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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
16282/14 OJ CSA 24

The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1495th meeting of the SCA**
16285/14 CRS CSA 23

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.of XXX providing for temporary exceptional aid to milk producers in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania**

- Outcome of the written consultation
16181/14 AGRI 744 AGRIORG 159 AGRIFIN 152 DELACT 231

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**

- Partial general approach (articles 1-19 and corresponding annexes)
16341/14 AGRILEG 245 CODEC 2409

The Presidency submitted a compromise text with the objective to reach a partial General approach at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 15/16 December. Although acknowledging the hard work undertaken by the Presidency on this dossier and the good progress achieved so far, many delegations were not in a position to support the partial general approach. These delegations were of the view that a progress report would be more appropriate.

In addition, the Presidency submitted a text, "Council political orientations for the future debate on the organic proposal", summarising the main achievements reached on this dossier and providing political guidance for future work, with the view of submitting it also to the Council for approval. The Presidency requested delegations to provide their position on this text by next Thursday noon.

5. **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**

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

- Presidency Progress Report
15891/14 AGRI 732 AGRIFIN 149 AGRIORG 157 CODEC 2329

The SCA took note of the Presidency progress report as set out in document 15891/14, of the views expressed by delegations as well as of the comments made by the Commission representative. Furthermore the SCA took note of the statement made by the Hungarian and Czech delegations that it would be preferable to keep the two schemes separate. The Hungarian delegation also expressed its opposition to other elements of the proposal. The SCA took note of the Presidency's intention to present a slightly revised progress report for the Council to take note at its meeting on 15-16 December 2014.

6. **Strengthening of EU policies for young farmers**

- Revised draft Council conclusions
16030/1/14 REV 1 AGRI 738 AGRIORG 158

The SCA had a discussion on the Presidency revised draft Council conclusions as set out in document 16030/1/14 REV 1 and took note of the comments made by delegations and by the Commission representative.

The SCA further took note of the Presidency's intention to reflect on how to proceed with a view to the Council meeting on 15-16 December 2014.

7. **Error rate for agricultural expenditure**

- Revised draft Council conclusions
15742/1/14 REV 1 AGRI 714 AGRIORG 155 AGRIFIN 148 AGRISTR 64

The SCA approved the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 15742/1/14 REV 1. The Presidency would submit the conclusions as approved by the SCA for adoption by the Council without discussion.

8. **State aid in the Republic of Cyprus in the form of a tax exemption on motor fuel used for agricultural purposes**

- Draft Council Decision
15201/1/14 REV 1 AGRI 688

The SCA unanimously approved the draft Council Decision, with the Belgian, Danish, Netherlands and UK delegations indicating their intention to abstain when voting. The SCA also agreed that after the completion of the legal-linguistic revision exercise, the draft Council Decision be submitted directly to the Council for adoption in its final version to be set out in document 15254/14.

9. **Organization of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the preparation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 15-16 December 2014.
