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The 2986th session of the Council of the European Union - **AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES** - will take place on Monday 14 (10.00), Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December in the Justus Lipsius building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Eskil ERLANDSSON, Minister for Agriculture** of Sweden.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS
(Public deliberation)

COREPER-items

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes
 - *State of Play/Political Agreement*

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market
 - *Political Agreement*

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

SCA-items

- Simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy
 - *Exchange of views*
- Future CAP: Rural Development
 - *Policy debate*
- State aid for the purchase of agricultural land
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
 - (a) Council decision on the granting of a State aid in Lithuania
 - (b) Council decision on the granting of a State aid in Latvia
 - (c) Council decision on the granting of a State aid in Italy
 - (d) Council decision on the granting of a State aid in Hungary
- **Quarterly report from the Commission on the dairy market**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee of the Regions
 - A better functioning food supply chain in Europe
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

COREPER-items

AGRICULTURE

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
Options for animal welfare labelling and the establishment of a European Network of Reference Centres for the protection and welfare of animals
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

FISHERIES

- Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2010 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required
 - *Political Agreement*

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The Presidency will hold press conferences at the end of proceedings.

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