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from : General Secretariat
to : Delegations

Subject : Implementation of the system of cross-compliance in the new Member States
– joint request from the Polish, Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Cypriot, Latvian,
Lithuanian, Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak delegations

Delegations will find attached a joint request from the Polish, Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Cypriot, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations concerning the implementation of the system of cross-compliance in new Member States (Annex).

At the last Council of Ministers' meeting on 11-12 June 2007, the new Member States presented common position as regards the implementation of cross-compliance (document No 10481/07). As the date of the beginning of implementation of cross-compliance in the new Member States approaches (1 January 2009 r. according to Article 143b(6) of the Regulation No 1782/2003) and having in mind the goals for farmers and administration linked to this issue, Poland jointly with other new Member States is asking the Commission to express its opinion on our common position. According to the new Member States proposal, the pace of implementation of cross-compliance should be directly coupled with the direct payments increase (phasing-in mechanism). It means in practice that full implementation of cross-compliance should not take place earlier than having reached 100% of the direct payments in particular Member State (without taking into account the top-up system).
