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To the EU Ministers in charge of Agriculture:

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Brussels, 26 January 2024

RE: Sugar imports from Ukraine into the EU - Commission's proposal for the renewal of ATMs Regulation

Dear Ministers,

We, the undersigning chairmen of the sugar beet growers' organisations of 13 EU countries, representing 100 000 sugar beet growers, strongly support the Ukrainian nation in its defensive warfare. However, the situation of our agricultural sector in general and of sugar beet growers in particular does not allow to accept further increasing sugar imports from Ukraine into the EU. Indeed, sugar imports from Ukraine have been multiplied by 20 last year to reach 400,000 t and could again almost double this year to reach more than 700,000 t, if no provisions were made.

This sugar, produced under significantly lower standards as the EU's, is strongly affecting our markets and threatens next year's EU sugar beet acreage, not only in Ukraine's neighbouring countries but also in the whole union.

We strongly ask you, together with the Commission, to find concrete solutions, including a concrete trigger threshold and concrete measures, to effectively limit and control these imports for the interest of both Ukrainian and EU farmers.

Sincerely yours,

Ernst Karpfinger, President VÖR, Vereinigung der Österreichischen Rübenbauernorganisationen, AT

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