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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 amending Regulations (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) 2021/2116 as regards good agricultural and environmental condition standards, schemes for climate, environment and animal welfare, amendment of the CAP Strategic Plans, review of the CAP Strategic Plans and exemptions from controls and penalties **(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

Statement by Germany

The Federal Government states for the record that Germany also considers it necessary to relieve farmers of red tape and also supports a permanent arrangement for GAEC 8. However, the measures taken in this regard must not undermine the objectives of EU policy, namely the Green Deal, and the steps taken so far in terms of EU agricultural support towards transforming the agri-food system. The lowering of standards associated with some of the Commission's proposals weakens the CAP as a key European instrument for implementing the Green Deal if no accompanying measures are taken, particularly to maintain biodiversity ambitions.