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From: Presidency
To: Delegations

Subject: Simplification of the CAP
- *Suggestions by Paying Agencies*

Within the framework of the ongoing simplification exercise delegations will find attached further suggestions, as tabled by the Paying Agencies as a result from the 37th Conference of Directors of Paying Agencies held in Riga on 6-8 May 2015.

Proposals from the 37th Conference of Directors of Paying Agencies, Riga May 6 – 8th

Controls	Basic payment scheme and IACS related Rural development measures shall have the same selection for on the spot checks. Minimum 5% level of checks shall be established at the level of beneficiaries not the measures.	Short-term
Controls and sanctions	Review and update the Guidance on RD Control and penalties (non IACS measures) on OTSC. During on the spot checks only documents, criteria and other obligations have to be controlled, which have not been checked during administrative controls. Update the Guidance Document on Control and Penalty rules in Rural Development with an objective and subjective elements of artificially created conditions.	Short term
Audit set-up	Introduce fully harmonized audit approach and methodology at the different levels of control (including certification process).	Medium or long term
Error rate	Delegations would like to harmonize the methodology for the calculation of error rates and therefore request to revise the Guidelines from the Commission and the European Court of Auditors on the issue.	Short term
School milk and School fruit scheme	Harmonization of the control period and the school year for the School Fruit Scheme, using the same approach as in the School Milk Scheme	Short term