Question for written answer E-007967/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: TTIP and Farm Bill

The coming years will be a time of great uncertainty for the farming industry. Producers are likely to face serious difficulties as a result of a combination of the new CAP, under which milk quotas will end in 2015 and sugar quotas will end in 2018, and the complete liberalisation of trade with the United States and Canada.

The recent adoption of the Farm Bill by the US Congress, with a budget of USD 950 billion over the next 10 years, evidently raises legitimate doubts concerning the type of competition that European producers will face from their North American counterparts in the future.

Can the Commission say whether any comparative studies have been drawn up on support for production in the US and in the EU, with a view to assessing any practices that might distort competition?

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