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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)  
Subject: Response to the European Court of Auditors' special report No 01/2026:  
Control systems for olive oil in the EU – A comprehensive framework, but  
unevenly applied  
- Approval

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1. On 14 January 2026, the European Court of Auditors (“ECA”) published the above-mentioned special report<sup>1</sup>.
2. ECA carried out this report given the importance of the olive oil sector for the EU (the EU is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of olive oil in the world).
3. Pursuant to the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors<sup>2</sup> and following the designation by the Permanent Representatives Committee<sup>3</sup>, the Special Committee on Agriculture examined Special Report no 01/2026 at its meeting of 23 March 2026.
4. Since the Special Report is not linked to the discharge procedure, the Special Committee on Agriculture considered that no Council conclusions should be drawn up regarding Special Report no 01/2026.

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<sup>1</sup> This special report is available on the Court's website: <https://eca.europa.eu>.

<sup>2</sup> doc. 7515/00 + COR 1.

<sup>3</sup> doc. 7027/26

5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm that no Council conclusions should be drawn up regarding Special Report no 01/2026.

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