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In the annex to this note please find a Joint Proposal from Latvia, on behalf of 20 Member States, for a definition of farmer.

Dear Colleagues,
Taking into account the deadline for written proposals to the HAQ working party on CAP Regulation, please see below a joint proposal from Latvia on behalf of **20 Member States – HR, CZ, DK, EE, EL, FI, FR, DE, HU, LV, LT, LU, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SI, ES, SE** - for a definition of 'farmer'. Support of PL and some other MS to farmer definition, however, is linked to the need for agreement on the definition of active farmer.

- 'farmer' definition – in principle mirrors the existing definition:
    - *'farmer' means a natural or legal person, or a group of natural or legal persons, regardless of the legal status granted to such group and its members by national law, whose holding is situated within the territorial scope of the Treaties, as defined in Article 52 of the Treaty on European Union in conjunction with Articles 349 and 355 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and who exercises an agricultural activity as determined by Member States in accordance with Article 2b(3) of this Regulation;*

However, please note that this proposal in no way replaces the views and positions of the Member States regarding the **definition of active farmer**, which should be seen in conjunction with the definition of farmer, and, taking into account the different views of the Member States, we look forward to further discussions on this topic at expert level in the HAQ group and the SCA.

As the discussions on the definition of farmer/active farmer are only at an early stage, we would like to reiterate that the process with the **progress of the NRPP Regulation and the possible PGA**, which the Presidency has planned to achieve already in mid-June, **should in no way affect or pre-empt the work of the experts in the HAQ working party and the discussions in the SCA/AGRIFISH** format on CAP Regulation.
Since, according to the CRPII decision, discussions and agreement on the definition of farmer are within the competence of the HAQ working group and SCA/AGRIFISH, some of us believe that it would be more reasonable to include in the text of the NRPP Regulation a **clear reference to the relevant article of the CAP Regulation**.

And it goes without saying - only when we will have sufficient level of agreement and understanding of the overall package, would we be able to formally sign under any definition of farmer.

Thank you for considering our proposals.

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