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In confidence I am forwarding below a copy of a message from Counsellor Ryan . It is accords with the views you suggested last Friday

Kind Regards

Barry

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013, 10:43

Subject: FW: ACP docs

Dear Ambassador,

Further to the meeting yesterday between the Hon. DPM of Swaziland, and his delegation with the Irish PR, please see below the clarification provided by Counsellor Ryan, Chairman of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA), in response to the question posed by Geo on the implications on the timeline of the CAP reform debate in the absence of a decision on the multi annual financial framework.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 January 2013 10:20

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: ACP docs

Dear Mr Ryan,

May thanks indeed for taking the trouble to provide me with such a detailed response which I will bring to the attention of the DPM of Swaziland and of his delegation.

Best regards

P.S Hardly any snow in Srasbourg. I could have driven down rather than taking the train as I did after our meeting yesterday.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday 16 January 2013 09:37

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ACP docs

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the documentation which I did indeed receive before Christmas. The position of the IE Presidency will be as I explained yesterday – to find an acceptable compromise within the Council which will then be reflected in the Council’s negotiating mandate for trilogue negotiations with the EP and the Commission. Because of its sensitivity, I don’t expect a Council position on the future of the EU sugar regime to emerge until March.

As regards the MFF, all of our planning assumes that there will be an agreement on the MFF at the European Council on 7/8 February. If a decision on the MFF is delayed until the next scheduled European Council on 14/15 March, there has to be a significant risk to the ambitious timetable that I set out yesterday. The EP is due to vote in plenary on its negotiating mandate for the CAP that same week and there must be some risk that, in the absence of an MFF, the vote would be postponed. Furthermore, we hope that we can effectively conclude a Council negotiating mandate the following week and, again, there would be some risk that the Council would like some more time to fully take account of the decisions of the European Council and their specific implications for the CAP. If either

or both of those things happen, it would mean that trilogues could not start until late April/early May, thus making it extremely difficult to reach a political agreement on the CAP by the end of the Irish Presidency.

I should say that there should be more clarity on the likelihood of an agreement on the MFF later this week, when President Von Rompuy indicates the agenda for the European Council in February. We would take the view that if he includes the MFF on the agenda, he is reasonably confident that an agreement will be reached.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 January 2013 19:08
To: Ryan Dermot BRUSSELS PR
Subject: ACP docs

Dear Mr Ryan,

Thank you very much for welcoming us this morning and for sharing with us your views on CAP reform and sugar.

As promised, I attach for your attention some recently adopted ACP docs which I must have sent you prior to Xmas.

The resolution on sugar adopted by the ACP Council of Ministers in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, mid December

A letter and a table which we sent to Mr M.Dantin as he was working on a compromise text.

I should have asked you how an absence of decision on the multi annual financial framework could impact on the work programme you explained to us.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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