Joint Declaration on the CAP reform

Below signed countries have agreed on the following:

The upcoming reform of the CAP has to be a real reform, which will make the CAP simple, fair, market oriented, sustainable and defendable, based on the following points:

- To depart from historical criteria and to establish new objective criteria for distribution of support into national envelopes within CAP.
- Maintaining the model of two pillars, the CAP has to be not only common but also exclusive agricultural policy within the EU without the possibility of further support in the 1st pillar from state budgets, and to provide co-financing and state aid only up to a limited envelope and for specific, well defined purposes.
- To prolong possibility of using SAPS (Single Area Payment Scheme), while creating accompanying instruments for specific problems of regions and sectors.
- To significantly review content and to simplify Cross Compliance system, while maintaining the level of environmental protection.
- To modernize instruments for market management (e.g. intervention) as a part of "safety net", adapting them to new circumstances, including market development.
- To ensure consistent control of agricultural products entering into the EU market and to focus on quality of imported foodstuffs and production standards in the third countries.
- To support innovative solutions for financing prevention and handling
 of disasters and of animal and plant epidemic diseases, to jointly
 consider EU initiatives related to these solutions and to submit joint
 proposals on these initiatives.

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