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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards a specific type of intervention to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the possibility to adapt direct payments allocations for calendar year 2027 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards more flexible rules on payments of advances in response to the increased fertiliser prices due to the Middle East crisis **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU
- Statement

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**Slovakia has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes**

Slovakia supports the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards a specific type of intervention to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the possibility to adapt direct payments allocations for the 2027 calendar year and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards more flexible rules on payments of advances in response to the increased fertiliser prices due to the Middle East crisis.

At the same time, Slovakia would welcome an amendment to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1173, specifically Article 7(1), which would give Member States more flexibility in making advance payments by allowing for a derogation from the deadline or to allow for the advance payment to be made without a time limit in relation to the deadline for amending or withdrawing an application, provided that the Member State has an effective management and control system in place, including mechanisms for recovering amounts unduly paid.

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