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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

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The agenda was approved.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1484th meeting of the SCA**

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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the provisions concerning producer organisations, operational funds and operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector since the 2007 reform ("Report on the fruit and vegetables regime")**

- Presidency revised draft Council conclusions
9281/1/14 REV 1 AGRI 333 AGRIORG 79
10344/14 AGRI 392 AGRIORG 91

The SCA held a discussion on the Presidency revised draft Council conclusions and took note of the Presidency's intention for the SCA to revert to this issue at its next meeting.

4. - **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards the aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational establishments**

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- **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**

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- Orientation debate

The SCA held an orientation debate on the three key issues identified by the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions, namely the legal basis, the scope and the allocation criteria.

The SCA further took note of the Presidency's intention to present its progress report to the SCA at its next meeting.

5. **The future of the dairy sector**

- Request from the Austrian, French and Spanish delegations
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10358/14 AGRI 358 AGRIORG 92

The SCA took note of the requests of the Austrian, French and Spanish delegations. The SCA also took note of the comments made by delegations, as well as of the reaction from the Commission's representative.

The SCA noted the Presidency's intention to return to this issue at its next meeting on the basis of a draft text for Council conclusions on the future of the dairy sector.

6. **Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on agreements between the European Union and third countries on trade in organic products**

- Examination of the draft Council Decision
8122/14 AGRI 250 AGRILEG 76 + ADD 1 **RESTREINT UE**

The Presidency gave the delegations another opportunity to express their views on the draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on agreements between the EU and Third countries on trade in organic products. It was agreed that a reference to the SCA would be inserted in Article 3. Some delegations requested the possibility to review this mandate once the current revision of the legislation on organic farming would be terminated and also to inform the Council of the opening of negotiations. Several delegations wished to introduce a revision clause. Therefore, the Presidency presented two amendments to the draft directives*. The Presidency indicated the date of Thursday 5 (noon) as deadline for the silent procedure and proposed to forward the draft for adoption under an A item procedure at the forthcoming "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council.

*Amendments proposed by the PRES:

11. The Commission shall return to the Council in order to get new directives if and when a new legislation on organic farming has been adopted and in any case no later than [three] years after the adoption of the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on agreements between the European Union and third countries on trade in organic products.
12. Before initiating negotiations with a third country the Commission shall inform the Special Committee referred to in the above Decision.

7. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on the case for a local farming and direct sales labelling scheme**

– Orientation debate

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The Presidency gave the delegations a further opportunity to exchange views on this dossier in light of a Presidency non-paper which analysed the three possible options for handling it ((1)stand-alone labelling scheme, (2)optional quality term, or (3)*status quo*). Delegations were divided. Some of them were in favour of option 2 while many others were in favour of maintaining the status quo (option 3). The Presidency concluded that a majority of delegations would prefer maintaining the *status quo*, and therefore the SCA should not encourage the Commission to develop a new certification scheme to promote local farming and direct sales at EU level.

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on the case for an optional quality term "product of island farming"**

- Presidency suggested draft Council conclusions

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The Presidency presented draft Council conclusions to delegations on the report from the Commission on the case for an optional quality term "product of island farming". Several delegations expressed their opposition towards the draft document while a few others supported it. The Presidency will take into account the comments expressed by delegations during the meeting.

9. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on its next meeting on 10 June.