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To:

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Mr. Minister Alexandru NAZARE,

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Deputy Prime Minister Tánczos BARNA,

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF ROMANIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Mrs. Ambassador Iulia MATEI,

Dear Mr. Minister,

Dear Mrs. Ambassador,

On behalf of the farmers and cooperatives in Romania, represented by the member organizations of the Alliance for Agriculture and Cooperation – the National Federation PRO AGRO, the League of Agricultural Producers' Associations of Romania (LAPAR), the National Branch Union of Cooperatives in the Crop Sector (UNCSV), and the Farmers' Force Association (AFF), we wish to convey the following:

As is well known, the ECOFIN Council will take place in Brussels on 12 June 2026. Within the discussions, the issue of CBAM – the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism for fertilizers used in Agriculture – will be further examined. The Commission is attempting to find a solution that would allow the suspension of CBAM application for fertilizers under certain conditions. So far, no concrete measures have been outlined that would prevent a disaster in the agricultural sector. More than a month after the outbreak of the conflict in the Middle East, farmers and agricultural cooperatives across Europe are once again facing a whole range of external disruptions affecting their production and increasing their costs. The situation was already difficult due to the war in Ukraine, which had pushed fertilizer prices upward. Then, at the beginning of 2026, the implementation of the CBAM mechanism generated a further increase of 20–25%, raising the price of urea from below EUR 500/tonne to EUR 570–600/tonne. With the escalation of the conflict in Iran, prices exceeded EUR 700/tonne, and in some EU countries they have even reached EUR 800/tonne.

Farmers are in a no-win situation: profit margins are already at a minimum due to stagnating grain markets, and now costs are exploding right in the middle of the agricultural season. Many are forced to purchase fewer inputs or reduce cultivated areas.

In this context, the Cypriot Presidency has proposed a compromise regarding criterion 27a – the application of CBAM – which could be postponed if the average price of all fertilizers, compared to the average of the last 10 years, has increased by more than 50%. This measure brings no benefit to farmers, since the current increase in price compared to the average of the last 10 years is 22%.

On the occasion of the ECOFIN Council, the Latvian delegation will propose, through an AOB item, an amendment to the text as follows: "if fertilizer prices have increased by more than 20% compared to the average of the last 10 years", instead of the 50% threshold contained in the Presidency's proposal.

This proposal from Latvia is also in line with the needs of farmers and cooperatives in Romania. Therefore, we kindly request, Mr. Minister and Mrs. Ambassador, your support in backing the Latvian delegation in its initiative.

Details regarding the negative impact of CBAM on farmers and cooperatives can be found by accessing the following link: https://youtu.be/xAI4_gb15jA?is=7Gkp06R7yBMDKdh1

Thank you, and we remain at your disposal for any further explanations that may be required.

With highest consideration,

On behalf of all members and member organizations of the four organizations.

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