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Delegations will find in the Annex a Declaration of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia on Transitional National Aid in the future Common Agricultural Policy.

ANNEX

Declaration of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia on Transitional National Aid in the future Common Agricultural Policy

Transitional national aid is an instrument providing security to vulnerable sectors and farmers, who have real need to supplement their income. In order to avoid the loss of competitiveness and depopulation of rural areas, as well as in view of the persistent differences in the levels of direct payments, we are calling for preservation of transitional national aid at the financial level of year 2020. In this regard, we insist on the inclusion of the transitional national aid text from the Transitional Regulation (keeping the current sectors and the aid level at 50% of the budget for year 2013) for the entire programming period until 2027 in the draft Strategic Plans Regulation, while providing for the possibility to change the reference years or revise conditions in relation to strategic plans.

In order to better target the aid we consider it essential that we have the possibility to update the reference years to 2018 and to revise conditions too. Thus, transitional national aid will be more targeted and directed to the farms' competitiveness without jeopardising the market orientation.

Transitional national aid is budget neutral for EU and at the same time it contributes to the effective implementation of CAP objectives.