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Subject: **3259th** meeting of the Council of the European Union (**GENERAL
AFFAIRS**) held in Brussels on 30 September 2013

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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

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13796/13 FSTR 105 FC 63 REGIO 196 SOC 700 AGRISTR 101

PECHE 387 CADREFIN 236 CODEC 2054

The Council:

- was informed about the most pertinent pending political issues in Trilogues with the EP along the lines of the Issues Paper (doc. 13796/13).
- had a fruitful exchange of views, during which Ministers gave their reactions to the key open issues and possible ways forward.

The Presidency indicated that, while respecting the Council's position in line with relevant European Council conclusions, it will examine possibilities to introduce additional safeguards into the concept of macro-economic conditionality to minimise the unintended consequences in its application. As regards the performance reserve and pre-financing, the Presidency will explore what can be done within the limits of the payment profile for the next MFF.

Concerning the co-financing rates, the Presidency noted that any changes to be made in this area should be balanced. Finally, the Presidency took note of reservations expressed by Member States in respect of the ESF related issues.