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### **SUMMARY RECORD**

Subject: 1468th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)

held in Brussels on 14 October 2013

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#### 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

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The agenda was approved.

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### 2. Summary record of the 1467<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCA

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The <u>SCA</u> approved the summary record.

II

# 3. Proposal for a Council Regulation determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products

 Examination of Presidency revised text 13949/13 AGRI 593 AGRIORG 113

The <u>SCA</u> endorsed the Presidency revised text set out in document 13949/13 as amended in light of the agreement in the SCA on the inclusion of Article 2d and on the increase of the minimum allocation for Member States in the School Fruit Scheme. Two delegations (DE and UK) were unable to support the text. GR and CY reserved their position.

The <u>SCA</u> further took note of the Presidency's intention to finalise the text and to submit it to the SCA for approval as an 'I' item with a view to adoption by Council as an "A" item. One delegation (CY) entered a reserve on the procedure, noting that the issue should remain open and discussed further in a future SCA meeting given the importance of the issues raised by the delegations that are still not satisfied with the text.

# 4. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products

Approval of the final compromise
 13971/13 AGRI 596 AGRIORG 114 CODEC 2100 WTO 222 + ADD 1

The  $\underline{SCA}$  examined the proposed compromise text contained in the fourth column of document 13971/13 + ADD 1.

The <u>SCA</u> approved the text subject to a modification in Article 4(1) in order to meet delegations' concerns, noting that one delegation was unable to support the text (FR), as well as the reaction of the Commission.

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On this basis, the <u>SCA</u> authorised the Presidency to inform the Chair of the EP Environment Committee by letter that, if the European Parliament could adopt the amendments to the Commission proposal as set out in the Council document, including the modification in Article 4(1)<sup>1</sup>,, at first reading, the draft Regulation would, subject to legal linguistic revision, be acceptable to Council.

- 5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down certain transitional provisions on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and amending Regulation (EU) No [RD] as regards resources and their distribution in respect of the year 2014 and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and Regulations (EU) No [DP], (EU) No [HZ] and (EU) No [sCMO] as regards their application in the year 2014
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The <u>SCA</u> agreed the negotiating mandate for the Presidency as set out in the Annex to document 14266/1/13 REV 1, with the addition of the text suggested by the Commission for Article 1(1) on investments in irrigation subject to a silent deadline of 15 October 2013 midday, by which, in the absence of objections from delegations, the addition would be considered as approved and would be included in the Presidency mandate.

<u>Note</u>: After expiry of the silent deadline, the Secretariat established there was insufficient support for the addition suggested by the Commission. The proposed addition was therefore not included in the Presidency mandate.

The <u>SCA</u> also agreed to give the Presidency a flexible mandate to adjust, if necessary, the articulation between the Transitional Regulation and the CAP reform texts, on the understanding that this would not result in any change of substance.

### 6. Any other business

<u>The SCA</u> took note of the concerns expressed by the <u>IT delegation</u> concerning the support rate for losses covered by crop, animal and plant insurances under Article 38(4) as set out in Annex I of the Rural Development Regulation.

### 7. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA on its next meeting on Monday 28 October 2013.

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See doc 13971/1/13 ADD 1 REV 1, pages 6 (Recital (11a)) and 13 (Article 4(1)).