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For the ministerial debate on the CMO Regulation at the AGRI/FISH Council on 22 and 23 March 2021, the Presidency envisages the following questions:

- (1) Member States' views on the EP amendments for Block 1 were communicated by the Presidency to the European Parliament at the trilogue on 3 March, underlining Council concerns regarding their coherence with the market orientation of the CAP, respect for international agreements and WTO rules, and also their potential budgetary impact. The EP expressed its intention to continue the discussion on these proposals in trilogue.

In the framework of the institutional relationship and in order to respond to the intention of the EP to further discuss these amendments, do you consider that there are reasons to change now the categorisation initially assumed by the Council and, if so, which amendments should be discussed?

- (2) Discussion on Block 3 proves that on some points it is possible to come closer to the EP amendments, in order to strengthen the position of producers in the value chain, without compromising the market orientation of the CAP. Amongst the European Parliament's amendments in block 3, on which should we work as a priority with a view to enhancing producers' bargaining power in the value chain, without prejudicing the CAP market orientation or the EU competition rules?
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