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Subject: G20 Agriculture Ministers' meeting, 10-12 May 2019, Niigata (Japan)  
- Draft updated EU Guidelines

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With a view to the G20 Agriculture Ministers' meeting on 10-12 May in Niigata, delegations will find attached in Annex the draft updated EU Guidelines.

**Draft updated EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting  
on 10 – 12 May 2019, Niigata, Japan**

*This note sets out the priorities for the EU and its Member States at the G20 Agriculture Ministers' meeting in Niigata, Japan, on 10 – 12 May 2019. This document is for internal use of the EU delegations.*

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Japan holds the G20 Presidency in 2019 and has scheduled a G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM), on 10 - 12 May 2019 in Niigata.

The Japanese Presidency had established three priority areas for the G20 agriculture work stream: (1) innovation for sustainability, (2) agro-food value chains, and (3) international collaboration to address global issues.

The primary aim of the meeting is to safeguard the G20's commitment to the sustainable future of the global food system and the agricultural sector, and to prevent backsliding on past commitments, particularly on Sustainable Development Goals and tangible aspects of multilateralism, such as a rules-based trading system, the continued endorsement of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Considering the content of the current preliminary draft 2019 G20 Agriculture Ministers' Declaration circulated by the G20 Presidency, the existing EU Guidelines<sup>1</sup> remain broadly relevant and cover several of the issues raised in the draft. The existing EU Guidelines, in addition to the ones below, will serve as the basis for the EU's participation in the negotiations on the final text of the Declaration tabled by the G20 Japanese Presidency.

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1. "EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on 23 June 2011 in Paris" doc.10868/11; "EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Deputies meeting on 17-18 May in Mexico City" doc.8783/12; "Updated EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture ministerial meeting on 7-8 May 2015 in Istanbul" doc. 8453/15; "Updated Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture ministers meeting on 3 June 2016 in Xi'an" doc. 8625/16; "Updated EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting on 22 January 2017, Berlin, Germany" doc.15411/16; "Updated EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting on 27-28 July 2018, Buenos Aires, Argentina" doc. 8831/18.

## **II. GUIDELINES FOR THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

1. On sustainability: the issue is closely linked to the implementation of the agricultural policy-related Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030; the Guidelines of 2016 apply;
2. On healthy soils and the environment, the Guidelines of 2018 apply;
3. On innovation, particularly information and communication technologies (ICT) in agriculture: the Guidelines of 2016 and the Guidelines of 2017 apply;
4. On food loss and waste: the Guidelines of 2016 and the Guidelines of 2015 apply;
5. On Agriculture trade and investment: the Guidelines of 2016 apply, and we re-emphasize the efforts to promote responsible agriculture investment and trade and to engage the private sector and others stakeholders;
6. On transparency of agricultural markets, in particular the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS): all previous Guidelines apply;
7. On combating Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): the Guidelines of 2017 and the Guidelines of 2016 apply;
8. Coherence with the Development Working Group and other G20 formations should be ensured;
9. The continuation of regular meetings of G20 agriculture ministers should be encouraged to address substantive policy issues.