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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) ( <i>CAP Reform</i> ) - <i>Presidency questionnaire</i>

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With a view to structure the debate in Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") at its session on 28-29 November 2012, delegations will find in Annex the questionnaire drawn up by the Presidency on the Single CMO Regulation.

**CAP REFORM: SINGLE CMO****Presidency questionnaire**

Discussion of the Commission's proposal for a new Single CMO Regulation in the Council and its preparatory bodies has covered many important policy issues and delegations have had ample opportunity to express their views and positions. However, some issues related to the management of supply and to the regulation of production, specifically **sugar quotas and vine planting rights**, have not yet been discussed given that the Commission proposal for a new Single CMO Regulation does not call into question existing legislation as regards these systems.

The Danish Presidency noted<sup>1</sup> that on the **sugar quota regime** due to expire on 30 September 2015, a majority of delegations oppose the end of this regime, and would like it extended, while some support the planned expiry.

The Presidency would like to build on these foundations by inviting Ministers to reflect and address the following question:

- In the absence of a continuation of sugar quotas, what measures, if any, would you envisage would be needed to ensure smooth transition for all actors in the food chain?

The Danish Presidency also noted that a large number of delegations call for the continuation of the existing system of **vine planting rights** beyond its foreseen end in 2015, whilst other delegations have reserves on this request recalling that the expiry of the regime was an integral part of the 2008 wine sector reform.

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<sup>1</sup> 8949/12 + COR 1

In this context the Presidency would like to recall that the Commission has set up a High Level Group to examine this issue, which is expected to present its recommendations in December 2012, after its fourth and last meeting. While acknowledging the importance of this issue for a number of Member States, the Presidency considers that it would be more appropriate to await the results of the High Level Group's work before taking up the subject at Council level.

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