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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development (Rural Development)

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012 at **10:00 (whole day)**

Venue: **COUNCIL LEX BUILDING**

Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. 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) (the rural development regulation)
15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)
5982/12 (Presidency note)

- Second technical examination of the following themes:

- Financial aspects - monitoring and evaluation - common provisions - State aid (a.o. Articles 64-70, 74-78, 87-89, 92-96)
- Risk management (Articles 37-40)

The Presidency invites delegations to email written contributions focusing on the most important areas where adjustments are needed and explaining the reason for this, including concrete proposals for provisions that should be redrafted and text amendments to bring about simplification or improve consistency.

The deadline for written contributions is 13 February 2012 at 15:00 Brussels time. They should be sent by email and, if possible, **in English**, to agriculture.structures@consilium.europa.eu. The Presidency would like to remind you that written contributions submitted in languages other than English will first need to be translated by the Council Secretariat before they can be worked on. Such comments might therefore not always, especially if submitted late, feed into the Working Party meetings.

3. Any other business

NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.