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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Special Committee on Agriculture

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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Analysis of the final compromise texts with a view to agreement

1. On 1 June 2018, the European Commission published a set of three legislative proposals laying down the legislative framework for the CAP for the period 2021–2027.

The three proposed regulations were:

- the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation (covering a proposed new delivery model with more subsidiarity for Member States, direct payments to farmers, rural development support and sectoral support programmes);
- the Horizontal Regulation (on financing, managing and monitoring the CAP);
- the Amending Regulation (amending regulations on the Single Common Market Organisation, on quality schemes for agri-food products, on aromatised wines and on specific measures for outermost regions and smaller Aegean islands).

2. On 23 October 2020, the European Parliament adopted its position on the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation and the Council reached agreement on its General Approach on 20 October 2020.
3. The inter-institutional negotiations began with a joint trilogue on 10 November 2020, where the co-legislators presented their positions on all three CAP reform proposals. There were ten trilogues dedicated specifically to the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation, in addition to three joint trilogues.
4. At the last of these joint trilogues, held on 24-25 June 2021, a political agreement was found on the outstanding political issues. Further work at technical level was carried out in July 2021 to align the legal text to the outcome of political discussion and to solve the remaining technical issues. This resulted in agreement on the consolidated text of the draft Regulation and its Annexes set out in ADD 1 and ADD 2 to this document.
5. These texts will be subject to confirmation at a final trilogue which will take place on 23 July 2021 before the SCA meeting.

6. In the light of the above, the Presidency invites the Special Committee on Agriculture, at its meeting on 23 July 2021:
- a) to confirm its agreement on the consolidated text in the form of the draft CAP Strategic Plans Regulation set out in ADD 1 to this document, as well as on the Annexes to that Regulation, set out in ADD 2 to this document;
 - b) to agree that the SCA Chair should write to the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament, informing him that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(3) TFEU, in the form set out in the addenda (which would be annexed to the letter), and subject to revision by the lawyer/linguists of both institutions, the Council would, in accordance with Article 294(4) TFEU, approve the European Parliament's position and the act would be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.
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