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Subject: Setting up of the Inter-Service Steering Group for the impact assessment concerning measures on animal cloning for food production in the EU.

After the failure of the Conciliation procedure in March 2011 on the revision of the Novel Food Regulation, the Commission is examining the next steps with respect to the follow up to the Commission's report to the European Parliament and to the Council on 19 October 2010 on animal cloning for food production.

In order to address the welfare concerns linked to the use of the animal cloning technique and to allow market information, the Commission's report proposed in its conclusions the temporary suspension of the cloning technique and food from clones and established traceability systems for reproductive materials (semen, ova and embryos) and live offspring of clones.

Therefore, the Commission will submit after a comprehensive impact assessment on all aspects of animal cloning, if appropriate, a new legislative proposal.

Should you wish to contribute in this process, I would kindly invite you to nominate a representative of your DG to participate in the work of the steering group.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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