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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: 2708th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Agriculture and Fisheries)

Date: Monday 20 February 2006 (at 11h.00)

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Approval of the list of "A" items

SCA POINTS

4. (poss.) Sugar Sector :
 - Draft Council Regulations
 - (a) on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : articles 36 and 37 of the Treaty)

- (b) amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : article 37(2) of the Treaty)
- (c) establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the European Community and amending Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : article 37 of the Treaty)

- *Adoption (likely to be an "A" point)*

4. (poss.) Draft Council Decision on Community strategic guidelines for Rural Development: Programming period 2007–2013 (LA) (*)⁽¹⁾

(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : Article 9(2), first sentence of Regulation (EC) N° 1698/2005)

- *Adoption*

5. Bio-energy : Communications from the Commission

(a) (poss.) An European Union Strategy for Biofuels

(b) Biomass action plan
- Agricultural aspects

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= *Policy debate*

COREPER POINTS

6. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on a Community action plan on the protection and welfare of animals 2006-2010

- *Exchange of views*

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7. Any other business
- (a) Avian Influenza (H5N1)
 - *Update from the Commission*
 - (b) Measures to combat illegal landings of Barents Sea cod
 - *Request by the Danish and Swedish delegations*
 - 5928/06 PECHE 23
 - 6001/06 PECHE 27
 - (c) WTO Negotiations
 - *Information from the Commission*
 - (d) Cooperation in the field of agriculture-related research
 - *Information from the Commission on progress resulting from the SCAR (Standing Committee on Agricultural Research) activities*
 - (e) Organisation of future work

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On the list of "A" points :

Adoption of Council Decision extending the period of application of Decision 82/530/EEC authorising the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man authorities to apply a system of special import licences to sheep meat and beef and veal
5828/06 AGRIORG 17 OC 100
5829/06 AGRIORG 18 OC 101
(approved by SCA on 30.1.2006)

(*) Item on which a vote may be requested

(LA) Legislative Act

(¹) If Opinion of European Parliament available

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