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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: African Swine Fever - Consequences of the outbreaks of the disease in the territory of the Union and in third countries

Delegations will find attached an information note from the PL delegation to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 February 2014.

POLISH PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS (UNDER ITEM “OTHER BUSINESS” AT THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL ON 17 FEBRUARY 2014) ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE OUTBREAKS OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNION AND IN THIRD COUNTRIES

Poland records a high risk of progressive spreading of the African swine fever (ASF). This fear is substantiated by the numerous outbreaks of ASF in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, as well as two confirmed cases of ASF in wild boars in the territory of Lithuania.

Poland recognises the importance of the coordinating role of the Commission in the context of measures for the abolition of unjustified trade barriers established by certain third countries and for protecting from further spread of ASF within the territory of the EU; nevertheless believes that, as regards preventive measures, the role of the Commission should be further strengthened. Currently, it seems crucial to plan appropriate financial mechanisms for the possible counteraction and liquidation of the economic effects of ASF outbreaks in the Member States in which the disease is diagnosed, as well to ensure already from this year on, a co-financing from the Union budget for the construction of hangars for the disinfection of means of transport entering Union territory at the border crossing points with Belarus.

With regard to the above, Poland presents for discussion the issue of financing the effects of possible ASF outbreaks in swine population, as well as problems related to the trade in live pigs, pork and their products with third countries.