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UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES: EP SUPPORT FOR A FAIR AND WELL-FUNCTIONING FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

The 11 million farmers and 293.000 food producers of Europe welcome today's vote by Members of the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee on the UTPs Directive as a clear step towards ensuring a fair and well-functioning food supply chain in Europe.

The support given to MEP Tarabella's report is a clear signal of commitment to ensure the agri-food chain is protected against abusive trading practices.

The signatories call on the co-legislators to adopt strong and effective measures against unfair trading practices. Without a law that includes all actors, everyone will be exposed, directly or indirectly, to unfair trading practices. What is unfair is unfair, no matter who you are.

We urge the EU Parliament, Commission and Council in the upcoming weeks and months to deliver a solid framework for fairness and certainty.

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AIM is the European Brands Association. It represents brand manufacturers in Europe on key issues which affect their ability to design, distribute and market their brands. AIM's membership groups some 1800 companies of all sizes through corporate members and national associations in 21 countries.

CEJA represents the political interests of around two million young farmers from across Europe. Its main objectives are to facilitate the installation of young farmers, to inform and to train them as well as act as a forum for communication and dialogue between them.

Copa and Cogeca are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents over 23 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states. Together, they are one of the biggest and most active lobbying organisations in Brussels.

EFFAT is the European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions. As a European Trade Union Federation representing 120 national trade unions from 35 European countries, EFFAT defends the interests of more than 22 million workers towards the European Institutions, European employers' associations and transnational companies. EFFAT is a member of the ETUC and the European regional organisation of the IUF.

FoodDrinkEurope is the organisation of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (289 000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.2 million employees).

IFOAM EU represents more than 190 member organisations in the EU-28, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations span the entire organic food chain and beyond: from farmers and processors organisations, retailers, certifiers, consultants, traders and researchers to environmental and consumer advocacy bodies.