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UEAA Position on the future of the CAP

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The Future of the CAP by the Steering Committee of the UEAA

A- The main issues for a CAP contributing to the global goals of UN for a sustainable development

1. The place of environment and climate change in the framework of the CAP
- 2-a, Increased price volatility and how to protect farmers from market risks, on top of weather risks
- 2-b, A CAP consistent with the other EU policies, protecting the consumers from diseases and ensuring food safety
- 3- The weak position of farmers in the food supply chain
- 4 - The competitiveness of the European farms in the world economy
- 5 The support of agriculture in the less favored areas
- 6- The complexity of the CAP rules
- 7- The challenge of the future of the CAP budget.

B- The UEAA proposals

- 1- Besides penalty regulations, increasing the share of payments targeted at environmental and climate services provided by different systems of production.
- 2- In line with the report of the Agricultural Market Task Force:
 - a, Improving the knowledge and the monitoring of the markets;
 - b, Making consistent risk management tools more attractive for farmers
 - c, Strengthening the economic power of the farmers in the supply chain
 - d, Improving the prevention and the management of crisis
- 3-a, Increasing the resources of EU research for agriculture
 - b, Enhancing the training of farmers and favoring innovations in order to improve the competitiveness of farms and to encourage a better use of natural resources, notably water, soil and biodiversity
- 4- Maintaining a special support for the agriculture in the less favored areas
- 5- Simplifying the rules of the CAP
- 6- Improving and promoting the quality of food products in link with public health
- 7- Measures to conserve and promote the cultural and natural heritage of rural areas.
