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The 2904th session of the Council of the European Union - AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES will take place on 18 November 2008 (15h00), 19 and 20 November 2008 (morning) in the Justus Lipsius building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of Mr Michel BARNIER, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of France.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

# SCA Items

# **AGRICULTURE**

- CAP health check
  - Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers
  - Proposal for a Council Regulation on modifications to the common agricultural policy by amending Regulations (EC) No 320/2006, (EC) No 1234/2007, (EC) No 3/2008 and (EC) No [...]/2008
  - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
  - Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2006/144/EC on the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (programming period 2007 to 2013)
    - *Political agreement*
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a school fruit scheme
  - Political agreement

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### **Coreper items**

### AGRICULTURE

Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON89788 (MON-89788-1), pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
Adoption

# **FISHERIES**

- Bilateral fisheries agreement with Norway
  - Exchange of views
- Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/2008 providing for the adaptation of cod fishing quotas to be allocated to Poland in the Baltic Sea (Subdivisions 25-32, EC waters) from 2008 to 2011
  - Information from the Commission
- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the codification and modernisation of the control system applicable to the common fisheries policy
  - Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 423/2004 as regards the recovery of cod stocks and amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93
  - Political agreement
- Strategy for the sustainable development of aquaculture in Europe
  - Exchange of views (on the basis of a Commission non-paper, pending submission of the communication)
- Oral progress report by the Commission on the simplification process
  - Exchange of views

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The Presidency will hold press conferences, probably on Tuesday at the end of proceedings [+/-19.00] and at the end of the Council meeting.

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