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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)	
	Date:	Monday 13 February 2012 at <u>10:00</u> (whole day)
	Venue:	COUNCIL
		JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
		Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- Update on the implementation of the agricultural budget 5855/12 (will be issued during the week preceding the meeting)
- 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 meeting to a second technical examination, article by article, of the following blocks of the proposal:

- (2) Title II, Chapter II, and Title VII, Chapter I (Articles 7 to 11 <u>and</u> 102 to 104)
- (6) Title IV, Clearance of accounts (+ common provisions) (Articles 43 to 44, 46 and 49 to 59)
- (7) Title V, Chapters I, III, IV (general on control) (Articles 60 to 67 and 79 to 90)
- (8) Title VIII Final provisions (Articles 111 to 115).

At the meetings held under the Polish Presidency on 23 November and 12 December 2011, 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 2, 6, 7 and 8 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 2, 6, 7 and 8 to the Council Secretariat (agriculture.structures@consilium.europa.eu and margus.alver@consilium.europa.eu) <u>by Thursday 2 February 2012</u> at the very latest and, if possible, <u>in English</u>.

- 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 5856/12 (will be issued in the coming weeks)
 - Draft Council conclusions
- 5. 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: <u>http://eca.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/publications/auditreportsandopinions/specialreports</u>. In order to access their language version, delegations should choose their language in the upper right corner of the web page.