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**Möte med Jordbruksministrarna i Danmark, Italien, Nederländerna,
Storbritannien och Sverige på Capri den 29 september till 1 oktober 2000**

Den italienske Jordbruksministern Scani inbjöd sina kollegor från DK, S och UK (den s.k. Londongruppen) till ett möte på Capri den 29 september till 1 oktober.

Avsikten med mötet var att diskutera inriktningen på det fortsatta samarbetet i gruppen med sikte på det förestående reformarbetet inom det gemensamma jordbruksområdet. Vid mötet deltog, på egen begäran, den holländske jordbruksministern som observatör.

Den bifogade promemorian antogs som riktlinjer för det fortsatta arbetet i gruppen.

Common Agricultural Policy Reform Initiative (CAPRI)

A framework for further co-operation towards a reformed CAP

Future co-operation will be based on the following elements:

- the continued will and effort to reform CAP, notably in highly supported sector;
- a belief that the internal market should be progressively de-regulated and that agricultural production should be allowed to adapt to a competitive world market;
- the need for a market oriented and environmentally sensitive approach to CAP reform, based on the challenges posed by, among other things, consumer satisfaction, the WTO (including non trade concerns), EU enlargement and budget constraints;
- the development of an EU agricultural policy based on diversity, quality and safety, noting its specific identity.
- recognition that proposals which advocate a solution to these challenges based on more regulation or restriction of production run counter to these objectives;
- co-operation with other member states who share this view about the need for reform of the CAP,
- flexibility in co-operation without losing sight of the long-term objective of that co-operation;
- the need to develop common ground and joint background papers on, (inter alia)
 1. market developments,
 2. internal and external pressures for reform,
 3. rural development policies, including for example measures for small farmers, animal welfare and diversification.
 4. alternative support systems, including environmental and organic methods

to be pursued by expert groups.

- Ministers agreed to meet again during 2001 to monitor the operation of the framework and to discuss issues of common concern.
- Officials should meanwhile collaborate closely to implement the work programme set out in particular in this framework
- This initiative arises from the ongoing collaboration on CAP matters by Denmark, Italy, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The Netherlands participated for the first time in these discussions as an observer, and wished to contribute to discussions on reform of the agriculture policy in the future.