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Subject: What European strategy to strengthen the EU's agricultural sovereignty while stimulating sustainable production methods?

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The current government of Latvia is a parliamentary republic, led by Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš. The issue at hand concerns global food security and the environmental impact of agriculture. These issues are particularly relevant for Latvia, a country with a strong agriculture-based economy that is concerned about protecting its unique natural environment.

Global food security is a major concern for the international community. The growing global population puts increasing pressure on food resources, while climate change makes agricultural production more difficult in certain regions. As an agricultural country, Latvia is directly affected by these issues. Environmental protection is also a major concern for Latvia, which is home to a diverse range of natural ecosystems.

Latvia believes that global food security is an absolute priority and must be protected by ensuring environmental sustainability. Latvia has ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity and supports the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The country has also implemented policies to promote sustainable agriculture, while ensuring environmental protection. Latvia believes that the pursuit of new agricultural technologies must be done in accordance with the principles of environmental sustainability and protection of biodiversity.

In recent years, the Latvian economy has been negatively impacted by various events, such as the war in Ukraine leading to the worsening of the country's relationship with Russia and Belarus, which were major trading partners. The recent events at the Russian and Belarusian border have further worsened the situation, causing significant disruptions to cross-border trade and damaging the Latvian economy. This has highlighted the need for the country to strengthen its agricultural sector and promote sustainable production methods to enhance its economic resilience and reduce its dependence on external trade partners.

Latvia is committed to strengthening its sustainable agricultural production, using innovative technologies to minimize environmental impact. The country also advocates for policies to encourage the consumption of sustainable and locally produced food. Latvia is convinced that international collaboration is essential to addressing the challenges of food and environmental security. The country is ready to work with other member states to develop innovative policies and technologies for sustainable agriculture.

Latvia is a Europhile country, convinced that international collaboration is key to addressing global challenges such as food and environmental security. Latvia is determined to play an active role in the debates and contribute to finding concrete solutions to the challenges of sustainable agriculture.