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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations

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Subject: G7 Health Ministers Meeting – antimicrobial resistance  
(Berlin, 8-9 October 2015)  
– Information from the German delegation

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the German delegation on the above mentioned subject to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22 October 2015.

**G7 Health Ministers Meeting – antimicrobial resistance**

**(Berlin, 8-9 October 2015)**

1. Following the G7 Summit in Elmau on 7 and 8 June 2015, the G7 Health Ministers will hold a meeting in Berlin on 8 and 9 October 2015; the subjects on the agenda will include resistance to antibiotics.
2. In addition to representatives of the European Commission and the WHO, the guests will also include Monique Eloit, the Secretary-General elect of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and Mr. Christian Schmidt, the German Federal Minister of Agriculture. In his speech, Federal Minister Schmidt will focus in particular on measures in agriculture and veterinary medicine to ensure responsible handling of antibiotics and will outline the German concept for minimising the administration of antibiotics to livestock.
3. Federal Minister Schmidt intends to inform the Agriculture Council during its session on 22 / 23 October 2015 about important insights from the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting on resistance to antibiotics and to describe the German concept for minimising the administration of antibiotics to livestock. The German concept for minimising the administration of antibiotics to livestock is a so-called benchmarking system which is regulated by law (German Drug Act). The core idea of the system, which has been applicable since April 2014, is to counteract the occurrence and spread of resistances to antibiotics in livestock husbandry by continually minimising the frequency of antibiotic therapy.

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