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European Commissioner for Agriculture

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Dear Commissioner,

for the second year in a row, the drought that devastates Spain and other Mediterranean countries is harshly damaging the countryside and livestock. The impact of reduced rainfall and high temperatures is having a very negative effect on the agricultural sector and its profitability, and will lead to a decrease in production and an increase in costs. This situation also affects other Member States and adds to the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the EU agricultural sector.

We believe that the European Commission must react as quickly as possible to the exceptional situation, mobilising all available resources. We therefore consider it necessary to send you the following requests:

- 1)- Immediate mobilization of the crisis reserve for farmers in the Member States affected by the impact of drought on their productions.

- 2)- Mobilization of all the still available EAFRD resources by extending the Regulation to alleviate the consequences of the invasion of Ukraine, known as EAFRD Measure 22, by:
 - a) Extension of the scope of M22 to farmers, livestock farmers and SMEs in the sectors most affected by the drought.
 - b) Extension of the eligibility period for M22 until the end of the implementation of the 2014-2022 RDPs, i.e. until 31 December 2025.
 - c) Taking into consideration the possibility of financing M22 with EFARD (ERI funds) as one of the objectives is the resilience of farms.

3)- Inclusion in the framework of the CAP 2023-2027, a flat-rate aid similar to M22, to support farmers, livestock farmers and SMEs in crises resulting from exceptional situations such as those that have arisen over the last few years, with the same scope of application as M22. In this way, those regions of the European Union that have already committed all their EAFRD 2014-22 funds could also benefit from the measure.

We, the undersigned, understand that these measures are more than justified by the crisis that the drought is causing in the agricultural sector of the affected Member States and we hope that they will be taken into account as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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