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The 2633rd session of the Council of the European Union (**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**) will take place on 21 (10h00) and 22 December 2004, in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Cees VEERMAN**, Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

FISHERIES

- Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2005 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required
= *Adoption*
- Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2005 and 2006 the fishing opportunities for Community fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks, and amending Council Regulation (EC) n° 2347/2002
= *Adoption*
- Commission Communication on perspectives for simplification of the Common Fisheries Policy
= *Presentation*

AGRICULTURE

- Conferences organised by the Presidency on
 - (a) "Material and immaterial costs of eradication of animal diseases"
(Brussels, 15/16 December 2004)
 - *Presidency Conclusions*
 - (b) "European Response to Public Health Risks from Emerging Zoonotic Diseases"
(The Hague 16/17 September 2004)
 - *Council Conclusions*
- Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the establishment of a voluntary FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community (LA)
 - = *Policy Debate*
- Simplification of agriculture legislation
 - = *State of play*

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council at the end of the session.
