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from: Working Party on Commodities
on: 22 February 2013
to: Coreper/Council

No. Cion prop.: 18108/12 - COM(2012) 779 final

Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline for Croatia: 06.03.2013

1. On 19 December 2012 the Commission presented a proposal to the Council for the above Council Decision with a view to establishing the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995, for a further period of up to two years, after 30 June 2013.
2. The Grains Trade Convention, 1995, was approved by the European Community by Council Decision 96/88/EC¹ and entered into force on 1 July 1995 for a period of three years until 30 June 1998. Since then, it has regularly been extended and will expire on 30 June 2013. Its extension shall be decided at the next session of the International Grains Council in London on 10 June 2013.

¹ OJ L 21, 27.01.1996, p. 47.

3. On 22 February 2013, the Working Party on Commodities examined and approved the Commission proposal.
4. The Working Party therefore invites Coreper to confirm this agreement and to invite the Council to adopt the Decision as set out in document 6516/13, by including it as an "A" item on the provisional agenda of a forthcoming Council meeting¹.

¹ Notification of the extension of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995, will be published in the Official Journal, C series.