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to the Commission
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Subject: Protecting European farmers and stockbreeders from the effects of the war in the Middle East

The escalation of the war in the Middle East and disruptions in maritime transport are already affecting the cost of fuel, energy and agricultural inputs in the EU, as acknowledged by DG AGRI itself. At the same time, the Commission has pointed out that the EU depends on imports for 30 %, 68 % and 85 % of its consumption of inorganic nitrogen, phosphates and potash nutrients respectively, while natural gas can account for up to 90 % of the variable production cost of nitrogen fertilisers. Furthermore, the European Council stressed on 19 March 2026 that the conflict was having a direct impact on energy prices and supply chains.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it intend to immediately mobilise the CAP's agricultural reserve, which amounts to EUR 450 million per year, and other exceptional support tools to compensate for increased energy, fuel, fertiliser, feed and transport costs?
2. Will it allow Member States additional flexibility to provide targeted support for farmers, stockbreeders, cooperatives and processing companies in the agri-food chain?

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