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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Special Committee on Agriculture/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

European Parliament statement on the role of the European Council as regards legislative elements of the common agricultural policy

The European Parliament deplores the fact that the European Council took decisions, in its conclusions of 21 July 2020, on legislative elements of the common agricultural policy that should have been decided under the ordinary legislative procedure in accordance with the Treaties. The European Parliament considers those unilateral pre-emptive decisions to be unacceptable and that they impinge on the rights of the European Parliament as a co-legislator acting on an equal footing with the Council.

The European Parliament deplores the fact that the Council was therefore unwilling to enter into meaningful negotiations with the European Parliament concerning those elements on the grounds that they had already been decided by the European Council.

In particular, the European Parliament notes that the Council did not enter into meaningful negotiations on the capping and degressivity provisions laid down in Article 17 and the flexibility between direct payments allocations and EAFRD allocations laid down in Article 96, and considers the outcome of negotiations on those Articles to be unsatisfactory.

The European Parliament deeply regrets the Council's approach and considers that it undermines the proper functioning of the ordinary legislative procedure. The European Parliament therefore insists that this should not be repeated in any future negotiations in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.