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**Amendment 10**  
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**Report**  
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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

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25. Observes that, for historical reasons, **farms** in the European Union **have** very diverse **structures in terms of** size, employment arrangements, **labour productivity** and legal form; is aware that direct payments are **being allocated in a way which has called their legitimacy into question; takes note of** the Commission's proposal to introduce an upper ceiling for direct payments **and welcomes this attempt to address the issue of the CAP's legitimacy and public acceptance; asks the Commission to consider the introduction of similar mechanisms that contribute to these, such as a system of degressivity of direct payments in the light of the size of agricultural holdings that takes into account the objective criteria of employment and sustainable practices;**

*Amendment*

25. Observes that, for historical reasons, **farming** in the European Union **has a** very diverse **structure as regards** size, employment arrangements and legal form; is aware that direct payments are **moving away from a historical basis to area-based payments and that the provision of public goods is independent of farm size; does not believe that** the Commission's proposal to introduce an upper ceiling for direct payments **would deliver its objectives, as it would simply result in the administrative splitting up of large agricultural holdings for pure accountancy purposes, and therefore rejects the above-mentioned proposal; thus, while direct payments are a legitimate source of income for European farmers who are actively farming on agricultural land and comply with the requirements of cross-compliance and good agricultural and environmental conditions (GAEC), the introduction of limits would be contradictory to the pursuit of a fair CAP; moreover, this would be a further element of discrimination against agricultural businesses in some of the newly acceded Member State;**

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