

25 March 2022

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola

Cc. Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski
Cc. Commissioner Stela Kyriakides

Dear President von der Leyen,
Dear President Metsola,

Since the onset of the war, CropLife Europe has condemned the invasion of Ukraine ordered by the Russian Federation government and expressed full support to the sanctions adopted by the European Union.

We have been intent on contributing to efforts to alleviate the suffering of the Ukrainian people. To this end, we have made an immediate donation to support emergency assistance operations inside Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.

While in the short-term we need robust actions to counter rising production challenges and food prices, in the long-term sustainable, productive, and resilient agriculture is our only route to food security.

To this end, CropLife Europe believes the following points of action are crucial:

- Support the logistics and supply of products to ensure planting and harvesting through the establishment of safe import corridors;
- Avoid export restrictions and bans to ensure free flow of food within Ukraine and across the region; and
- Prepare the transition towards a more sustainable and resilient EU agriculture through quicker access to innovation.

CropLife Europe will also apply to become a member of the Expert Group on the European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism to present its contributions and discuss with the full agri-food chain the urgent issues at hand.

We firmly believe that, more than ever, now is the time for swift and collaborative action. The European Union can count on CropLife Europe to support its efforts to address food security concerns to the extent possible while continuing its contribution to the sustainable transformation of our food systems.

We would be very happy to discuss further these proposals with you at your convenience and look forward to working with you to address our common challenges.


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