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To:	Delegations
Subject:	EU Livestock Strategy and Protein Plan - <i>Presentation from the Commission</i> - <i>Exchange of views</i>

Theme/Context

Livestock is an essential component of EU agriculture. The livestock sector contributes significantly to the EU economy and the vitality of rural communities. Locally adapted systems of livestock farming contribute to the preservation of the environment and diverse landscapes. The end products from EU livestock production are of the highest quality, are produced with great resource efficiency and are subject to a wide range of environmental sustainability standards. However, the sector faces challenges in terms of its competitiveness and long-term economic sustainability. Additionally, the sector faces vulnerabilities through its dependence on imported protein supplies.

In its Vision for Agriculture and Food (6385/25), published on 19 February 2025, the Commission committed to strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of sensitive sectors such as livestock, and to develop a comprehensive plan to create a more self-sufficient and sustainable EU protein system.

With this exchange of views, the Presidency intends to offer the Commission an opportunity to present the recently published EU Livestock Strategy and Protein Plan to the Council and to inform the Council of its ongoing and future work on these subjects.

Guiding Questions

Ensuring the long-term viability of the EU livestock sector must go hand-in-hand with making the EU protein system more resilient and sustainable. In this regard:

- What are Member States' initial views on the EU Livestock Strategy and Protein Plan, including in relation to the level of ambition and their complementarity?
 - How should work be taken forward to ensure consistency of approach in the follow up to the publication of the EU Livestock Strategy and Protein Plan?
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