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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

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The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1547th meeting of the SCA**

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The SCA approved the summary record. The German delegation pointed out that, in their view, the wording in the second bullet point of item 4 (Spirit drinks Regulation) did not fully reflect the discussion that took place and the positions of Delegations.

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3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus proposal) (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0282 (COD)

= Approval of the final compromise text

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The SCA approved the Council position on the agricultural provisions of the Omnibus proposal as set out in document 7985/17.

The CZ and PL delegations have entered statements, which can be found in the Annex to this Summary record.

4. **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)

= State of play
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The Presidency debriefed delegations on the outcome of discussions that took place in recent drafting group meetings, dealing with controls, databases, unpacked products and end of derogations. The SCA took note of the comments expressed by the Commission and the Member States.

5. **EU-Morocco trade and agriculture agreement**

= State of play following recent ECJ ruling

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission and the EEAS, as well as of delegations' comments.

6. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 24 April 2017 and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 May 2017.

Statement by the Czech Republic on young farmers

The Czech Republic welcomes that agreement has been reached on the compromise package for the Council position on the agricultural provisions of the Omnibus proposal, although some provisions divert from the original purpose of simplification.

The Czech Republic deems that the compromise text could have been even more ambitious, in particular with regard to the support for young farmers taking into account that the generation renewal represents one of the major challenges for the European agriculture.

The Czech Republic therefore regrets the Council's decision, based on the positions of a very limited number of Member States, to reject the original Commission proposal to increase the outreach of the young farmers scheme by deleting paragraph 9 of Article 50 of the Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 and thus abolishing the maximum hectare limits per beneficiary for which such support can be granted. The Czech Republic considers this a missed opportunity for young farmers and hopes that generation renewal, as a top priority, will be supported through real action within the future CAP modernization agenda.

Poland's statement on Omnibus proposal (agricultural provisions)

Poland considers that the following three amendments, which were not incorporated in the Presidency compromise, deserve further consideration and final acceptance:

- 1) on application of reduction coefficients in cases of overshooting the quantitative limits for VCS for a given sector (amendment to Article 52(6) of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013);
- 2) on financial ceiling for protein crops in voluntary coupled support (amendment to Article 53(3) of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013);
- 3) on application of reduction of payments – enabling Member States to review their decision on subtracting the salaries from reduction basis as from 2018 (amendment to Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013)

The amendment on application of reduction coefficients under voluntary coupled support gained a broad support from many Member States as it provides for legal certainty and simplification while respecting basic assumptions of the scheme.

Poland considers that Member States should be able to adjust the level of support for protein crops (below 2% of the national limit for direct payments) in order to ensure that it corresponds to the changing external conditions, without necessity to decrease the total envelope dedicated for VCS.

The amendment on capping did not meet with opposition from Member States and it would enable to address the issue of unemployment in rural areas where there is an accumulation of social problems.

Having that in mind Poland encourages the three institutions to include these amendments into final compromise text of the Omnibus regulation.