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Brussels on 27th March 2017

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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 1546th 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 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)

= Agricultural provisions - draft consolidated text
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The SCA took note of delegations' and the Commission's reactions to the draft consolidated text (see doc. 7527/17) setting out the suggested Council position on the agricultural provisions of the Omnibus proposal. The Presidency will prepare a revised version of this document and a separate note identifying the outstanding political issues to provide a basis for the discussion by Ministers.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs and the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2016/0392 (COD)

= Exchange of views
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The SCA

- held an exchange of views on the two main policy issues;
- on the Commission empowerment, took note that the decision on this issue would be facilitated by considering each provision for which such a delegation of power is envisaged, and that some delegations requested that the period for the delegation of power be limited in time;
- on the geographical indications scheme, took note of delegations' concerns and of the Presidency's intention to continue the proceedings by seeking to address these concerns, given the specificities of the sector.

5. **Simplification: Commission report on the implementation of Ecological Focus Areas**

= Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of:

- the information provided by the Commission on the forthcoming report on the implementation of Ecological Focus Areas (EFAs);
- the fact that the report would be sent to the Council immediately after its adoption on 29 March so as to permit a presentation and discussion at the Council meeting on 3 April.

6. **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 (First reading)**

Interinstitutional file: 2014/0100 (COD)

= Debriefing of the last trilogue

The SCA took note of the debriefing provided by the Presidency on the trilogue meeting that took place on 22 March. The SCA also took note of the comments by the Commission and the delegations.

The Presidency is committed to working on this file and, based on its mandate, will engage in further work in view of preparing the next trilogue.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency expressed their intention to possibly convene an additional SCA meeting in the week of 10 April¹ and informed the SCA about the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 3 April 2017.

The DK delegation requested an AOB item (joint note from DK, EE, FI, LT, LV and SE on the simplification of the CAP after 2020) to be tabled at that Council meeting.

¹ It has been confirmed in the meantime that this additional SCA meeting will take place on 10 April 2017.