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Subject: Meeting of G20 agriculture ministers (Florence, 17 - 18 September 2021)
- *Information from the Italian delegation*

Delegations will find in Annex a note from the Italian delegation on the above-mentioned subject, to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the meeting of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 11-12 October 2021.

Meeting of G20 agriculture ministers (Florence, 17-18 September 2021)

Under the Italian G20 Presidency and at the invitation of the Minister Stefano Patuanelli, the Agriculture Ministers of the G20 countries and representatives of international organizations met in Florence for the G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting on September 17 and 18, 2021 and adopted the Florence Declaration.

The G20 Agriculture Minister's discussions and declaration focused on food systems sustainability.

Italy intends to inform the EU Agriculture Ministers about the key outcomes of the G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting.

The G20 Agriculture Ministers discussed how to combine the three dimensions of sustainability in food systems: environment, economic and social; they talked about their policies on sustainable agriculture in time of global health emergency and on research as a driving force behind sustainability. They shared their contribution to achieve zero hunger goal and to the upcoming UNFSS and COP 26.

The G20 Agriculture Ministers reiterated their commitment to achieve food security and nutrition for all, and to ensure sustainable and resilient food systems, leaving no one behind.

The Italian G20 Presidency with the purpose of promoting and enriching the global debate on the role of agriculture as a key vehicle for sustainable growth organized the G20 Open Forum on sustainable agriculture on September 16, 2021.

The Forum covered a wide range of topics related to the sustainable development of agriculture and its economic, social, and environmental dimensions. Ministers, country representatives, international and farmers' organizations, producers and private sector representatives participated to the debate.

The informal character of the Forum had the result to promote a multilateral and multi-stakeholder dialogue to share experience on sustainability and to strengthen public private debate. The participation of farmers in the forum, of young women and men, enriched the debate with their experience and point of views.
