



## **Joint declaration of representatives of farmers' associations from Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovak Republic and Czech Republic, in the Rakolupy Duże, Poland on April 11, 2023.**

The participants of the meeting are aware of their responsibility for the sustainability of agricultural and food production, rural development, environmental quality, food security, as well as for the environmental and climate stability of the common European space.

With regard to their social responsibility for further stability of food security and rural development in the **Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic**, we declare unequivocally:

We support solidarity with Ukraine and are aware of our moral and social responsibility to help the war-torn country and build the development of future international trade relations.

We respect international agreements and EU commitments towards Ukraine, as well as towards the stability of the third world, as a traditional trading partner of the EU and Ukraine in the supply of agricultural commodities and some types of food.

We request the implementation of a transparent system for quality control and the movement of goods from Ukraine to end consumers within the EU or third countries.

In order to protect our producers, consumers, food safety, and raw materials for food production, including the risks and speculative handling of products of plant and animal origin, we request the creation of sufficient financial reserves within the EU's crisis reserve fund for countries directly neighboring Ukraine. This is for the purpose of controlling the quality of agricultural and food products, whose target destination are EU member states, and for the technical monitoring of the movement of goods towards third countries.

- 1. We request immediate ban of agricultural and food products imports from Ukraine, in our countries.**
- 2. We request direct intervention on limiting transit quantities across our countries for agricultural products from Ukraine.**
- 3. We request urgent intervention for the purchase of existing stocks of grain by the EU with a simultaneous increase in the intervention purchase price to EUR 300 per tonne.**

We are asking the European Commission to respond no later than 2 weeks so that we have time to react and prepare for the beginning of the summer harvest to ensure that warehouses are ready for the 2023 harvest. We are aware that dumped goods from Ukraine to the EU seriously threaten the stability of farmers across the EU. Therefore, it is necessary to implement economic measures.

We call upon our elected representatives at national level to come together to see that our demands are heard and acted upon urgently.

**If our demands are not acted upon and fulfilled we are ready to proceed to direct protest actions in Brussels in the legitimate interest of our farmers that need to be listened to as European citizens, entrepreneurs and food producers.**

**On the Polish farmer representative:**

Tomasz Obszański – Chairman of NSZZ RI Solidarność

Gustaw Jędrejek – President of Lublin Chamber of Agriculture

Szczepan Wójcik – Institute of Agriculture and Economy

Marek Duszyński – Chairman of ZZR Samoobrona

Mariusz Gołębowski – Vice President ZZR Ojczyzna

Tadeusz Szymańczak - Polski Związek Producentów Roślin Zbożowych

**On Romanian farmer representative:**

Tiberiu Dan Stan- Vice President of Romanian Forum of Agriculture – FAPPR

Alina Cretu – Executive Director of Romanian Forum of Agriculture – FAPPR

**On the Czech Republic farmer representative:**

Jiří Michalisko - Member of the Presidency of the Czech-Moravian Union of Agricultural Entrepreneurs

Ing. Václav Hlaváček, CSc. - Vice-President of the Agrarian Chamber and Chairman of the Regional Agrarian Chamber of the South Moravian Region

**On the Bulgaria farmer representative:**

Iliia Prodanov – Chairman of the National Grain Producers Association – NGPA

Natalia Shukadarova – Executive Director of the National Grain Producers Association – NGPA

**On the Slovak Republic farmer representative:**

Marian Glovatak - Chairman of the Slovak Young Farmers Association - ASYF



Handwritten signatures of the representatives listed above, including Tomasz Obszański, Gustaw Jędrejek, Szczepan Wójcik, Marek Duszyński, Mariusz Gołębowski, Tadeusz Szymańczak, Tiberiu Dan Stan, Alina Cretu, Jiří Michalisko, Ing. Václav Hlaváček, Iliia Prodanov, and Natalia Shukadarova.