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**COUNCIL OF
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Mr. Czeslaw Adam SIEKIERSKI

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**Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of
the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products,
amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament
and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council
Regulation (EC) No 834/2007**

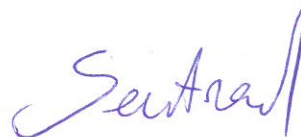
Dear Mr SIEKIERSKI,

following the informal meeting between the representatives of the three
institutions, a draft overall compromise package was agreed today by the
Special Committee on Agriculture.

I am therefore now in a position to confirm that, should the European
Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294
paragraph 3 of the Treaty, in the exact form as set out in the compromise
package contained in the Annex to this letter (subject to the revision by the
legal-linguistic experts of both institutions), the Council would, in
accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the
European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording
which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

On behalf of the Council, I also wish to thank you for your close cooperation
which should enable us to reach an agreement on this dossier at first reading.

Yours sincerely,



Peeter Seestrand

Chairman of the Special Committee on Agriculture

copy to: **Phil Hogan**, Commissioner
Martin Häusling, EP Rapporteur