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Brussels on 27th February 2017

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted, with the CY delegation opposing.

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2. **Summary record of the 1542nd meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

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3. **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**

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The Presidency noted that the NL, CY, CZ, EL, IT, HR, AT, BE, PL, LT, BG delegations did not support the mandate as proposed¹, but concluded that there was a qualified majority support for the Presidency to proceed with the trilogue on the basis of the mandate. On the advice of the CLS, the level of support was calculated by reference to the voting rules which will be applicable as of 1 April 2017 for the adoption of Council acts. The FR delegation announced the presentation of a statement (see Annex).

4. **The future of the Common Agricultural Policy**

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The SCA took note:

- of delegations' comments regarding the priorities of the future CAP and of the Commission's reaction;
- of the questions that will serve as a basis for the exchange of views at the March "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council.

¹ IT, PL and BG announced scrutiny reservations on the Presidency mandate to resume negotiations with the EP. After the meeting, during the week, IT and PL indicated that they could not support the mandate whilst BG indicated that it could support it.

5. **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)**

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= Exchange of views

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The SCA took note of delegations' and the Commission's initial reactions to the suggested compromise package set out in document 6574/17. Delegations were invited to send written comments by Wednesday, 1 March, close of business. The Presidency will prepare revised compromise suggestions as a basis for further discussion at a forthcoming SCA meeting.

6. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA about the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 6 March 2017, and gave some logistical information about both the SCA meeting and the informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers that will take place in Malta in May 2017.

The EL delegation took the floor to request an AOB point at the Council on 6 March, on coupled aid. So did the PL delegation (on difficulties in the fruit sector), the CZ delegation (on Unfair Trading Practices, together with the SI delegation) and the IT delegation (on the forum of rice-producing countries which took place in Milan on 22 February 2017).

Statement by France to be annexed to the minutes of the Special Committee on Agriculture meeting held on 27 February 2017.

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France welcomes the Maltese Presidency's efforts to strike a balanced compromise in 5936/17.

We would now encourage the Presidency, in the context of future discussions, to continue alignment with the European Parliament's position on the minimum frequency of inspections, in order to ensure there is at least one annual on-the-spot inspection for all operators.

As regards Article 20b 'Measures to be taken in cases of the presence of non-authorised substances', we would point out that the text of the revised mandate does not provide any solutions in terms of compensation for farmers affected by contamination from outside sources. We wish to stress that the rendez-vous clause as set out in the general approach of June 2015 is a better response.

We therefore consider that the text requires further work in future trilogues.
