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from:	Presidency
to:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
Subject:	Special report No 8/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled 'Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings' - <i>Draft Council conclusions</i>

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Delegations will find attached draft Council conclusions on the special report No 8/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled 'Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings', prepared by the Presidency in light of the discussions at the Working Party on 23 July 2012.

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**DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**

**on Special report No 8/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled  
'Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings'**

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- (1) WELCOMES Special Report No 8/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled 'Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings';
- (2) WELCOMES the Court's acknowledgement that investment measure 121, 'Modernisation of agricultural holdings' has achieved its nominal objective and has resulted in the modernisation of holdings;
- (3) RECALLS that on 17 October 2011, the Commission adopted a 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)<sup>1</sup>, which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies;
- (4) CONSIDERS, in this context, that the Court's recommendations could be taken into account in the proceedings on the above proposal.
- (5) UNDERLINES that this should be done without increasing the administrative burden both for Member States and farmers and bearing in mind the ongoing objective of simplification of the CAP.

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<sup>1</sup> 15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)