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The 2881st session of the Council of the European Union - **AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES** - will take place on 23 June (14h00) and 24 June 2008 (9h30) in the Conference Centre - FIL, 5, rue Carlo Hemmer, in Luxembourg, under the Presidency of Presidency of **Mr Iztok JARC, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Food** of Slovenia.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

FISHERIES

- Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
 - *Political Agreement*

- Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and access of third country vessels to Community waters
 - *Political Agreement*

- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems in the high seas from the adverse impacts of bottom fishing gears
 - *Political Agreement/Adoption*

- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2012

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2012

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- Communication from the Commission to the Council: Fishing Opportunities for 2009 – Policy Statement from the European Commission
 - *Exchange of views*
- Revision of the cod TAC in area VII b-k, VIII, IX and X; EC waters of CECAF 34.1.1
 - *Exchange of views*

AGRICULTURE

SCA item

- **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)
 - *Policy debate*

COREPER item

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
 - *Political agreement*
(Public deliberation)

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The Presidency will hold a press conference on Monday (+/- 17.30) and Tuesday at the end of the session (+/- 18.00).

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