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## Item 6

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## **CAP and the Future Cohesion Policy**

Then Region Västra Götaland has asked for the NSC support for a political statement regarding the future cohesion policy and the CAP 2014 and beyond.

The statement is attached

At the CPMR GA the following statement was adopted as a part of the final declaration from the meeting;

### **Input to the final declaration CPMR General Assembly 2007**

The regions are facing major challenges in the years to come such as globalisation, climate change and demography. All of them are connected to the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas and the continued discussion of sustainable development. The cohesion policy 2014-2020 and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) must reflect and consider these challenges.

It is important to start open and transparent discussions about the next program period and especially to urge the regions to take an active part in these discussions. The future cohesion policy should stronger connect the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas focusing on economic growth, competition, innovation and sustainable development. Special attention should be given to regions with geographical and demographic constraints.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. For decision