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| Subject: | Special report No 1/2013 from the European Court of Auditors entitled |
| | "Has the EU support to the food-processing industry been effective and efficient in adding value to agricultural products?" *- Draft Council conclusions* |

Delegations will find attached draft Council conclusions on the special report No 1/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Has the EU support to the food-processing industry been effective and efficient in adding value to agricultural products?",  prepared by the Presidency in light of the discussions at the Working Party on 19 September 2013.

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**DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**

**on Special report No 1/2013 from the European Court of Auditors entitled**
**"Has the EU support to the food-processing industry been effective and efficient in adding**
**value to agricultural products?"**

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(1)  WELCOMES Special Report No 1/2013 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Has the EU support to the food-processing industry been effective and efficient in adding value to agricultural products?";

(2)  RECALLS that on 17 October 2011, the Commission adopted a 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)[1], aimed at providing, inter alia, a new regulatory framework for EU support to the food processing industry;

(3)  WELCOMES the Commission's reply that the Court's recommendations concerning the ex-ante evaluation of measures, the selection criteria for operations, and the improvement of the common monitoring and evaluation system are reflected in the above proposal, and that steps have been taken to promote the exchange of best practices.

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