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The 2573th session of the Council of the European Union (**AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES**) will take place on 22 (15H00) and 23 March 2004, in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Joe WALSH**, T.D., Minister for Agriculture and Food and **Mr Dermot AHERN**, T.D., Minister for Communication, Marine and Natural Resource.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

FISHERIES

- Proposal for a Council regulation laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Council regulation (EC) 88/98
= *Political Agreement*

AGRICULTURE

- Proposal for Council Regulations
 - amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers
 - on the common organisation of the market in olive oil and table olives and amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68
- = *Political Agreement*

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

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