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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1529th meeting of the SCA**
10206/16 CRS CSA 9

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, as regards the applicable quantitative limitation for buying-in skimmed milk powder**
– Adoption
10174/16 AGRI 329 AGRIFIN 69 AGRIORG 52

The SCA adopted the proposal as set out in doc. 10174/16. The Italian statement relating to this item will be included to the minutes of the "General Affairs" Council on 24 June.

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4. **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 10.6.2016 laying down further temporary exceptional support measures for producers of certain fruit and vegetables**
– Follow-up on the written consultation
10161/16 AGRI 327 AGRIFIN 67 AGRIORG 50 DELACT 113 + ADD 1

The SCA took note:

- of the objections of Cyprus and Croatia to the Delegated Regulation and of the comments of other delegations as well as of the Commission's reaction,
- of the absence of a qualified majority against the Delegated Regulation,
- of the absence of a simple majority in favour of an extension of the two-month consultation period. This question was put at Cyprus' request and formulated as such by the Chair on the advice of the Council Legal Service.

5. **Market situation and support measures**
– Update from the Commission

In preparation of the Council discussion the SCA took note of the update by the Commission on market developments and support measures, of the delegations' suggestions and comments, and of the Commission's reaction.

The SCA also took note that it is intended that on 27/28 June the Council would:

- take stock of the implementation of measures and of the market situation,
 - take stock of possible requests for new measures,
 - identify guiding principles for a possible new package of measures, and
- the Commissioner would be invited to outline a possible package to be presented at the July Council.

6. Export credits

- Presentation by the Commission and the EIB

The SCA took note of the presentation by the Commission and the EIB of the conditions that would apply to an EU export credit scheme and to the delegations' suggestions and comments. With a view to continuing the reflection on such a scheme delegations were invited to address the following two questions:

- in view of the analysis and taking into account the constraints of such a scheme, do you consider that there is an added-value in creating an EU export credit guarantee scheme ?
- taking into account the experience of Member States schemes in export credit guarantees what suggestions can be made for the operational management of an EU-level scheme ?

The SCA will return to this item at a later stage on the basis of a summary of Member States' replies.

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

- Progress report
10195/16 AGRILEG 96 CODEC 876

The SCA took note of the presentation made by the Presidency, as a point of information, on the progress reached during its mandate on the dossier on organic products. Although many delegations expressed a scrutiny reservation on document 10195/16, they also welcomed the hard work undertaken by the Presidency and pointed out that this document should be a good basis for future work.

A similar information point will be presented at the forthcoming "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 27/28 June.

8. **Circular Economy from the point of view of agriculture and forestry**

- Exchange of views based on discussion paper from Austria
10291/1/16 REV 1 AGRI 344 ENV 430

The SCA held an exchange of views based on the discussion paper prepared by the Austrian delegation (10291/16 REV 1) and took note of the views of the delegations and of the Commission regarding biomass, fertilisers and food waste. The SCA underlined the horizontal nature of the circular economy and took note of its links with agriculture and forestry, as well as of its importance for the future of agriculture.

9. **Food losses and food waste**

- Examination of the revised draft Council conclusions
10224/16 AGRI 335 DEVGEN 129 ENV 423 CLIMA 72

The SCA took note of broad support to the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 10224/16. The Presidency took note of comments put forward by the delegations, the Council Legal Service and the Commission and will modify the text accordingly. The revised draft Council conclusions will be circulated in a new document in view of their adoption at the Council meeting on 27/28 June as a false B-point.

10. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 27-28 June in Luxembourg. The Slovak delegation informed the SCA on the preparation of the next SCA meeting under its future Presidency.