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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Special Report No 20/2021 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Sustainable water use in agriculture: CAP funds more likely to promote
greater rather than more efficient water use"
- *Approval draft Council conclusions*

In document 10997/22 on page 2, point 4 should read as follows:

4. At its video-meeting on 29 June 2022, WP AGRIFIN reached informal agreement on the draft conclusions related to the Special Report (WK 8776/2022) as set out in the Annex to this note. The suggestion of the Spanish delegation made at the meeting to add "and other types of intervention in the fruit and vegetable sector" in the wording of recital 8 was incorporated in the draft conclusions.

Also, on pages 4 and 5, points 6 and 8 should read as follows:

6. EMPHASISES that Member States are affected differently by water scarcity, as shown in the report of the Court, and that appropriate solutions need to be implemented at national or regional level (including through River Basin Management Plans and supported by future CAP Strategic Plans) and are therefore the responsibility of the Member States;
8. RECALLS FURTHER that the CAP for the period 2023-2027 strengthens the coherence between the CAP and the WFD; the CAP will support the implementation of this Directive through various instruments, such as linking all relevant CAP payments to the observance of national rules implementing certain requirements of the WFD² through the enhanced conditionality and financing investments (rural development and types of intervention in the fruit and vegetable sector) with beneficial effects for water use sustainability;

² See Article 11(3), point (e) on water abstractions, and point (h), as regards mandatory requirements to control diffuse sources of pollution by phosphates of Directive 2000/60/EC.