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1. Adoption of the agenda

5488/23

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1684th meeting of the SCA

5391/23

The SCA approved the summary record.

Discussion items (II)

3. Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

5456/23

Information from the Commission

Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the organisation of the Council debate, of the information provided by the Commission on drivers of food security and the situation of agricultural markets and of delegations' comments and questions.

4. Opportunities of the bioeconomy in the light of current challenges with special emphasis on rural areas

Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA noted the Presidency's information on the organisation of the Council debate on the "Opportunities of the bioeconomy in the light of current challenges with special emphasis on rural areas" and the related comments and questions of the Member States and the Commission.

5. Regulation on the labelling of organic pet food



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Information from the Presidency

Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency and by the Commission on the Proposal for a Regulation on the labelling of organic pet food. The SCA also took note of the comments made by delegations on this subject and the Commission's reaction.

Any other business

6. Drivers of food security

Information from the Commission

This item was taken under item 3.

7. EU-Australia FTA negotiations

Information from the French delegation on behalf of Bulgaria, France, Greece, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, regarding conditioning agricultural tariff preferences regarding sustainability criteria in the UE-Australia FTA negotiations

The SCA took note of the information provided by the French delegation, on behalf of Bulgaria, Ireland, France, Greece, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia, concerning the conditioning agricultural tariff preferences in the EU-Australia FTA negotiations on sustainability criteria. It also took note of the Commission's reaction and Member States' comments.

8. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 13 February 2023 and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 30 January 2023.

Regarding that Council meeting:

- The Hungarian delegation requested an item under "Any other business" on the "Temporary derogation from the maximum threshold allocated for coupled income support measures for claim year 2023".
- The Polish delegation requested an item under "Any other business" on the "Problems with increasing agricultural imports from Ukraine".
- The German delegation requested an item under "Any other business" on the "Agriculture Ministers' Conference 2023 in the context of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (Berlin, 21 January 2023)".

- The Greek delegation informed the SCA that the title of their AOB item (requested at the SCA on 16 January – see doc. 5391/23) was changed to “Ensuring the EU’s resilience and global competitiveness: the need for urgent support and a strategic approach to the agri-food sector”.
- The SCA subsequently agreed that the items requested by the German and Greek delegations would be held in public session in accordance with Article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal
