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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Special Report No12/2013: Can the Commission and Member States show that the EU budget allocated to the rural development policy is well spent?
- Designation of Working Party

1. On 26 November 2013, the General Secretariat of the Council received the European Court of Auditor's special report No 12/2013 entitled " Can the Commission and Member States show that the EU budget allocated to the rural development policy is well spent?" together with the Commission's replies¹.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee instruct the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions to examine that report in accordance with those rules.

¹ This special report is available on the Court's website: <http://eca.europa.eu>

² 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.