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The 2918th session of the Council of the European Union - **AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES** - will take place on 19 January 2009 (11h00) in the Justus Lipsius building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Petr GANDALOVIČ, Minister for Agriculture** of the Czech Republic.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

AGRICULTURE ITEMS

- Work programme of the Presidency
 - *Presentation*

SCA Items

- Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open and conduct negotiations with the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) on the terms and conditions for the European Community's accession
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and Committee of Regions on Food Prices in Europe, including a roadmap to improve the functioning of the food supply chain
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

Coreper items

- 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
 - *Policy debate*
- a) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape T45_(ACS-BNØØ8-2) resulting from the commercialisation of this oilseed rape in third countries until 2005 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - *Adoption*

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- b) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of a carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line 123.8.12) genetically modified for flower colour
- *Adoption*

The Presidency will hold press conferences, probably on Monday at the end of proceedings.

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