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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Statement from Spain, France and Italy on Market crisis

Delegations will find in Annex the statement on the above subject submitted by the Spanish, French and Italian delegations to be presented under "Any other business" at the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") at its session on 27-28 June 2016.

Statement from Spain, France and Italy on Market crisis

The Ministers of Agriculture of Spain, France and Italy consider that the dairy, fruit and vegetable, pigmeat and beef sectors are facing a deep market crisis with serious consequences for farmers, so additional measures should be envisaged at EU level.

In particular, ES, FR and IT encourage the European Commission to reinforce the current measures through:

- The allocation of EU funds to support the reduction or stabilization of milk production on a voluntary basis, in order to contribute to the reduction of the internal production and to rebalance the milk market. The measure should be in place until real balance of the market is achieved or until the developments of the market show that the balance would be really achievable.
- The increase in current amounts of support for market withdrawals in the fruit and vegetable sector within the framework of the revision of Regulation 543/2011, in order to provide producers with an effective market management tool.
- The private storage for pigmeat and specific measures for beef.

Additionally, ES, FR and IT recall the need for an increase of the level of de minimis aid up to EUR 30 000 and the adjustment of the national limits accordingly.
