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

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Subject: Draft Council conclusions on the next steps how to better tackle and deter fraudulent practices in the agri-food chain  
- *Adoption*

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1. On 18 September 2019 the Presidency submitted to the Working Party of Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO Working Party) draft Council Conclusions on food fraud<sup>1</sup>.
2. The draft Council Conclusions were discussed by the CVO Working Party at its meeting of 25-27 September 2019. On the basis of those discussions and a subsequent round of written consultations, the Presidency prepared a revised draft<sup>2</sup> which was discussed at a meeting of the Agricultural Counsellors / Attachés on 29 October 2019.
3. After further elaboration through informal written consultations, the Presidency submitted a new revised draft to the CVO Working Party on 27-28 November 2019<sup>3</sup>. After a discussion, the CVO Working Party agreed<sup>4</sup> on the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Addendum to this note.

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<sup>1</sup> WK 10000/2019.

<sup>2</sup> WK 10000/2019 REV 2.

<sup>3</sup> WK 10000/2019 REV 4.

<sup>4</sup> DK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation which will most probably be lifted on 13 December 2019. FR maintained at this stage a scrutiny reservation on point (22) regretting that its additional drafting suggestion could not be introduced in the text.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:

- to confirm the agreement reached by the CVO Working Party; and
  - to suggest to the Council to adopt at one of its forthcoming sessions, as an "A" item of its agenda, the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Addendum to this note.
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