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Subject: 1560th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) held in
Brussels on 23rd October 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 1559th meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks**
– Decision not to oppose the adoption (regulatory procedure with scrutiny)
12786/17 AGRI 513 WTO 218
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The SCA invited the Council to confirm, as an "A" item, that it is not opposed to the draft measure proposed by the Commission.

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4. **Trade-related agricultural issues**
In view of the preparation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council
– Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as of the views expressed by delegations. The Presidency will regularly invite the Commission to update the SCA on developments in international trade negotiations relevant to agriculture.

5. **Skimmed Milk Powder stocks management**
– Information from the Commission
WK 10892/2017

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as of the views expressed by delegations and, in view of the generally positive response to the proposal to fix a zero intervention ceiling for SMP for 2018, invited the Commission to pursue the work on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation 1370/2013 with a view to presenting it before the end of the year.

6. **Sustainable soil management**

In view of the preparation of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council

– Exchange of views

13314/17 AGRI 556 ENV 853 CLIMA 282 ONU 137

The SCA took note of the outcome of the High-Level Conference on Soil for Sustainable Food Production and Ecosystem Services organised by the Presidency on 4-6 October 2017 in Tallinn as reflected in document 13314/17.

The SCA took note of the Presidency background paper and the questions contained in document 13314/17 as well as of the comments by a delegation and the Commission ahead of the exchange of views at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 6 November.

Following the exchange of views, document 13314/17 was modified in order to underline that the Conference conclusions were drawn up by the Presidency (the title of the Annex was changed) and to add ", or in some cases increase," in the first question, as reflected in document 13314/1/17 REV 1, which will be the basis of the Council exchange of views.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency provided information on future work, particularly with regard to the Omnibus proposal, organic farming and sugar levies as well as on the next SCA meeting on 20 November and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 6 November.

The Hungarian delegation requested two AOB items to be tabled at that Council meeting.
