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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

on a Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly
food system
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as the committees responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into their motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the fact that the aim of the Farm to Fork Strategy is to establish a sustainable, healthy and resilient food system which benefits consumers in the EU;
2. Considers that promoting healthy and sustainable food consumption calls for changes to diets, production systems and internal trade;
3. Calls on the Commission to step up its support for regional food systems and short supply chains, which act as a source of fresh, sustainable and better quality products for consumers; takes the view that legislation on European public procurement should be revised in order to foster local, high-quality food supply systems;
4. Urges the Commission to promote alternative business models, such as consumer-friendly cooperative schemes;
5. Supports the establishment of a governance framework and a code of conduct for food and retail businesses, in order to make them accountable and aware of the importance of sustainability and health;
6. Welcomes the Commission's initiative to promote healthier diets by introducing nutritional profiles, accompanied by mandatory and harmonised labelling of the nutritional value of foods on the front of packaging;
7. Regards it as essential, further, to keep consumers better informed by introducing mandatory origin labelling of food, which would be broadened to cover animal welfare, sustainability and pesticide residue levels;
8. Calls, with a view to protecting consumers, for full enforcement of the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 25 July 2018 in Case C-528/16, *Confédération paysanne*, which stipulates that food crops modified by genome editing are subject to the requirements of GMO legislation, including risk assessment, traceability and labelling;
9. Calls on the Commission to clarify the current legislation on use-by dates, in order to reduce food waste;
10. Supports the Commission in its efforts to combat food fraud, which misleads consumers and distorts competition in the internal market, and regards it as essential to make the penalties imposed on fraudsters more dissuasive and to earmark sufficient resources so that checks can be stepped up;
11. Calls for more effective implementation of Directive 2005/29/EC¹, in order to better

¹ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair

address the problem of misleading environmental claims in food.

business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 22.