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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
13920/16 OJ CSA 16

The agenda was adopted.

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2. **Summary record of the 1535th meeting of the SCA**
13784/16 CRS CSA 15

The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **EU Agricultural Research and Innovation**

- Exchange of views
13905/16 AGRI 582 RECH 301

The SCA held an exchange of views on Research and Innovation in the field of agriculture on the basis of a Presidency paper (doc. 13905/16) in preparation of the November "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1299/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus proposal) (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0282 (COD)

- Exchange of views
13216/1/16 REV 1 AGRI 551 AGRILEG 150 AGRIFIN 109 AGRISTR 53
AGRIORG 89 + COR 1

The SCA took note of:

- delegations' interventions on the proposed amendments to the Horizontal and Direct Payments Regulations within the framework of the "Omnibus" proposal (on the basis of doc. 13216/1/16 REV 1 + COR 1 + COR 2); and
- of the Commission's replies to Member States' comments and questions.

The SCA will return to this item on 21 November, focusing on the Rural Development and CMO Regulations.

5. **Export credit for agriculture**

- Information from the Commission
12388/3/16 REV 3 AGRI 494 AGRIFIN 101 AGRIORG 76

The item was postponed to the SCA meeting on 21 November 2016.

6. **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**

- Exchange of views
13746/16 AGRI 570 AGRIORG 90

After consideration of two amendments tabled by the Belgian and Dutch delegations respectively and subject to the usual lawyer-linguist revision, the SCA could endorse the proposal for a Council Regulation as amended on the basis of the amendment tabled by the Dutch delegation.

The SCA took note of the comments of the Council Legal Service, as well as of the Commission, and its intention to table a statement reflecting its commitments regarding the review and possible revision of the reference thresholds, and of delegations' comments.

The General Secretariat was asked to amend the text of the proposal as agreed during the meeting (see doc. 14143/16 + COR 1) and to ensure its linguistic revision in order to allow for the adoption of this Regulation by the Council before the end of the year.

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**

- State of play
- Mandate for the future negotiations
13737/16 AGRILEG 158 CODEC 1533

The SCA took note of the report from the Working Party on organic farming that took place on 25 October and endorsed the Presidency orientations outlined in document 13737/16.

In addition, the SCA gave guidance on three issues highlighted by the Presidency in document 13737/16 and in its flash. On *greenhouses*, many delegations could support the Presidency position (General Approach + DA). Regarding the *EP non-paper on seeds*, a number of delegations was sceptical about the substance of the non-paper, while some other

delegations could support the part on heterogeneous material; many delegations would prefer to see the issue on seed regulated in the horizontal regulation on seeds and not in the organic regulation. On *database on livestock*, many delegations could not support the creation of such database.

The Presidency took note of the comments made by delegations and the Commission. The Presidency will take on board the orientations given by the SCA in view of the future negotiations.

8. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 14/15 November 2016 and on the preparation of the SCA meeting on 21 November 2016.
