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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine - Information from the Commission and the Member States - Exchange of views

With a view to the meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 February 2025, delegations will find in the Annex a background document on the above-mentioned subject.

EU agricultural markets show positive signals of recovery to a stable situation. Overall, price levels are in line with historical averages, input prices are declining although they remain above pre-Covid levels, and food inflation has fallen although prices remain high.

The sectors covered by this debate face different challenges to varying degrees. Adverse weather conditions, such as drought or floods, more frequent outbreaks of animal and plant diseases constitute central elements in this debate. Moreover, tensions in EU trade relations and uncertainty in the broader geopolitical context accentuate concerns.

Finally, the challenges in the wine sector relate to structural problems as well as natural events which affect different regions differently at times. Last December, the High-Level Group on Wine Policy issued a set of recommendations aimed at securing the fitness of the EU's wine sector. The Commission is expected to present a proposal to address the pressing needs of the wine sector soon.
