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Subject: War in Ukraine, food security and the impact on the EU budget

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has a major impact on food exports from these two countries to Member States and other places around the world. While the EU mainly purchases feed for livestock, fertilisers and oils for human consumption from them, other countries critically depend on the cereal imports to feed their populations.

- 1. What measures will the Commission take to help developing countries cope with the shortage of food supplies (such as wheat), which programmes in the EU budget will be restructured to meet the new requirements, and which programmes will be allocated additional funding?
- 2. Will additional support be provided to countries at the EU's external borders that are particularly affected by the shortage of food supplies from Ukraine (such as Egypt and Lebanon), and has the Commission already received requests for support through the UN World Food Programme (which sources more than half of its supplies from Ukraine)?
- 3. Will the Commission reconsider or temporarily suspend the planned set-asides under the CAP in order to increase crop yields in the EU?