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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

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Interinstitutional file: 2016/0231 (COD)

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Interinstitutional file: 2016/0230 (COD)

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- = Exchange of views on agricultural aspects

14970/16 AGRI 640 CLIMA 163 ENV 744

The Council held a public exchange of views on the agricultural aspects of the proposals on the Effort Sharing Regulation and on the LULUCF Regulation on the basis of a Presidency note as set out in 14970/16. The delegations were of the view that in preparation of these proposals, the Commission has generally followed the guidance given by the European Council Conclusions of 2014. However, they stressed the importance of food security and the need to achieve the climate objectives in a way that does not jeopardise sustainable food production. Several delegations were of the view that flexibilities in these proposals could be more balanced. It was acknowledged that agriculture is a victim of climate change but can be also part of the solution, especially when using new technologies.

The Council took note of the comments made by the delegations and the Commission.

The President of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council will send a letter to the President of the "Environment" Council, summarising the outcome of the debate.

6. **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 [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2014/0100 (COD)

= Progress report

15105/16 AGRILEG 188 CODEC 1795

The Council took note of the Progress Report as set out in 15105/16. The Presidency also briefed the Ministers about the result of the last trilogue with the EP. Many delegations took the floor, and supported the view expressed by the EP and the Presidency that some time for reflection is needed on this dossier concerning the way forward.

The Commission showed its willingness to conclude on this file, and will not withdraw its proposal.

The main outstanding issues are: pesticides, seeds, derogations and phasing out of these derogations, data collection and greenhouses.

7. **Any other business**

Agriculture

a) **Regional Symposium on Agroecology for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems in Europe and Central Asia (Budapest, 23-25 November 2016)**

= Information from the Hungarian delegation

15241/16 AGRI 657 ENV 770 CLIMA 174

The Council took note of the information from the Hungarian delegation regarding the symposium on agroecology as set out in 15241/16. The Council also took note of the comments made by the delegations and the Commission.

b) **The Commission's winter package: Agricultural and forestry aspects, in particular biomass**

= Information from the Austrian delegation, supported by the Polish delegation

15334/16 AGRI 663 ENER 434 ENV 780 CLIMA 175 FORETS 65

The Council took note of the information provided by the Austrian delegation on agricultural and forestry aspects of the winter package, in particular biomass, as set out in 15334/16. The Council also took note of the comments made by the delegations and the Commission.

c) **Agricultural and rural development and migrations in the Mediterranean zone: Contribution of CIHEAM**

= Information from the Greek, Spanish, French, Italian, Maltese and Portuguese delegations

15328/16 AGRI 662 AGRISTR 75

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The Council took note of the information from the French, Italian, Greek, Maltese, Portuguese and Spanish delegations on the contribution of CIHEAM to the issue of agricultural and rural development and migrations in the Mediterranean zone.

d) **EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste**

= Information from the Commission on the state of play

15385/16 AGRI 667 DEVGEN 275 ENV 788 CLIMA 178

The Council took note of the update from the Commission on the state of play regarding the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste as set out in 15385/16. The Council also took note of the comments from the delegations.

e) **Implementation of the new Regulation on protective measures against plant pests**

= Information from the Commission

15096/16 AGRI 649 PHYTOSAN 42 AGRILEG 187

The Council took note of the information from the Commission in relation to the implementation of the new Regulation on protective measures against plant pests as set out in 15096/16. The Council also took note of comments made by delegations.

f) **Plant breeders' rights**

= Information from the Presidency

15346/1/16 AGRI 665 SEMENCES 20 PI 149 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and by the Commission regarding plant breeders' rights. The Council also took note of comments made by delegations.

g) **Acceleration of sustainable plant protection**

= Information from the Presidency

15337/16 AGRI 664 PHYTOSAN 44 PESTICIDE 5

The Council took note of the update from the Presidency on the state of play of the implementation of the Plan on acceleration of Sustainable Plant Protection as set out in 15337/16. The Council also took note of the comments from the Commission representative.