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Press Release

MEPs united with farmers in front of Parliament to Cut the Unfair!



Today in Strasbourg a delegation of MEPs from across the political spectrum joined Paulo de Castro in support of his report to cut the unfair trading practices in the food supply chain, due to be voted in plenary tomorrow.

“It is now or never!” said MEP De Castro “Tomorrow’s vote is crucial for a legislation we have been waiting for more than 10 years and whose aim is the harmonization of the 20 national legislations currently in force, in the interests of our farmers and food producers, creating a fairer and more transparent food supply chain to the benefit of all European consumers.”

The MEPs were joined by representatives from the French farmers’ organisation FNSEA, Jeunes Agriculteurs, CEJA and Copia-Cogeca. The delegation gathered around a large paper banner suspended between two tractors to cut out the ‘Un’ from ‘Unfair’.

“National experience shows that we can act to prevent UTPs and rid the food chain of such oppressive actions,” explained Hervé Lapie, FNSEA’s Vice president “Twenty Member States currently have legislation in place successfully addressing UTPs directly or indirectly. None of them imposed an economic size limitation in their scope of application. None of them have reported an increase in food prices for consumers or a downgrade in standards in food production or animal welfare. We have a chance tomorrow to vote for a Europe wide solution and we are looking forward to a positive outcome,” he said.

Download a package of high-resolution pictures taken during this event [HERE](#)

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