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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 09/2026:
European innovation partnership in the common agricultural policy – A key
tool for innovation in EU agriculture falling short of its full potential
- Approval

1. On 26 February 2026, the European Court of Auditors (“ECA”) published the above-mentioned special report¹.
2. ECA carried out this report given the fact that the European innovation partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI) is a key policy tool to foster competitive and sustainable agriculture through collaborative innovation.
3. Pursuant to the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors² and following the designation by the Permanent Representatives Committee³, the Special Committee on Agriculture examined Special Report no 09/2026 at its meeting of 14 April 2026.

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

² Doc. 7515/00 + COR 1.

³ Doc. 7168/26

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 09/2026.
 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 09/2026.
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