commission is considering two market support measures:
 - A measure under **Article 219 of the CMO Regulation**.
 - A **measure under article 17 of the CMO regulation** to introduce private storage aid for the pigmeat sector.
- The Commission is reflecting on extending the requirement for Member States to communicate monthly data of private stocks of essential commodities for food and feed.
- The Commission is **considering allowing EFA land lying fallow to be used for grazing or production of protein crops in line with the conclusions of the EUCO**.
- The Commission is open to **allowing for increased levels of advances** of direct payments and area- and animal-related rural development measures **to be paid to farmers** as of 16 October 2022.

- To enable Member States to remedy the serious disturbances to the economy resulting from Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, the Commission is consulting Member States on the needs for and scope of a new, self-standing **Temporary Crisis Framework**. The consultation also raises the question of state aid for the agricultural sector.

A wide range of problems have emerged due to the crisis which have impacted on intra- and extra-EU trade in agri-food products and the availability of key inputs. The Commission continues to engage on a daily basis with the stakeholders and the Member states in finding solutions to these problems, especially in finding the necessary flexibilities and clarifications.
