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to the Commission**

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Subject: European and global food security, and the proposal for a regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products

The brutal war of aggression against Ukraine has not only caused global energy prices to rise dramatically but food costs too. Ukraine and Russia are among the world's top cereal producers, providing around a third of global supply. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused uncertainty on global agricultural markets, especially those for wheat, grain and edible oil.

Russia is using food as a weapon by, for example, hoarding its own food exports, seizing grain stocks and bombing storage facilities. The EU has strongly condemned this. The war of aggression has led to disruptions in agricultural production, supply chains and trade that have driven global food and fertiliser prices to unprecedented levels.

At the same time, on 22 June 2022, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products, which for Europe alone would mean a loss of around 7 million tonnes of grain. Europe remains one of the best places for food production. Our farmers produce to a standard unequalled in the world. We not only help feed people in Europe but around the globe too.

In the light of the above:

What does the Commission make of the current proposal for a regulation and how does it think it will affect European and global food security?

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