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to the Commission
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Subject: Measures to address to crisis in dairy products

According to statistics published by the Ministry of Agriculture of Spain, the average purchase price of milk is around EUR 0.28 per litre, while the production cost is EUR 0.34. As can be imagined, this state of affairs is causing many dairy farms to cease production rather than operate at a loss.

In my autonomous community, Galicia, farmers' unions have been up in arms since, of the 9500 farmers under contract with the dairy industry, some 2500 earn less than 26 cents per litre and around 1000 receive between 18 and 22 cents.

What urgent measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the dairy sector is not forced to shut down? Will it free up special funds or aid to ensure that milk production remains a profitable activity? What future plans is the Commission considering to ensure the viability of the dairy sector in the medium and long term?