



## *Zveza svobodnih sindikatov Slovenije*

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Sir,

due to the Agrokor and public media reports we have been informed that EBRD is willing to play a supportive role in Agrokor takeover of Slovenian retailer Mercator.

Slovenian trade unions, especially unions in retail and food processing industries as well all farmer's union and The Slovenian farmers association together with a vast majority of Slovenian public oppose this takeover. We believe that the takeover and the ill combination of the companies threatens the mere survival of Slovenian agriculture as well as impose a heavy toll on Slovenian retail sector. We are going to oppose it with full force of our representative membership and our role in Slovenian society.

We believe that a business activity such as retail business cannot prosper under condition of an active opposition of the majority of the population as well as key stakeholders.

EBRD has played an important and precious role in financial support of the Slovenian economy. We would deeply regret its possible role in business endeavour, which could not only harm our interests as Mercator stakeholders but could damage EBRD reputation in Slovenia as well.



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We kindly advice to rethink EBRD potential support of the takeover. We would welcome any chance to explain our position in more detail in a meeting with EBRD representative.

Association of free trade unions in Slovenia

Trade Union of Slovenian Workers' in trade sector

Agriculture and Food Industry Trade Union of Slovenia

Farmer's Union

The of Farmer' Associations of Slovenia



CC: Ministry of Finance of Republic of Slovenia