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**Subject : 1434th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)
held in Brussels on 2 July 2012**

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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 1433rd meeting of the SCA

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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. Presentation of the Work Programme of the Cyprus Presidency

The Presidency presented its work programme to the SCA.

4. Information on the State of play on international agricultural trade issues

- *Information from the Commission*

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on international agricultural trade issues.

The SCA also took note of the comments made by delegations as well as of the Commission's readiness to keep the SCA updated, as appropriate, on future agriculture trade related developments.

5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards the regime of the single payment scheme and support to vine-growers

- *Preparation for the next informal trilogue*

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The SCA confirmed by qualified majority the Council position contained in doc. 11635/12 entailing acceptance of all EP amendments but amendment 16 and thus gave the Presidency a mandate for negotiation with the European Parliament with a view to the informal trilogue scheduled for 4 July 2012 in Strasbourg.

6. 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)

- *Orientation debate*

The SCA discussed the issue of exceptional market measures with a view to preparing the orientation debate in the Council on 16 July 2012. The SCA focused in particular on the conditions triggering action and the operation of these measures at Member State and EU level.

The SCA took note of the Presidency's summary, the main points of which were as follows:

- there was very broad support on the importance of the Commission being able to react quickly, flexibly and effectively to crises. Some delegations emphasised that exceptional market measures should only be used when the existing safety net is not sufficient. Delegations also welcomed the proposed horizontal approach to exceptional support measures.

- On the **measures against market disturbance** (Article 154), while some delegations asked for more clarity on the circumstances under which this provision should be used, most delegations thought that it would be counterproductive to go further in specifying the trigger conditions, and that it was preferable to leave a wide margin to the Commission for manoeuvre. The Presidency further noted the views of the Council Legal Service on the use of the urgency procedure for delegated acts and on the need for further legal clarity.
- On the **measures concerning animal diseases and loss of consumer confidence** (Article 155), delegations were largely satisfied with the trigger conditions and the operation of the measures foreseen. While some delegations asked for a higher co-financing rate, others had concerns about the potential budgetary effect of such of a decision.
- On the measures **to resolve specific problems** (Article 156), broad support was noted, although a few delegations had doubts on the distinction between the scope and operation of this provision and Article 154. The Presidency also noted the views held by some on the need to extend the measures foreseen in Article 156 to cover additional remedial actions.

7. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of its next meeting on Monday 9 July 2012.