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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

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The agenda was approved.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1445th meeting of the SCA**

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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **CAP reform**

(i) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**

- Greening
15874/2/12 REV 2 AGRI 731 AGRIFIN 208 CODEC 2596
- *Orientation debate*

The SCA considered further Presidency suggested amendments to the greening provisions set out in doc. 15874/2/12 REV 2.

The SCA noted the Presidency's explanations on the suggested changes and on a number of minor corrections (these were incorporated in the further revised version of the text distributed with reference 15874/3/12 REV 3).

The SCA also noted the scrutiny reserves entered by delegations and the preliminary views on the text expressed by delegations and by the Commission representative, with several delegations reiterating their general position that the issue of greening was linked to ongoing discussions on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.

Thereafter, the SCA took note of the Presidency's concluding remarks, in particular:

- that most delegations welcomed the suggested amendments as a step in the right direction, but that further technical work was needed;
- that the Presidency, following the encouragement from delegations, would take work forward on greening at the SCA meeting on 10 December 2012, on the basis of a slightly adjusted text;
- that delegations were welcome to submit written contributions.

(ii) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the market in agricultural products (the Single CMO regulation)**

- Exceptional measures
16925/12 AGRI 811 AGRIFIN 229 AGRIORG 193 CODEC 2838
 - *Orientation debate*

The SCA took note of the Presidency suggested legal improvements to Articles 154 and 156 on exceptional measures (document 16925/12), of the comments made by delegations and the Commission representative, and of the scrutiny reserves entered.

The SCA further took note of the Presidency's conclusion that many delegations considered the text to be a good compromise.

Finally the SCA took note of the Presidency invitation to delegations to lift their scrutiny reserves or send written comments by Tuesday 4 December close of business.

(iii) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**

- Investments
16897/12 AGRI 807 AGRISTR 168 CODEC 2829
 - *Orientation debate*

The SCA took note of Delegations' and Commission's comments.

- Forestry measures
16906/12 AGRI 808 AGRISTR 169 CODEC 2831
- *Orientation debate*

The SCA took note of Delegations' support for the Presidency compromise proposal and Commission's comments.

4. - **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (CAP Reform)**
 - European Data Protection Supervisor
16050/2/12 REV 2 AGRI 738 AGRIFIN 211 CODEC 2629
16045/2/12 REV 2 AGRI 737 AGRIFIN 210 AGRIORG 181 CODEC 2627
 - *State of play*

The SCA took note of the Presidency information on the state of play of the adjusted provisions on data protection in the context of the draft Regulations on Direct payments and Single CMO (documents 16050/2/12 REV 2 and 16045/2/12 REV 2 respectively).

The SCA also took note of the comments made by delegations and the Council Legal Service, and of the scrutiny reserves entered.

Finally the SCA took note of the Presidency conclusion that in its view these texts reflected the centre of gravity in the Committee.

5. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the preparation of the Council "Agriculture and Fisheries" meeting on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 December 2012.