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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
Subject: Working Party on Agricultural Products  
- Establishment and adoption of its Terms of Reference

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1. The current list of Council preparatory bodies (doc. 10075/17) includes separate Working Parties for a number of agricultural products:
  - Working Party on Arable Crops (F.8);
  - Working Party on Sugar and Isoglucose (F.9);
  - Working Party on Fruit and Vegetables (F.10);
  - Working Party on Olive Oil (including table olives) (F.11).
2. Since these products are all regulated by the same basic act, Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, the General Secretariat suggests combining them to create a single **Working Party on Agricultural Products**, with the products covered by the existing Working Parties indicated as sub-areas.
3. Since the lists of sub-areas indicated for Working Parties are non-exhaustive, this would provide greater flexibility. Having a general title followed by an indicative list of sub-areas would also be coherent with the approach followed in other policy areas.

4. The proposed change would also simplify preparations for future Presidencies, by removing Working Parties that meet very rarely from the list of preparatory bodies. The current EE and the incoming BG Presidency support the suggested change.
  5. Against this background, the General Secretariat invites the Permanent Representatives Committee:
    - to establish a Working Party on Agricultural Products replacing Working Parties F.8, F.9, F.10 and F.11; and
    - to endorse the annexed terms of reference.
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**Terms of Reference**

1. A Working Party on Agricultural Products is hereby established.
  2. The objective of the Working Party is to prepare meetings of the Special Committee on Agriculture by examining legislative or non-legislative proposals concerning agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products as defined in Union legislative acts on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products.
  3. The Working Party will be chaired by the rotating Presidency of the Council. It will meet according to need.
  4. These terms of reference may be subject to review, if necessary.
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