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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy (*CAP reform*)  
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (*CAP reform*)  
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD) (*CAP reform*)  
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (the horizontal regulation) (*CAP reform*)  
= *Presidency suggestions for an adjusted Council mandate*  
= *Open issues*

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With the view to the meeting of the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 25 June 2013, delegations will find in Annex the open issues prepared by the Presidency.

**Council (Agriculture and Fisheries)**

**Luxembourg, 25 June 2013**

**Outstanding items yet to be agreed**

**Rural Development**

Proposed compromise package for Annex I of the Rural Development Regulation.

The Council is prepared to accept the EP proposals relating to Articles 18(3) and 27(5) to increase the support rates for the Aegean islands to 75%. However, the Council does not accept the EP proposal to increase the support rate in Article 18(3) for collective investments in processing. As regards the support for agro-forestry, the Council is flexible.

Concerning the Council amendments, the Presidency considers that we should maintain the rate of 65% under Article 27(5). On the other hand, the Presidency is prepared to withdraw the amendment to the support rate under Article 38(4). Finally, the Council would insist on the amendments regarding the transition regions, subject to agreement on the MFF related issues.

Article 65(5a) minimum spending on environment related measures

Taking into account the requests of the IT and ES delegations, the Presidency will draft appropriate text to reflect the specific situation of regional programmes.

Furthermore, the Presidency considers that where funds are transferred to the first pillar, they would be excluded from the calculation of the 30% .If necessary the text could be amended.

## **Horizontal Regulation**

### Article 76(1) and (2) - Payment deadlines

Commission and the EP want to harmonise payment arrangements for P1 and P2. Currently no deadlines apply for P2 payments. In Council general approach, the status quo was retained.

Commission offered compromise text to start P2 payments on 16 October, in line with P1, after administrative checks only had been completed, all payments, P1 and P2, to be completed by 30 June of the following year. A number of MSs are not satisfied with this compromise and continue to seek status quo.

*Possible landing zone:* Apply harmonisation of payment deadlines with effect from claim year 2018 (financial year 2019).

### Article 71(2) - EFA's on LPIS

Commission and EP want LPIS to reflect stable EFA's for greening control purposes. Council general approach provided that the update required should be completed by 2019 at the latest.

Earlier today, Presidency suggested completion date of 2017 but this was not acceptable to a number of MSs.

*Possible landing zone:* MSs are asked to consider whether we could consider a completion date of 2018.