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to the Commission
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Subject: Action against unfair practices by supermarkets

A number of organisations have reported that in Kenya up to half the vegetables grown for western supermarkets are destroyed, apparently because they are not the right colour or size, with entire orders being cancelled when they are ready to be sent. According to the same sources, when orders are cancelled, labourers working for fewer than two dollars a day are not paid, and are unable to feed their children.

In the UK there is a regulator which has the power to receive anonymous reports from farmers and fine supermarkets up to 1% of their profits. Tesco, Britain's largest supermarket chain, is currently under investigation.

In France, there is now legislation under which all French supermarkets must donate unsold food which is fit to eat, and the UN is proposing to set a worldwide goal of cutting food waste in half by 2030.

Is the Commission going to propose any measures, such as those adopted in Britain, to combat unfair trading practices by supermarkets, in order to relieve the pressure on farmers and as part of the fight against food waste with a view to feeding everyone in the world?