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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products – Adoption

1. On 6 October 2016 the Commission submitted the above proposal, based on Article 43(3) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Special Committee on Agriculture examined this proposal and at its meeting on 28 November 2016 could endorse it as amended, on the basis of the text revised by the legal-linguists. During the meeting, Poland indicated its intention to oppose the adoption of the proposal.
3. In light of the above, the Special Committee on Agriculture recommends that the Council:
 - approve the draft Council Regulation as set out in document 14148/16 at one of its forthcoming meetings;
 - record the attached statement in its minutes.

Statement of the Commission for the minutes of the Council

The Commission confirms that paragraph 2 of the new Article 1a of Regulation No 1370/2013 provides for a regular review of the reference thresholds, taking account of objective criteria, notably developments in production, costs of production (in particular prices of inputs), and market trends. It undertakes to inform the Council of the results of this review in 2017.
