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## Joint Statement

### Latest agreement on Ukraine ATMs – Limited progress that doesn't reflect EP Plenary position

**The three institutions reached a new compromise to extend trade measures for Ukraine, by adding just half a year more to the reference period, failing to include wheat and barley. This new compromise, voted also today in the INTA Committee with majority support by the MEPs, heading now for the final vote in the European Parliament Plenary later this month.**

The new triilogue outcome reaffirms the Belgian Presidency proposal to extend the reference period for the triggering of safeguard measures with the inclusion of the second half of year 2021 as a solution for the concerns raised by many Member States to the initial triilogue outcome. This outcome is a half-response, limited in terms of potential additional relief for our producers and manufacturers.

Especially since without the inclusion of common wheat and barley in the automatic triggering of the safeguard measures it remains unsustainable from farmers and manufacturers' point of view. Principally because this outcome does not reflect the initial outcome of the vote in the European Parliament Plenary on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

With the clock ticking, there is an understandable need to find a solution before the expiry of current temporary measures and the Parliamentary break. The attention now shifts to the renegotiation of the association agreement with Ukraine, where we call for better protection of the position of our producers and manufacturers and respect of their standards by Ukrainian producers and processors, due to potential long-term effects.



On behalf of the following associations:

**AVEC** – Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU countries

**CEFS** – European Association of Sugar Manufacturers

**CEPM** – European Confederation of Maize Production

**CIBE** – International Confederation of European Beet Growers

**COPA-COGECA** - The united voice of farmers and their cooperatives in the European Union

**EUWEP** - European Union of Wholesale with Eggs, Egg Products, Poultry and Game

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