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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Cyprus Presidency - Chairing of certain Working Parties by other delegations, at the request of the Cyprus Presidency

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1. The Secretariat wishes to inform that Cyprus, as holder of the Presidency for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2012, has requested Denmark, in accordance with Article 20(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to chair certain Working Parties, or discussions on certain topics within their remit, during this period, on behalf of the Cyprus Presidency.
2. The list below sets out these chairing arrangements during the period from 30 July to 31 December 2012.

| <b>Working Party<sup>1</sup></b>         | <b>Topics to be chaired by Denmark</b>  |
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| Commodities (C.33)                       | All topics  |
| Forestry (F.16)                          | All topics  |
| Agricultural Questions (F.17)            | - Plant Breeder Rights  |
| Codex Alimentarius (F.23)                | All topics  |
| International Environmental Issues (J.2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Convention on Biological Diversity (11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties)</li> <li>- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (6th meeting of the Parties)</li> <li>- Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity / Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee (First meeting of the Parties)</li> <li>- Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) (11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties)</li> <li>- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (Plenary session)</li> <li>- Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel Convention) (Open-ended Working Group)</li> <li>- Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and 24th meeting of the Parties)</li> <li>- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES Convention) (62nd meeting of the Standing Committee)</li> <li>- A global legally binding instrument on mercury (5th session of the Intergovernmental negotiating committee)</li> <li>- Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) (Working Group of the Parties)</li> <li>- Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (51st Session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review)</li> <li>- International Conference on Chemicals Management (Third session)</li> </ul> |

<sup>1</sup> Cf. list of Council preparatory bodies in doc. 5269/12.

3. It is suggested that the Council agrees to these arrangements in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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