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MEETING ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 12687/19.

Later on the day, the Council agreed that items 8 g), h) and i) be taken in public session.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

12831/19 + COR 1

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 12831/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Justice and Home Affairs

7. EPPO: Decision appointing the European Chief Prosecutor
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 09.10.2019

12549/19
6966/19
**+ REV 1 (da,el,fi,
et,hu,pl,sk,sl,bg)**
+ REV 2 (cs)
EPPO

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

3. Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities in the
Baltic Sea
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 43.3 of the
TFEU)
Political agreement

C 12849/19

AGRICULTURE

Non-legislative activities

4. **Communication on stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world's forests** 12492/19 + COR 1
11449/1/19 REV 1
+ REV 1 ADD 2-3
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

The Council took note of the presentation provided by the Commission on the communication published in July 2019 on stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world's forests.

Delegations held a policy debate on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency. Ministers welcomed the communication which contains five priorities and 36 key actions. Moreover they broadly supported the Presidency's plan to have Council Conclusions adopted on this topic before the end of 2019.

5. **EU Forest Strategy post-2020** 12491/19
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the future of the Forest Strategy after 2020 on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency. Ministers strongly supported the preparation of a more robust framework to further enhance the coordination and coherence between the EU and Member States' forest related policies.

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation on the Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovenia on Forests, Sustainable Forest Management and Adaptation to Climate Change.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

6. Post-2020 CAP reform package



12693/19 + COR 1

- a) **Regulation on CAP strategic plans**
- b) **Horizontal Regulation**
- c) **Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of agricultural products**

State of play

The Council took note of the Presidency's state of play report on the examination of the Commission proposals for the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy, as set out in document 12693/19 + COR1 (en). The Council also took note of delegations' views on the question proposed therein, which would serve to plan the forthcoming meetings under the Finnish Presidency.

The Council also took note of a statement provided by the French delegation on the CAP budget, signed by the Austrian, Bulgarian, Cyprus, Czech, Estonian, French, Hungarian, Greek, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourg, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish delegations, as set out in document 12894/19, and of delegations' comments.

Non-legislative activities

7. Market situation



Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the latest market developments, the information provided by the Italian delegation, and of delegations' comments.

Any other business

8. Agriculture

- a) **Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Bulgaria, Croatia, and Slovenia on Forests, Sustainable Forest Management and Adaptation to Climate Change**  12883/19
Information from the Czech delegation on behalf of the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak and Slovenian delegations


Item 8 a) was addressed under item 5.

- b) **Statement by the Ministers of Agriculture of Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Spain calling for the CAP budget to meet the new challenges faced by European agriculture and forestry**  12894/19
Information from the French delegation on behalf of the Austrian, Bulgarian, Cyprus, Czech, Estonian, French, Hungarian, Greek, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourg, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish delegations

Item 8 b) was addressed under item 6.

- c) **Serious damage caused by the Asian stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) to the fruit and vegetable sector**  12882/19
Information from the Italian delegation

Item 8 c) was addressed under item 7.

- d) **European Bioeconomy Scene 2019 (Helsinki, 8-10 July 2019)**  12539/19
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the conference "European Bioeconomy Scene 2019", which took place in Helsinki in July 2019, on the basis of doc. 12539/19, and of delegations' reactions to it.

e) Outcome of the Ministerial conference "Strengthening the Generation and Transfer of Knowledge for the Progress of Agriculture and the Rural Areas " (Ptuj, Slovenia, 23 August 2019)
Information from the Slovenian delegation 12886/19

f) Joint declaration of Denmark, Estonia, France, Italy and Latvia on wolf management
Information from the French delegation on behalf of the Danish, Estonian, French, Italian and Latvian delegations 12888/19

g) **Airbus-Boeing WTO dispute: Consequences for the EU agri-food sector** [2] 12885/19
Information from the Spanish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Spanish, Italian and French delegations, of Member States' reactions and of the Commission's comments.

h) **US additional duties on certain European agro-food products** [2] 12884/19
Information from the Italian delegation

Item 8 h) was addressed under item 8 g).

i) **Additional customs tariffs on certain European products entering the US market** [2] 12976/19
Information from the French delegation

Item 8 i) was addressed under item 8 g).

j) **African Swine fever: State of play** [2] 12570/19
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the state of play of the African swine fever situation and of the comments made by several delegations and of the Commission's response to those comments.

- k) **Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Slovenia on combating African Swine Fever (ASF) in the European Union**  12881/19

Information from the Czech delegation on behalf of Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Slovenian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation on the joint declaration on combating African swine fever and other comments made by several delegations and by the Commission.

- l) **Food safety: State of play on the major issues**  12861/19
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the state of play on the major issues in the area of food safety and related activities and of the comments made by several delegations and of the Commission's response to them.

The Council took note of the request of the Belgian delegation concerning recent Listeria cases in the European Union. The Council also took note of the comments made by several delegations and of the Commission's response.

- m) **Recent Listeria cases in the European Union**  13003/19
Information from the Belgian delegation

Item 8 m) was addressed under item 8 l).

MEETING ON TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2019

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities




9. EU-Norway: Annual consultations for 2020
Exchange of views 12702/19
10. ICCAT annual meeting
(Palma de Mallorca, 18-25 November 2019)
Exchange of views 12701/1/19 REV 1

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

11. **Regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**  12660/1/19 REV 1
Partial General approach ⁽¹⁾ 12660/19 ADD 1

The Council reached a Partial General approach on the remaining articles not covered by the Partial General approach concluded in June 2019.

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-  First reading
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
-  Public debate proposed by the Presidency

- (1) When adopting a General approach or a Partial General approach after the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading, the Council is not acting within the meaning of Article 294(4) and (5) TFEU