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"A" ITEM NOTE

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1. On 2 April 2008, the Commission presented a Recommendation to Council regarding the opening of negotiations with the ACP producer States and with India on the guaranteed prices applicable to cane sugar in the delivery periods from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009.
2. Following examination of the Recommendation by the Special Committee on Agriculture at its meeting on 7 April 2008, the Committee agreed to suggest to Council that it take the following decision as an "A" item on the provisional agenda of a forthcoming meeting¹:

¹ Once the DK parliamentary scrutiny reserve has been lifted.

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"The Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, has authorised the Commission to negotiate for the delivery periods from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 guaranteed prices applicable to cane sugar originating in the ACP States or India as respectively provided for in Protocol 3 of Annex V to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and in the Agreement between European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar.

The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with a special committee appointed by the Council and in accordance with the directives contained in Annex."

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ANNEX

NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to negotiate for the delivery periods from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 guaranteed prices applicable to cane sugar originating in the ACP States or India as respectively provided for in Protocol 3 of Annex V to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and in the Agreement between European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar.
2. The guaranteed prices shall refer to sugar of standard quality as defined in Community legislation, unpacked, cif European ports of the Community.
3. The guaranteed prices must be negotiated in such a way that:
 - the guaranteed prices for white and raw cane sugar applicable from 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008 are not higher than the reference prices fixed for the marketing year 2007/2008 by Article 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 ;and,
 - the guaranteed prices for white and raw cane sugar applicable from 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009 are not higher than the reference prices fixed for the marketing year 2008/2009 by Article 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 .
4. The Commission shall inform the Council of the result of the negotiations and, where appropriate, of any problems encountered during those negotiations.

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