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AND FISHERIES**) held in Luxembourg on 16 June 2015

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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

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Interinstitutional file: 2014/0100 (COD)

– General approach

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Several delegations expressed the view that, although the text did not take into account all their wishes, it had reached a delicate balance and therefore they were ready to support it in a spirit of compromise. Few delegations expressed their disappointment and regretted the lack of ambition of the text, in particular concerning the decertification procedure of organic products in which contamination is detected and the frequency of controls. These delegations were of the opinion that the rules on these matters should have been strengthened and fully harmonised in order to ensure a high level of trust of consumers in organic products.

During the meeting, the Presidency suggested some fine tuning in Articles 26b, 26e and 26f by circulating a room document which amended the Presidency compromise text (doc. 9750/15).

In order to reach an agreement, the Presidency agreed to shorten the "opt-out" period (until 31 December 2020) for those few Member States having already in place their own rules (at the date of 31 December 2015) providing that products containing non-authorised products and substances above a certain threshold cannot be marketed as organic. In addition, the Presidency introduced the following changes: the period between two physical on-the-spot inspections has been shortened to 30 months and the criteria to determine risk profile will be defined via an implementing act.

The Council reached thus a general approach on the basis of doc. 9750/15 amended by the above mentioned room document (the final text is reflected in doc. 9750/15 REV1).

Five delegations voted against the Presidency compromise text (BG, BE, CZ, SK, DK) and two delegations abstained (CY and HR).

The Italian delegation, while supporting the Presidency compromise text, made a statement. This statement (as set out in the Annex) was supported by Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Romania and Slovenia.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

5. Any other business

Agriculture

a) Current legislative proposal

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health (First reading)**
 - Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the provisional agreement reached between the three Institutions on the proposal for a Regulation on Animal Health.
