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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on:

Special Report No 25/2016 from the European Court of Auditors entitled: "The Land Parcel Identification System: a useful tool to determine the eligibility of agricultural land - but its management could be further improved"

adopted by the Council at its 3552nd meeting held on 20 June 2017.

Council Conclusions

on Special Report No 25/2016 from the European Court of Auditors entitled:

**"The Land Parcel Identification System: a useful tool to determine the eligibility
of agricultural land - but its management could be further improved"**

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- (1) WELCOMES the Court's Special Report 25/2016 on the Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS);
- (2) NOTES the Court's recommendations aimed at improving the LPIS in terms of updating, interpreting and supplementing available information as well as analysing the cost-effectiveness of the system;
- (3) SUPPORTS the goal of simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), including the LPIS, and CONSIDERS that the Commission should focus on the applicability of simplification tools (e.g. the stability threshold) when reviewing the LPIS-related rules, requirements and options for the new CAP post-2020;
- (4) CONSIDERS that any change in LPIS-related rules should be the result of political and legislative decision-making and should be substantiated in the basic acts;
- (5) UNDERLINES in this regard that the administrative costs and burdens involved in maintaining and possibly updating the LPIS should be limited to the extent necessary and should avoid, for instance, that the Member States' paying agencies unnecessarily and too frequently update the reference parcels in the LPIS for minor variations in measured areas;

- (6) CONSIDERS that LPIS generally, including the Court's recommendations in its special report on LPIS, should be addressed further in the context of the discussions on the CAP post-2020, with due account to be given to the objective of reducing administrative costs and burdens.
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