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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)

Date: Wednesday 18 January 2012 at **10:00** (whole day)

Venue: COUNCIL

LEX BUILDING Meeting Room 2

Rue de la Loi **145**, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Update on the implementation of the agricultural budget
18753/11 (will be issued in the week of the meeting)
3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (the horizontal regulation), **excluding Articles 12-15, 68-78 and 91-101 (to be examined by the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions)**
15426/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)
- Second technical examination

The Presidency intends to devote the first two meetings to a second technical examination of the proposal, article by article.

The meeting on 18 January 2012 will be devoted to blocks 1, 3, 4 and 5:

- (1) Title I and Title II, Chapter I (**Articles 1 to 6**)
- (3) Title IV, Chapter I, EAGF (**Articles 16-28**)
- (4) Title IV, Chapter II, EAFRD (**Articles 29-40**)
- (5) Title IV, Chapter III, and Title VII, Chapters II and III – common provisions (**Articles 41 to 42, 45, 47 to 48 and 105 to 110**).

The Presidency has scheduled a second technical examination of blocks 2, 6, 7 and 8 for the meeting on 13 February 2012.

At the meetings held under the Polish Presidency on 23 November and 12 December 2012, the Commission replied to a large number of both oral and written questions and comments received from delegations and provided delegations with technical clarifications.

So as to use the time available in the most efficient manner possible, the Presidency kindly invites delegations to send in technical questions on blocks 1, 3, 4 and 5 in writing. Such questions should concern only issues on which further technical explanations from the Commission are needed. Where delegations have changed their positions after the first technical examination, they are also welcome to indicate this. The positions taken by delegations in previous written contributions need not be repeated.

The Presidency would appreciate if you could email your written contributions on blocks 1, 3, 4 and 5 to the Council Secretariat (agriculture.structures@consilium.europa.eu) by Monday 9 January 2011 at 17.00 and, if possible, in English. Similar written contributions on blocks 2, 6, 7 and 8 will be most welcome ahead of the meeting on 13 February 2012 (the exact deadline will be given at a later stage).

4. Special Report No 11/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Do the design and management of the geographical indications scheme allow it to be effective?"
17245/11¹
18752/11 (will be issued in January 2012)
- Draft Council conclusions
5. Special Report No 12/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?"
18631/11¹
- Presentation by the Court of Auditors and the Commission followed by an exchange of views
6. Any other business

¹ That document is available only in English. The other language versions are to be found on the Court of Auditors' website: <http://eca.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/publications/auditreportsandopinions/specialreports>. In order to access their language version, delegations should choose their language in the upper right corner of the web page.