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#### **INFORMATION NOTE**

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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

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Subject: Case before the general Court of the European Union  
- Case T-671/13 Pesticide Action Network Europe and Syndicat agricole  
Confédération paysanne v European Commission

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1. In the abovementioned case the applicants seek the annulment of a Commission decision by which it had declared inadmissible two requests for internal review, pursuant to European Parliament and Council Regulation 1367/2006<sup>1</sup>. Those requests related to Commission Implementing Regulation 485/2013, which was adopted pursuant to European Parliament and Council Regulation 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L264/13 of 25.9.2006.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L309/1 of 24.11.2009.

2. In addition to their primary claims against the Commission, the applicants have also indirectly challenged the legality of Regulation 1367/2006, claiming that it is unlawful in the light of the Aarhus Convention<sup>3</sup>. In so far as an act of which the Council was co-author is being challenged, it is appropriate for the Council to intervene, in support of the form of order being sought by the Commission, in order to defend the validity of Regulation 1367/2006.
  
3. The Director-General of the Legal Service has appointed Mr Matthew MOORE and Mrs Marion SIMM, legal advisers, as agents to represent the Council in this case.

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<sup>3</sup> Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998.