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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 1539th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) held in
Brussels on 5th December 2016

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted. At the request of the Cyprus delegation, the SCA agreed to add an any other business item.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1538th meeting of the SCA**
15030/16 CRS CSA 18

The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Strengthening farmers' position in the food supply chain and tackling unfair trading practices**

- Revised draft Council conclusions
14531/2/16 REV 2 AGRI 618 AGRILEG 177

The SCA took note of the comments from the delegations and the Commission on the revised draft Council conclusions. The Presidency will take these into account as far as possible in preparing a new revised draft of the Council conclusions for consideration at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council in December.

4. **G20 Agriculture Ministerial meeting, 22 January 2017, Berlin**

- Draft updated Guidelines for the EU position
14984/16 AGRI 642 WTO 337 DEVGEN 266 ENV 747 ONU 134

The SCA examined the revised Guidelines (14984/1/16) for the G20 Agriculture Ministerial meeting, taking note of delegations' and of the Commission's comments. Delegations may provide further written comments on the revised Guidelines until Thursday, 8 December in order to ensure their timely finalisation.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007**

Interinstitutional file: 2014/0100 (COD)

- Debriefing of the last trilogue
- Mandate for the next trilogue
14863/16 AGRILEG 182 CODEC 1742 + ADD 1
15109/16 AGRILEG 189 CODEC 1798

The SCA took note of the debriefing of the last trilogue and gave orientations on the Presidency compromise texts on several main outstanding political issues as set out in document 15109/16. The Presidency took note of the comments made by delegations and of the absence of a mandate for the next trilogue.

The next trilogue will take place on 7 December. An additional SCA meeting is scheduled on 9 December in order to prepare the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 12-13 December. The Ministers will be informed on the state of play of the negotiations.

6. **Agriculture and climate change**

14970/16 AGRI 640 CLIMA 163 ENV 744

- a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0231 (COD)

11483/16 CLIMA 92 ENV 511 ENER 293 TRANS 315 AGRI 432 COMPET 432
ECOFIN 730 CODEC 1098 IA 55 + REV 1 (da, it) + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1
(da, it)

- b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0230 (COD)

11494/16 CLIMA 93 ENV 512 AGRI 434 FORETS 35 ONU 88 CODEC 1101
IA 56 + ADD 1

- Exchange of views on agricultural aspects

In view of preparing the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council in December, the SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, the questions for Ministers prepared by the Presidency in document 14970/16 and the preliminary reflections expressed by delegations. The Presidency informed the SCA about its intention to send after the exchange of views at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council a letter to the President of the "Environment" Council, with copy to Commissioners Hogan and Arias Cañete, containing the political messages regarding the concerns of Agriculture Ministers related to agricultural aspects of these two proposals.

Any other business

- Cyprus on domestic support under the WTO
= Request from the Cyprus delegation

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission in response to the request from the Cyprus delegation.

7. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council of 12 and 13 December 2016, on which occasion a couple of delegations confirmed or informed about AOB requests. The Presidency also confirmed the holding of an additional SCA meeting on 9 December in the afternoon (see point 5).

The future Maltese Presidency informed the SCA about the dates of the first SCA meeting (16 January 2017) and "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council (23 January 2017) under their mandate, and briefly outlined the main priorities of their programme, which will be comprehensively announced during the SCA on 16 January 2017.
