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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Delegations
Subject:	African Swine Fever – threat of spreading the disease into the EU territory and need for coordinated actions

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the PL delegation to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 September 2013.

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**African Swine Fever – threat of spreading the disease into the EU territory and need for coordinated actions**

Due to the outbreaks of the African swine fever in Belarus and Russian Federation (i.e. 40 km from the Lithuanian and 150 km from the Polish border) Poland is of the opinion that there is a real threat of spreading the disease into the EU territory.

Therefore Poland believes that the Commission's coordinating role of the preventive actions being taken by the Member States under direct risk should be enhanced. Furthermore it is, in our view, of key importance to ensure availability of a financing mechanism in order to help the sector to cover direct and market losses as well as restocking after depopulation of pigs in case of the occurrence of the disease.

For the aforementioned reasons Poland believes that the Council should discuss the cross border dimension, financial aspects and possible negative trade implications of an eventual occurrence of that disease in the EU territory.

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