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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2024: Organic farming in the EU: gaps and inconsistencies hamper the success of the policy - <i>Approval of draft Council conclusions</i>

1. The Permanent Representatives Committee instructed the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (WP AGRIFIN) to examine the above-mentioned Special Report in accordance with the rules laid down in the Council conclusions of 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors (doc. 7515/00 + COR 1).
2. At its meeting on 20 November 2024, WP AGRIFIN discussed the above-mentioned Special Report as well as the Commission's replies to the report. In the light of those discussions, the Presidency drew up draft conclusions (doc. 15961/24). A deadline for written comments was set on 2 December. A number of comments were received and addressed in a redrafted text (doc. 15961/24 ADD 1). The revised text was presented in the WP AGRIFIN of 5 December and all Member States agreed to it. The text in doc. 15961/24 ADD 1 is considered final.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is hereby invited to suggest to the Council that it approve the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an 'A' item at a forthcoming session.