



*Long-Term Thinking
for Today's Issues*

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CFFO Concerns regarding an Ontario-Quebec Economic Partnership Agreement **Position Statement**

Whereas the Ontario and Quebec governments are engaged in developing the Ontario-Quebec Economic Partnership Agreement

Whereas strengthening economic ties between the two provinces has the potential to improve central Canada's place in the global economy

Whereas the agriculture and agri-food sector is the second most important sector in the Ontario economy

Whereas Quebec's Agricultural Income Stabilization Insurance (ASRA) program and Ontario's farm support programming are vastly unbalanced especially in terms of relative financial support.

Whereas unbalanced support programs are already having a negative impact on some Ontario producers, a reduction in the barriers that currently exist will exacerbate the situation further

Therefore be it resolved

That any Ontario Quebec Economic Partnership Agreement must include an agreement on the agriculture and agri-food sector

That the first principle of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Quebec regarding agriculture is that Ontario and Quebec producers have an equal playing field

That the dispute settling mechanism be able to address items put in place prior to the agreement being signed

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