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(**Agriculture** and Fisheries), held in Brussels on 6 November 2017

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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).

"A" ITEMS

2. Approval of "A" items

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13620/17

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 13620/17.

"B" ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

3. Report on the sustainable use of pesticides



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Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views

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
(Public debate [proposed by the Commission])

The Council had an exchange of views on the Commission report on the sustainable use of pesticides.


The Commission representative presented the main elements of the report, acknowledging the substantial progress made by Member States but also highlighting the shortcomings identified.

During the following exchange of views, Ministers generally welcomed the Commission report. They considered the following measures to be the most important for achieving the objectives of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides: the exchange of information and awareness raising campaigns, the training of all stakeholders along the chain from production to use of plant protection products, the testing of spraying equipment, research and innovation and the effective implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles. Several Ministers also called for a simplification of the placing on the market of low-risk plant protection products and the further development of non-chemical methods.

Ministers also considered that to ensure the acceleration of the implementation of IPM principles the essential measures were the creation of appropriate monitoring systems for pests and of common risk indicators, the training of users, the increase in relevant research activities and in the use of low-risk plant protection products and non-chemical methods. Several Ministers stressed the importance of the provision of adequate financial support, for example through the Common Agricultural Policy.

6. a) **Outcomes of the Summit for Equal Quality of Products for All (Bratislava, 13 October 2017)**  13474/17
Information from the Slovak and Czech delegations
(Public debate [proposed by the Slovak and Czech delegations])) (1)

The Council took note of the information provided by the Slovak and Czech delegations on the outcomes of the summit for Equal Quality of Products for All. The Council also took note of the interventions from the German, French, Greek, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Austrian and Slovenian delegations, as well as from the Commission representative.

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-  Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
(1) To be decided by qualified majority at the beginning of the meeting.
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