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European Beet Growers welcome today's EP Plenary vote on the future Single CMO regulation

On 13th March 2013, MEPs agreed in Plenary on the shape of the future Common Agriculture Policy and in particular of the future Single CMO and its provisions with regards to sugar. The EP Rapporteur M. Dantin received a clear mandate of negotiation with regard to the future European sugar policy.

This mandate requests a balanced and consistent package on sugar, including an extension of the current sugar provisions until 30 September 2020, with consolidated flexible market measures (withdrawal of quota sugar and release of out-of-quota sugar). In addition, it takes into account the preferential partners (in particular the duty-free and quota-free access to ACP/LDCs) and confirms the current raw cane sugar refiners' privilege of access to preferential raw cane sugar imports. Finally, it consolidates the contractual framework between beet growers and processors.

Following the vote, CIBE President Jørn Dalby stated that "this Plenary vote is consistent as it confirms the previous resolution on this issue voted by the EP in June 2011. After intensive discussions of the EP Committee for Agriculture, and after intensive work, M. Dantin the *Rapporteur* on the proposal for a Single CMO, succeeded in obtaining a large majority. I would like to thank him and his colleagues for their hard work and congratulate them on this outcome."

Moreover, CIBE President Jørn Dalby noted that "this mandate matches the position expressed this week by a majority of Member States during the Special Committee of Agriculture". He concluded that "today's signal sent to the Commission is very clear. The Commission must now take this vote into consideration, and propose to extend the sugar provisions up to the end of the marketing year 2019/2020. Indeed, this package is a good framework for the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of our sector."

European growers are now looking forward to the position of the Council to be agreed on 18-19 March 2013 and to the up-coming interinstitutional negotiations.