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"International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) 2014 –

The Role of the European Union"

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József Antall (JAN 4Q1) - Brussels

Introduction

- 10.30 - 10.35 Welcome by **Mr Paolo de Castro**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- 10.35 - 10.55 Introduction by **Ms Marcela Villarreal**, Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations responsible for the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) 2014

Part 1: Academic Perspectives

- 10.55 - 11.15 **Professor Sophia Davidova** (University of Kent): The Challenges Faced by Family Farming in the EU and Future Prospects
- 11.15 - 11.35 **Dr Thia Hennessy** (Rural Economy Research Centre, Ireland): CAP Tools for Supporting Family Farming
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Dr Elke Plaas** (University of Göttingen, family farmer): Differences between Family Farming and Other Types of Farming in the EU
- 11.45 - 12.30 Floor opened for debate with first comment by **Mr Czesław Siekierski** MEP, EP rapporteur for the report on "the Future of Small Farms"

Part 2: International Perspectives

- 15.00 - 15.10 **Mr Luciano Centonze** (The European Committee for Education and Agriculture, CEFA and FOCSIV): Tools for Cooperation between the EU and Developing Countries to Strengthen Family Farming
- 15.10 - 15.20 **Mr Henri Rouillé d'Orfeuil** (CIRAD, French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development): Common Challenges for Family Farming in the EU and Developing Countries

Part 3: The View from the Ground, Personal and National Perspectives

In Part 3, farmers will describe the challenges faced by family farming, based on their personal experiences and knowledge of their region and country.

- 15.20 - 15.30 **Mr Josef Stehlík** (farmer from Bohemia, Czech Republic)
- 15.30 - 15.40 **Mrs Andrea Schwarzmann** (farmer from Austria)
- 15.40 - 15.50 **Mr Kaspars Adams** (farmer from Latvia)
- 15.50 - 17.00 Floor Open for Debate
- 17.00 Concluding remarks by **Mr Paolo de Castro**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development