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From: Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

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?"
- Adoption of Council conclusions

1. At its meeting on 19 September 2013, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) examined 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?" (doc. 8312/13¹).
2. At its meeting on 22 October 2013, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) reached agreement on draft Council conclusions on the above report.

¹ The report is to be found on the Court of Auditors' website:
<http://eca.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/publications/auditreportsandopinions/specialreports>

3. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopt the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.
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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)², 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.

² 15425/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de)