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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

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Subject: Special report No 03/2026 from the European Court of Auditors entitled:
"Specific measures to support agriculture in the EU outermost regions –
Help keep agriculture competitive but long-term development uncertain"
- Council conclusions

Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on:

European Court of Auditors' Special report No 03/2026 entitled: "*Specific measures to support agriculture in the EU outermost regions – Help keep agriculture competitive but long-term development uncertain*",

approved by the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) in its 4181st meeting on 12 June 2026.

Final Council conclusions

European Court of Auditors on its Special Report 03/2026 entitled:

“Specific measures to support agriculture in the EU outermost regions – Help keep agriculture competitive but long-term development uncertain”

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. NOTES the Court's Special Report No 03/2026 entitled “*Specific measures to support agriculture in the EU outermost regions – Help keep agriculture competitive but long-term development uncertain*”, which assesses whether the EU programme for the outermost regions (POSEI) effectively addresses the specific needs and constraints faced by these regions in the agricultural sector as outlined in the objectives of POSEI programme;
2. WELCOMES the Court's recommendation to the Commission to undertake together with the member states concerned a review of traditional activities in these regions, which the Commission accepts;
3. TAKES NOTE of the Court's recommendations to the Commission to work together with the member states concerned in order to identify ways of improving crop and livestock diversification, which the Commission accepts;
4. TAKES NOTE of the Court's recommendation to the Commission to better assess the passing on of benefits of import support for essential products to end users via best practices' sharing, which the Commission accepts;
5. SHARES the Commission and member states opinion that this report represents a timely and valuable analysis;

6. ACKNOWLEDGES that outermost regions face more challenging conditions than other regions in the EU and that POSEI programme is an important instrument in dealing with the constraints faced by these regions;
 7. INVITES the Commission to take into account the structural changes that are already taking place in the traditional sectors of the outermost regions in designing the fundings for these regions;
 8. SALUTES Commission's intention to place a particular emphasis on the fair return of income to farmers and on the fair distribution of support.
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