

**Question for written answer E-000564/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Farmers' protests across the EU

We have recently been witnessing a series of fervent street protests organised by farmers across Europe. Their main demand is for a change in current EU policy and support for European agriculture. They are protesting against the punishing environmental regulations and burdensome bureaucracy of EU policies and the new CAP. In addition, high prices and inflation have caused the cost of fertilisers, fuel and electricity to sky-rocket, making the average cost of farming in the EU unsustainable.

Farmers are also protesting against unfair competition from products that are imported from non-EU countries. The deferral of customs duties on imports from Ukraine has already caused imports to double and countries such as Morocco as well as states in North America are not subject to the EU's strict rules, making their producers far more competitive compared to EU farmers.

In view of this:

1. In light of the Commission's concession involving the temporary suspension of the set-aside scheme, does it intend to take further steps to alleviate the cost of farming in the EU?
2. How will it address unfair competition from non-EU countries and support European farmers?

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