NOTE

from: Austrian delegation

to: Council

Subject: OECD Ministerial meeting (Paris, 25-26 February 2010)
- Information from the Austrian delegation

Delegations will find in Annex a document submitted by the Austrian delegation to be presented under A.O.B at Council at its session on 18 January 2010.
Note from the Austrian delegation on
the OECD Ministerial meeting (Paris, 25-26 February 2010)

The OECD Committee for Agriculture at Ministerial Level will take place in Paris from 25 to 26 February 2010. After twelve years the Ministers for Agriculture will finally meet again in Paris.

30 OECD members as well as Non-OECD members with special status and representatives of international organisations will participate in this formal session of ministers.

The objective of this Ministerial Meeting is to adjust the agricultural policies of the OECD members to the challenges faced over the past few years and to find solutions based on the results of the Meeting of the Committee for Agriculture at Ministerial Level of 1998. There will be two output documents (Chairmen Summary, Guidance Document) which should serve as reference for shaping the agricultural policies of OECD countries as well as guidance for the future work of the agricultural and trade directorate of OECD.

There has been a two level approach in preparing the session, namely the Advisory Group Meetings and the regular meetings of the OECD Committee on Agriculture as the decision taking body.

A broad participation of Ministers of the European Union will be very important to make sure that the European approach on agricultural policies will be reflected in the outcome of the Ministerial Meeting.