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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus Proposal)

Dear President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Permanent Representatives Committee mandated the Presidency today to indicate to the European Parliament that the said Committee can support the separation of the agricultural provisions from the remainder of the Omnibus proposal, if the European Parliament would take the same stance. In consequence, we propose that the amendments to Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 652/2014 become a free-standing legal act. This would enable the agreed changes to agricultural legislation to take effect from 1 January 2018 as soon as the necessary procedural steps have been fulfilled by the end of this year.

I trust that this letter will enable the Conference of Presidents to agree to that separation at its meeting so that both co-legislators are in agreement.

Yours faithfully,

Kaja TAEI
Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee