Question for written answer E-000297/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez (PPE)

Subject: New unjustified attack on Spanish agri-food lorry drivers at the border with France

On 26 January 2024, a group of French farmers blocked the border crossing between Spain and France at La Junquera on the AP-7 motorway. The French primary sector's new forms of protest have seriously hindered Spanish lorry drivers, who have been forced to take alternative routes to cross the border.

To make matters worse, this came a day after another group of French farmers had attacked and ransacked Spanish lorries in the Rhône Valley. These actions against Spanish workers and producers, who have nothing to do with the aim of the French farmers' protests, are in addition to those that took place in late October 2023 and amount to an assault on free movement within the EU.

## In light of the above:

- 1. Does the Commission condemn the blocking, ransacking and wrecking of Spanish lorries by a group of French farmers? How will it compensate for the damage caused by these actions?
- 2. Will it urge the national authorities to ensure the free movement of goods within the EU?

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