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Danish Presidency 2025, 17 September 2025

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Dialogue with EP

- **Ongoing discussions** since the latest working party on 17 July 2025
- **Readmission:** Nothing new has been discussed. We are aware of concerns from Member States in terms of the European Parliament's request for access to information
- **Rice:** EP remain adamant in their wish for a rice specific mechanism that can protect European producers. The only viable landing zone at this stage seems to be a rice-specific TRQ mechanism

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A rice specific mechanism

- **Logic:** If an EBA beneficiary exceeds a **set reference import volume** of rice imports by a **defined percentage**, the mechanism would trigger MFN tariffs in the current year **and introduce a tariff-rate quota (TRQ)** for rice imports in the following year

- **A lot of questions remain open**: e.g. duration, the setting of the threshold and surge (percentage) – eager to hear member states' perspectives

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Way forward

- **Continuing the dialogue with EP** and hopefully soon able to circulate a draft text concerning the outstanding issues on rice
- Tentatively scheduled **an ITM on 2 October 2025**
- In preparation for a possible ITM, we will **call a working party (poss. 26 September 2025)**
- **Poss. Coreper on 8 October** in preparations of a **political trilogue on 15 October**