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SUMMARY RECORD

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

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The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1524th meeting of the SCA**

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The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 and (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards the aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (First reading) (LA + S)**

– Adoption of the legislative act

7154/16 CODEC 313 AGRI 138 AGRIFIN 24 AGRIORG 18 + ADD 1

PE-CONS 75/15 AGRI 682 AGRIFIN 118 AGRIORG 100 CODEC 1759

The SCA adopted the legislative act.

4. **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**

– Adoption

7051/16 AGRI 125 AGRIORG 15

15436/15 AGRI 684 AGRIORG 101

The SCA adopted the proposal as set out in doc. 7051/16.

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5. **Market situation**

– Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the update provided by the Commission on the market situation, notably in the dairy, pigmeat and fruit and vegetables sectors, and of the implementation of the package of measures endorsed in March as well as of its explanations regarding State aid related measures. The SCA also took note of the preliminary questions and positions of delegations, and of the Commission's reaction.

The SCA will revert to this issue at its next meetings and at the Council in April.

6. SRSP (Structural Reform Support Program)

– Information from the Commission

The Commission presented technical details about its proposal on the SRSP (doc. 14790/15), in particular with regard to the amendment of the EAFRD Regulation (No 1305/2013), which is currently being negotiated in the Financial Counsellors Working Party. During the discussion, certain delegations sought information about the implementation of the EU budget: the Commission's monthly implementation reports on the use of budgetary allocations can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/budget/biblio/documents/2016/2016_en.cfm. This information is also forwarded by the GSC to delegations in the Council's Budget Committee. The GSC also forwards to delegations (AGRI, AGRIFIN) the regular reports from the Commission on EAGF expenditure Early Warning System, with the last one distributed on 5 February (doc. 5878/16).

7. European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

– Information/presentation from the Commission

The Commission informed delegations how EFSI could help supporting strategic investments in the agriculture sector and overcoming current market failures in the sector. The Commission representative is expected to inform Ministers likewise at the forthcoming "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11 April.

8. G20 Agriculture Deputies Meeting

– Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the G20/G7 activities in the field of agriculture and of next steps, in particular as regards the preparation of EU Guidelines for the upcoming G20 Agriculture Ministerial to which the SCA will revert on 18 April, of delegations' comments, as well as of the Commission's update on the calendar for the next steps in the EU-Mercosur negotiations and of delegations' remarks in this respect.

9. Any other business

- Public intervention and aid for private storage
 - Requested by the Lithuanian delegation

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Lithuanian delegation and supported by BE/BG/CZ/EE/IE/EL/ES/HR/LV/LU/HU/PL/SK/FI/SE delegations, as well as of the Commission's reaction.

10. Organization of future work

With regard to three recent special reports from the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the Presidency invited those delegations, who wish to discuss these reports in the SCA to produce a paper clearly indicating which aspects in these reports go beyond the remit of AGRIFIN, e.g. as regards possible longer-term policy or CAP legislative implications.

The Presidency informed the SCA on the preparation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 11 April 2016 in Luxembourg as well as on the next SCA meeting on 18 April.
