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Statement

Reacting to the outcome of the COM AGRI vote on MEP Esther Herranz García's report on the Strategic Plan Regulation this morning, Pekka Pesonen, Copa and Cogeca Secretary General, said, "Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development assumed their responsibility by allaying some of the concerns about the political process and by reassuring farmers on the overall direction given to the future CAP. We welcome the hard work carried out by rapporteur Esther Herranz García, whose report defends the common approach that is needed within the future CAP architecture. By maintaining the level of direct payments and by strengthening the definition of active farmers, the COM AGRI report will ensure more targeted support for European farmers. We do, however, regret the move to adopt the mandatory capping of support as this does not take into account the differences in farm structure across the EU." Commenting further on the next steps, Mr Pesonen added, *"Next Monday, MEPs in COM AGRI are to approve the last report on the CAP's horizontal governance. We hope that a green light will be given to this third report. This will ensure that the newly elected Parliament will have a solid CAP package to work with and can move ahead without further delaying the adoption of the CAP post-2020."*

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