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Brussels on 20 May 2015

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted. At the request of the Cyprus delegation, the CSA agreed to add an other business item concerning the rural development programmes.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1505th meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **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**
– State of play and further steps

The Presidency informed the SCA on the outcome of the discussions that took place during the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 May on this file. The Presidency stressed that, although many delegations were ready to go for a general approach, the Council could not conclude, in particular because of the divergent views expressed by Ministers on the two sensitive issues on "residues" and "controls". These issues need to be further discussed and solved. The Presidency indicated that documents 8322/15, 8576/15 and the room document distributed during the Council meeting on 11 May should serve as a basis for further discussions. The Presidency urged delegations to show some flexibility in order to reach a general approach at the Council in June.

4. **Commission delegated regulation (EU) No.../... of 23.04.2015 supplementing regulation (EU) No 1144/14 of the European Parliament and of the Council on information provision and promotion measures concerning agricultural products implemented in the internal market and in third countries**
– Information from the Commission
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The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission representative on the delegated act. The SCA also took note of the Commission's reply to the question raised by one delegation. Delegations did not indicate their intention to raise objections to the delegated act.

5. **Meeting of G 20 Agriculture Ministers**

- Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the G20 Agriculture Ministers meeting as well as of comments from the Dutch delegation.

6. **Future work of the Special Committee on Agriculture**

- Exchange of views
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While the note on future work set out in doc. 6587/15 + COR 1 met with a large support, delegations formulated several comments. The Presidency will reflect how best to take them into account with a view to having this note endorsed at the SCA in Riga.

7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015**

- Preparation for agreement at first reading

The Presidency updated delegations on the state of play with the financial discipline proposal and the SCA agreed in principle that, in the case EP's COMAGRI approves the Commission's proposal without amendments on 28 May, the SCA chair will send a letter to the COMAGRI chair informing him that if no amendments to the Commission's proposal are introduced and adopted in the EP plenary (9 June), the Council will adopt the legislative act accordingly.

8. **State aid in the Republic of Poland in national aid for the implementation of the biosecurity programme in the years 2015-2018 aimed at preventing the spread of African swine fever as regards payment of compensation to farmers who give up keeping pigs voluntarily**

- Exchange of views
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This item was withdrawn.

9. Any other business

Rural development programmes

- Requested by the Cyprus delegation

The SCA took note of the Cypriot comments (supported by 5 delegations), regarding the Commission's statement in the EP concerning the possible prolongation of the eligibility period for the rural development programmes of the 2007-2013 period. The SCA also took note of the Commission's explanations and of the information that the Commission will soon take a decision on the appropriate actions to follow concerning such a prolongation.

10. Organization of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next meeting of the SCA as well as on the preparation of the informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers in Riga on 2 June 2015.
