NOTE
from: General Secretariat
to: Delegations
Subject: The sugar production quota
- Request from the Polish delegation

Delegations will find in Annex a document submitted by the Polish delegation to be presented under A.O.B at Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") at its session on 17 May 2011.
Request from the Polish delegation to increase the sugar production quota of each Member State by 15% starting from the 2011/2012 season or to increase the quota by 5% for subsequent 3 marketing years starting from the 2011/2012 season (up to 15% in the 2013/2014 season)

In recent years, the quota sugar production in the European Union amounts to 13.3 million tonnes i.e. is lower than consumption by approx. 2.6 million tonnes. Such a low level of quota considerably restricts the level of production and thus the use of the sector’s capacity, both at the level of sugar-beet growers and sugar producers. Poland believes that in order to:

- increase sugar production in the EU;
- use to a greater extent the production capacity of Member States, and
- increase the food security of the EU,

sugar production quotas should be increased by 15% of each Member State, starting from the 2011/2012 season, or should be increased by 5% for 3 subsequent marketing years starting from the 2011/2012 season (up to 15% in the 2013/2014 season).