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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Special report No 16/2012: The effectiveness of the Single Area Payment Scheme as a transitional system for supporting farmers in the new Member States
- Designation of Working Party

1. On 30 November 2012, the General Secretariat of the Council received special report No 16/2012 entitled "The effectiveness of the Single Area Payment Scheme as a transitional system for supporting farmers in the new Member States" together with the Commission's replies (doc. 17265/12 FIN 1002 AGRIFIN 238 AGRI 834¹).
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee instruct the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions to examine that report in accordance with those rules.

¹ In English only. The other languages of this special report are available on the European Court of Auditor's website: <http://eca.europa.eu/>.

² 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.