



Brussels, 4 June 2019

For the attention of: **Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission**
Ms Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition

Subject: **Protection of EU Single Market, case of Czech Republic**

Dear President Juncker, Dear Commissioner Vestager,

We are writing in order to request action from the Commission, following the recent revelations concerning the conflict of interest of the Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš and his company Agrofert.

As widely reported in international media, according to a preliminary audit report of the European Commission, Andrej Babiš continues to be a beneficial owner of Agrofert, the controlling company of the Agrofert Group, which is one of the biggest recipients of the EU funds in the Czech Republic.

The European Commission had decided already in December 2018 to temporary stop payments to Agrofert company, pending the investigation of the case. However, **the Czech national authorities have continued to pay the subsidies to Agrofert from the Czech national budget.** The amount of these payments could reach more than €10 million over the coming months.

We are seriously concerned that this situation might lead to a distortion of the competition of the EU Single Market and could constitute illegal state aid. We call on you to investigate this possible breach of the EU law and to ensure the protection of Czech taxpayers, as well as fair competition on the EU Single Market.

It is our deep conviction that the conflict of interest of Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš constitutes serious political damage to the EU and must be rectified. We therefore urge you to take direct and concrete steps to ensure that situations, as in the case of Prime Minister Babiš, cannot be repeated in the future. We kindly ask you to inform us about the actions that you intend to take.

Yours faithfully,

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