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Brussels on 17 November 2014

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was approved.

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2. **Summary record of the 1493rd meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

- Outcome of the written consultation
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The SCA confirmed that it had no intention to object to the delegated act and it assumed that the Council does not intend to object to it.

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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**

- Presidency compromise text
15460/14 AGRILEG 221 CODEC 2233

Delegations expressed their views on the compromise text. Most delegations were of the view that the text is a step in the right direction and that they can generally support the new amendments providing more flexibility for mixed farms and for the derogations to the rules on production of plant, livestock, seaweed and aquaculture animals.

On the scope, opinions diverged: many delegations took the view that Annex I should constitute an essential element that can be only modified by the ordinary legislative procedure; several delegations supported the possibility to supplement Annex I by delegated acts and some others would prefer to stick to the current legislation (categories). Many delegations found it necessary to discuss the dossier at the technical level.

The Commission representative supported the efforts of the Presidency, took the view that the new compromise text was heading in the right direction and indicated that its Institution would support moving rapidly forward on this dossier. The SCA took note of the amendments presented by the Presidency. The Presidency will continue its work and will submit a new compromise text to the next SCA. The Presidency recognised the need to examine some technical details at the Working Party level.

5. Strengthening of EU policies for young farmers

- Exchange of views
15127/14 AGRI 681 AGRIORG 151 + COR 1

The SCA had an exchange of views on the content of the Presidency paper on strengthening of EU policies for young farmers set out in docs. 15127/14 + COR 1. Furthermore the SCA took note of the comments made by delegations and of the Presidency intention to come back to the issue at a next meeting.

6. Error rate for agricultural expenditure

- Exchange of views
14932/14 AGRI 666 AGRIORG 147 AGRIFIN 139 AGRISTR 59

The SCA took note of the comments made by delegations and the Commission representative. The Presidency informed the SCA that it would try to table draft Council conclusions on this subject ahead of the next SCA meeting on 1 December 2014.

Any other business

- Approval of rural development programmes

The SCA took note of the Belgian, Spanish and Cyprus delegations' comments and of the Commission representative's reply.

7. Organization of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA that its next meeting would take place on 1st December 2014.