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Subject: Special report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS arrangements"  
*- Council conclusions*

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Delegations will find attached, in the Annex, the Council conclusions on the above subject as adopted on 18 December 2012.

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**COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**

**on Special Report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled  
"Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS  
arrangements"**

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- (1) WELCOMES Special Report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS arrangements";
- (2) NOTES the Court's findings and recommendations regarding the specific schemes for partial implementation of SPS arrangements for suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids;
- (3) RECALLS that on 12 October 2011, the Commission adopted a 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<sup>1</sup>, which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies;
- (4) CONSIDERS, in this context, that the Court's recommendations could be taken into account in the proceedings on the above proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> 15396/11 + REV 1, REV 2 (NL), REV 3