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Brussels on 8th February 2016

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted. The Presidency accepted to add an AOB item requested by the Cyprus delegation.

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2. **Summary record of the 1521st 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**

– Information from the Presidency on the outcome of the last trilogue

The SCA took note of the outcome of the last trilogue held on 28 January 2016 and of the Presidency's intentions on this file. The SCA also took note of the comments provided by the delegations and the Commission.

4. **Greening of the CAP – state of play of the public consultation**

– Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the consultation on the application of the greening obligations under the direct payment scheme, and of the comments of delegations.

5. **Market situation**

– Information from the Commission
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The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission representative on the market situation and on the implementation of the market measures taken so far. It also took note of the comments of delegations and the reaction of the Commission, in preparation of the debates to be held in Council "Agriculture and Fisheries" at its February and March 2016 sessions.

6. Long term strategy for agricultural research

- Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the comments made by a number of delegations about the draft "Strategic approach to EU agricultural research and innovation", including as regards the outcome of the recent conference on the subject, which will be subject to an exchange of views at the Council "Agriculture and Fisheries" on 15 February on the basis of a document to be provided by the Commission.

7. Any other business

a) **Methodology for the handling of ECA Special reports at the SCA**

- Information from the Presidency

The SCA took note of the proposed methodology of the Presidency with regard to the possible examination by the SCA of certain aspects in ECA special reports and of the comments made by a number of delegations. Council conclusions will continue to be drafted and approved in accordance with the procedure set out in doc. 7515/00 + COR 1. SCA delegations will be informed about the publication of ECA special reports and in case delegations identify certain aspects in special reports, which go beyond the remit of AGRIFIN, e.g. as regards possible longer-term policy or CAP legislative implications, they should inform the Presidency accordingly. The Presidency will then assess whether or not the SCA should examine the identified aspects in these special reports. The views of the SCA on the special reports examined shall be reflected in the minutes of the SCA meeting.

b) **Simplification of Marketing Standards**

- Requested by the Visegrad Group plus Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia
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The SCA took note of the information from the CZ delegation who was supported by several delegations. In addition, the SCA took note of the explanations given by the Commission and comments provided by the delegations.

- c) **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
– Requested by the Cyprus delegation

The SCA took note of the request of the Cyprus delegation regarding the scope of the limitation of aid to the milk component, stating that there is no provision on maximum aid per portion for fresh milk and cheese and asking for clarification from the Commission in this respect, and of the clarification by the Commission representative agreeing with this delegation's statement and confirming that this limitation only applies to Annex V products.

8. **Organization of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the upcoming Council "Agriculture and Fisheries" meeting on 15 February 2016 as well as on the next SCA meeting on 7 March 2016.