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Brussels on 7th March 2016

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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 1522nd meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 March 2016**

- a) **Use of financial instruments in the agriculture sector**
– Oral presentation by the Commission

The SCA took note of the update provided by the Commission on the use of financial instruments in the areas of agriculture and rural development, and of the comments made by delegations.

At the forthcoming Council, the Commission and the EIB will be invited to inform Ministers about the use of financial instruments and Ministers will be invited to share their experience and to put questions to the Commission and the EIB.

- b) **Market situation**
– Exchange of views
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The SCA endorsed the summary of contributions set out in document 6284/16 + COR 1 and took note of the exchange of views on the questionnaire included in the above document in preparation of the related "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council debate on 14 March 2016.

The SCA also took note of the positions of delegations and of the Commission's reaction, as well as of the elements thereof which, in the Presidency's view, could lead to a fair degree of convergence in Council.

4. **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 SCA took note of the outcome of the last trilogue that took place on 29 February on this dossier, as well as of the comments made by some delegations and the Commission. The Presidency informed the delegations about its intention to put this file back on the agenda at a forthcoming SCA meeting.

5. **Organization of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the upcoming "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 14 March 2016 as well as on the next SCA meetings.
