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Subject: **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2000/75/EC as regards vaccination against bluetongue [ref. 2010/0326 (COD) - 5499/11 AGRILEG 4 VETER 2 PARLNAT 22 + REV 1 (de,nl,el,pt,fi,sv,et,lv,lt,hu,mt,pl,sk,sl,ro) + REV 2 (fr)]**

I refer to my communication **CM 1401/11 dated 28 January 2011**, the date on which all the language versions of the above proposal for a Directive were sent to national parliaments.

In view of the Council's amendment of the proposal's legal basis to Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, by way of exception and with the Commission's agreement, I would inform you that the procedure set out in Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality is hereby opened.

The period of eight weeks for sending a reasoned opinion to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the first paragraph of Article 6 of the aforementioned Protocol (No 2), will run from 4 February 2011 to 31 March 2011.

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