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Subject : - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012-2015

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the impact of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport

- Adoption of Council Conclusions on the Protection and Welfare of Animals

**SWEDISH STATEMENT SUPPORTED BY THE BELGIAN AND AUSTRIAN
DELEGATIONS TO BE ENTERED IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES**

The animal protection strategy proposed by the Commission provides an opportunity to adopt a holistic approach to animal protection issues. Sweden wishes to give its explicit support to such work. However, we are deeply disappointed that the Council was unable to agree on a proposal to enhance the protection of animals during transport, in particular since – according to the Commission's report concerning the Regulation on the protection of animals during transport – the present provisions are incompatible with current scientific findings in this area.

It is essential that the rules in force be complied with and that the body of legislation be continually updated in accordance with current research findings; furthermore, it is extremely important that journey times be limited, in particular as regards animals for slaughter and unweaned animals. In the case of animals for slaughter, Sweden would like the journey time to be limited to a maximum of eight hours.
