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NO to the closure of CHAFEA

The Commission has decided by written procedure to close CHAFEA and to transfer its activities to Brussels. This decision was taken without any social dialogue and negotiation.

The closure of CHAFEA is part of a wider reorganisation of all the Executive Agencies. CHAFEA's current programmes will be redistributed. New programmes for all the Executive Agencies are in the new Multiannual Financial Framework which is still under negotiation. At this stage no one knows the nature and scope of the programmes. Moreover, the "Cost Benefit Analysis" of the Executive Agencies which is used to justify the closure of CHAFEA remains secret!

The undersigned trade unions of this leaflet oppose the closure of CHAFEA because CHAFEA is viable. On the contrary, the unions demand a transfer of activities to this agency from the "parent" DGs. This is possible and desirable and was previously announced.

CHAFEA has motivated, committed and competent staff. This staff should not be the "adjustment variable" of decisions based on preconceived ideas.

Luxembourg must remain an important centre of activity for the European Commission.

A survey has been launched among this staff, which shows that the vast majority of CHAFEA's staff wants to stay and work in Luxembourg.

This decision strongly affects the image and attractiveness of the institutional services located in Luxembourg.

Consequently, the signatory trade unions **request** that a consultation be launched as soon as possible in order to consider possible avenues for the development of CHAFEA, which could include carrying out an in-depth analysis of the reasons which led to the decision to close CHAFEA, or delegating new activities under the CHAFEA portfolio which are still housed in the "parent" DGs of that agency.