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Subject: Agricultural land grabbing in the EU and the appropriation of CAP funds by foreign interests

A number of recent investigations have highlighted a rise in mass acquisitions of EU agricultural land by foreign groups, sovereign wealth funds and large international agro-industrial structures. This sometimes entails the appropriation of substantial subsidies under the common agricultural policy (CAP), despite the fact that these farms are likely to be supplying markets outside the European Union.

At a time marked by mounting pressure on farm incomes, the announced – unacceptable – reduction to the CAP budget and the planned integration of the CAP into a broader common budgetary fund, this development raises a key question of food sovereignty and the proper use of EU funds.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following:

1. Does it have an accurate overview of the final beneficiaries of CAP subsidies, including in cases where farms are held by foreign groups, sovereign funds or complex legal structures?

2. How does it plan to ensure that EU funds are primarily used to support European farmers, family farms and food production intended for the European market?

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