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## NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION TO COMBAT UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES

The EU needs a fair, transparent, equitable and sustainable food supply chain that can benefit all actors in this chain including consumers.

In recent years the European Institutions have produced and adopted a number of reports and opinions of which the most relevant are:

- The European Parliament own initiative [report on unfair trading practices in the food supply chain](#), adopted, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 by a very large majority;
- The November 2016 [report](#) of the Agricultural Markets Task Force – an independent expert group set-up by the European Commission – including recommendations to address unfair trading practices;
- The Council [Conclusions on strengthening farmers position in the food supply chain and tackling unfair trading practices](#), under the Slovak Presidency, adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The members of the signatory organisations believe that enough papers, consultations, reports and discussions on the subject of unfair trading practices have been produced.

Now is the time for the European Commission to assume its responsibilities and propose legislation to combat unfair trading practices.

We also call upon the co-legislators – the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament – to jointly work on the Commission’s proposal for legislation and ensure its timely adoption.

Now is the time to act to protect the economic, social and environmental sustainability of our food supply chain, strengthening Europe’s competitiveness and growth to build a stronger and more inclusive Europe.

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**AIM** is the European Brands Association. It represents brand manufacturers in Europe on key issues which affect their ability to design, distribute and market their brands. AIM's membership groups some 1800 companies of all sizes through corporate members and national associations in 21 countries.

**CEJA** represents the political interests of around two million young farmers from across Europe. Its main objectives are to facilitate the installation of young farmers, to inform and to train them as well as act as a forum for communication and dialogue between them.

The Liaison Centre for the Meat Processing Industry in the European Union (**CLITRAVI**) is the professional organisation whose aim is to represent the interest of the European Meat Processing Industry. CLITRAVI has 26 national member organisations in the different EU-Member States and represents about 13,000 companies active in the production of a wide variety of meat products. The vast majority of those companies are SMEs which operate since many generations in rural areas throughout Europe. The European meat processing industry employs 350.000 persons and generates an annual turnover of around 80 billion € sales.

**Copa and Cogeca** are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents over 23 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states. Together, they are one of the biggest and most active lobbying organisations in Brussels.

**EFFAT** is the European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions. As a European Trade Union Federation representing 120 national trade unions from 35 European countries, EFFAT defends the interests of more than 22 million workers towards the European Institutions, European employers' associations and transnational companies. EFFAT is a member of the ETUC and the European regional organisation of the IUF.

As a joint initiative of Fairtrade International, the World Fair Trade Organization and the World Fair Trade Organization-Europe, the **Fair Trade Advocacy Office** leads the Fair Trade movement political advocacy at European Union level and contributes to the strengthening of the political advocacy capacities of the global Fair Trade movement.

**FoodDrinkEurope** is the organisation of Europe's food and drink industry, the largest manufacturing sector and leading employer in the EU and a key contributor to its economy (289 000 companies, 99% SMEs, 4.2 million employees).

**Oxfam** is an international confederation of 20 organizations networked together in more 90 than countries, as part of a global movement for change, to build a future free from the injustice of poverty. Oxfam International's European Union office works to ensure that EU policies affecting poor countries have a positive impact on the lives of those most in need.