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To:	Special Committee on Agriculture/Council
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Statement by the European Parliament on the Common Agricultural Policy implementation and transparency

The new legal framework of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) comprises enhanced flexibility for Member States in the design and implementation of national strategic plans (NSPs). This allows for adaptation to local needs while continuing to ensure that general eligibility conditions are complied with by final beneficiaries. The new delivery model, introducing a performance-based approach, also includes a significant transfer of responsibility from the Union level to national administrations in the management and control of the Union's agricultural funds.

The European Parliament considers the interinstitutional agreement reached between the co-legislators to contain the necessary safeguards preventing the risks identified for the correct implementation of Member States' NSPs as approved by the Commission. The European Parliament will monitor closely the implementation of NSPs by Member States as approved by the Commission and will exercise fully its role of supervisor of the work of the Commission granted under the Treaties and as defined in the CAP Regulations.

The European Parliament considers the effective protection of the financial interests of the Union to be ensured by Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy, including the collection and publication of data on groups that ensure efficient checks on conflicts of interest, irregularities, issues of double funding, and criminal misuse of the funds. With a view to the use of a single data mining tool in the Member States, the European Parliament welcomes the commitment to examine a proposal on its mandatory use in all Member States, following the Commission's report, to be completed by 2025, assessing its use and its interoperability.