



## EMERGENCY RESOLUTION:

### **The proposed Multi Financial Framework and its effects on CAP**

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#### **Recognising that:**

- Agriculture is one of the core sectors of European Industry.
- The Agricultural Industry provides 44 million jobs across the European Union and seeks to provide food for 500 million Europeans as well as exporting 130 billion euros worth of food produce annually.
- The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is the cornerstone of European Agricultural Policy. 38% of European spending is currently allocated to CAP.
- 6% of European Farmers are aged 35 and under.
- The impending Brexit will leave a gap of €13 billion in the European Budget; €3 billion of which will come from CAP.
- The recent Multi Financial Framework (MFF) proposal from the European Commission seeks to reduce CAP funding by between 5-10%.

#### **Acknowledging that:**

- The MFF proposal from the European Commission provides that CAP Direct Income support will decrease by up to 3.9% in every EU Member State.
- The proportion of direct payments to farmers will increase from 70% to 72% (approx).
- Current CAP measures do not provide sufficient support to farmers to ensure the sustainability of Farming and food production in Europe.
- Farmers face a higher risk of suicide than that of the general population due to the nature of their work in that it can be isolating and financially precarious. For example, in France the suicide rate amongst farmers is 22% higher than that of the general population.

- EPP has requested that the European Commission would review the current proposal to reduce CAP funding.

**Calls on:**

- The European Commission to conduct an assessment into the effects of reducing the CAP budget on farmers and their employment in the Agricultural Sector.
- The European Commission to re visit their current CAP reduction proposal as outlined in the MFF.