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**DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR EU ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE:
"Implementing animal welfare through the new EU strategy: consumers' empowerment and
market opportunities"**

Brussels, 29/02 – 01/03/2012, Charlemagne Building

Day 1 – Wednesday 29 February 2012

9:30 Opening speeches

Commissioner Dalli

Marit Paulsen, European Parliament

Mette Gjerskov, Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

Dan Jørgensen, European Parliament

10:15 Presentation of the strategy - DG SANCO

SESSION 1: Market-driven animal welfare – stakeholders' perspectives

10:35 Presentation by COPA-COGECA

Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, COPA-COGECA

10:55 Presentation by Freedom Food (RSPCA/U.K.)

Leigh Grant, Chief Executive Officer, Freedom Food

11:15 Presentation by McDonald's Europe

Keith Kenny, McDonald's Europe

11:35 Transparency and credibility

Speaker to be confirmed

11:55 Debate

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2: Can the market drive animal welfare forward?

14:00 Citizen and consumer attitudes towards animal welfare in livestock production

Wim Verbeke, Ghent University, Belgium

14:20 How to influence consumers' decisions

Mara Miele, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, U.K.

14:40 The "Danish Veal" Initiative

Finn Klostermann, Sales Director, DC Beef

15:00 Legislation vs. market – experiences with pig castration

Ge Backus, LEI Wageningen, the Netherlands

15:20 **Debate**

15:40 **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 3: Is there a global market for animal welfare?

16:10 **EconWelfare – the perspective of a scientific project**

Kees de Roest, Research Centre for Animal Productions, Italy

16:30 **The advantage of Global Animal Partnership's stepped animal welfare standards**

Ian Duncan, Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare, University of Guelph, Canada

16:50 **How to deal with a global market and animal welfare**

Siem Korver, director corporative public affairs food, VION Food Group, the Netherlands

17:10 **Animal welfare in the context of sustainable development**

Dirk-Jan Verdonk, World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

17:30 **Debate**

18:00 **END OF DAY 1**

Day 2 – Thursday 1 March 2012

SESSION 4 A: Optimized enforcement of animal welfare legislation

9:30 **Opening remarks for Day 2 and the session**

Moderator: Per Henriksen, CVO of Denmark

9:35 **How can we achieve uniformity in animal welfare enforcement?**

Bernard Van Goethem, Director, Directorate G, DG SANCO

9:55 **Control and prevention – how can we use control results to improve prevention?**

Jean-Luc Angot, CVO of France

10:15 **Presentation by EFSA – Risk assessment indicators**

Franck Berthe, Head of Unit, Animal Health and Welfare, EFSA

10:35 **Debate**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **The use of welfare indicators in intensive production to assure animal welfare: The example of foot pad dermatitis in broiler chickens**

Bo Algers, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

11:50 **Guidance on the implementation of animal welfare legislation**

Vlatko Ilieski, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, F.Y.R. Macedonia

12:10 **Enforcement of EU animal welfare legislation: A Member State responsibility**

Grethe Troelsen and Niels Arberg, the Danish National Police

12:30 **Use of modern technology for the surveillance of cross-border animal transports (GPS tracking)**

Speaker to be confirmed

12:50 **Debate**

SESSION 4 B: Innovative farming and animal welfare initiatives in the scientific community

9:30 **Opening remarks for Day 2 and the session**

Moderator: Danièle Tissot, DG RTD

9:35 **Innovations in farming**

Adroaldo Zanella, Scottish Agricultural College, U.K.

9:55 **Improving animal welfare through real time automated monitoring of animals**

Daniel Berckmans, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

10:15 **Innovation platform on sustainable farming**

Daniel M. Weary, Faculty of Land and Food Systems, University of British Columbia, Canada

10:35 **Debate**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Welfare issues in breeding strategies**

Johan van Arendonk, Wageningen UR, the Netherlands

11:50 **Integrated knowledge-based animal welfare across Europe (also introducing the AWARE project)**

Marek Špinko, Institute of Animal Science, Prague, Czech Republic

12:10 **How farmers benefit from animal welfare science**

Speaker to be confirmed, BREIZ Europe

12:30 **The European Animal Welfare Platform**

Harry Blokhuis, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

12:50 **Debate**

13:00 **END OF CONFERENCE**