



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

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Item 6.1: Report on the 75th session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (13-15 July 2022)

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, The Republic of North Macedonia, San Marino, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.
3. First of all, let me thank FAO for organising the 75th session of the Committee on Commodity Problems and for facilitating smooth and constructive discussions during the session.
4. In line with the conclusions of the discussions, in particular on the impact of Russia's war against Ukraine in para 27 d) of the CCP report, we are calling upon FAO to assess in a sound analytical study the impacts of the war on market developments, and specifically monitor its effects on the availability and affordability of agricultural commodities, which are key concerns for global food security challenges.
5. The EU and its Member States re-affirm the need to avoid export restrictions, particularly considering the important role of trade and markets in the context of increased food prices.
6. The Committee also highlighted the need to ensure transparency in market developments, which could help avoid some of the problems mentioned during the discussions. From this perspective, we would like to re-iterate the importance of open, predictable and rules-based trade for agricultural commodities and food items. The EU and its Member States underline the importance of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), hosted by FAO, and the public information it can provide to improve the predictability of market developments. We are supportive of proposals to include information on fertilisers in the AMIS.
7. We also express our appreciation for FAO's work on agri-food trade, including the provision of up-to-date information and data analysis in line with FAO's mandate. We also

acknowledge the continued good collaboration with the OECD, the International Commodity Bodies (ICBs) and WTO, in full respect of the respective mandates.

8. With these comments, we recommend that the Council endorse the Report of the 75th session of the Committee on Commodity Problems.

Thank you, Madam/ Mr Chair.
