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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products
(Single CMO Regulation) (*CAP Reform*)
- *Presidency questionnaire*

With a view to structure the debate in Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") at its session on 16 July 2012, delegations will find in Annex the questionnaire drawn up by the Presidency.

CAP REFORM: SINGLE CMO

Presidency questionnaire

The Commission proposed a horizontal set of updated exceptional measures to allow the EU to respond swiftly and effectively to threats of market disturbances on the internal or external markets (Article 154), to support markets affected by measures to combat the spread of animal disease and take account of serious market disturbances directly attributed to loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks (Article 155) and, finally, to resolve specific problems (Article 156).

The Danish Presidency noted general support for the proposed exceptional support measures as well as broad support for extending these measures to all sectors. Reflecting the views of delegations in the Council preparatory bodies, the Danish Presidency text (doc 10889/12) took work further by proposing to extend the scope of the exceptional measures related to animal disease and loss of consumer confidence (Article 155(1)(b)) to all agricultural products covered by the Commission proposal.

Certain technical and legal aspects of the proposed measures were also discussed in a preparatory meeting of the SCA on 2 July 2012 with delegations mostly confirming their previous views and positions. The Presidency again noted broad support for the EU to be able to respond swiftly and effectively to exceptional situations on the market and for extending the scope of these measures to all sectors.

The Presidency would like to build on these foundations by inviting Ministers to reflect on the situations where exceptional measures at EU level could be required and to address the following:

- Whether the measures suggested by the Presidency in the consolidated text of the Regulation¹ strike the right balance in terms objectives and needs for responding effectively to exceptional situations and crises on agricultural markets?
- Whether it would be appropriate to extend the scope of the provision regarding measures against market disturbance clause to all products (i.e the deletion of Article 154(2))?

¹ Doc. 10889/12