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1. **Adoption of the agenda** 14203/22

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. **Summary record of the 1680th meeting of the SCA** 13400/22

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Regulation on statistics on agricultural input and output**  13577/22 + ADD 1
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 37/22

The SCA agreed to invite the Council to adopt the legislative act as an “A” item at its session on 8 November 2022.

Discussion items (II)

4. **Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine**

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the agricultural market situation and of delegations’ comments.

5. **Sustainable Productivity Growth Coalition: possibility for the EU to join** 13880/22

Information from the Presidency

Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency, by the Council legal service, and by the Commission. The SCA also took note of comments from delegations.

The Presidency would take the necessary steps and keep the SCA informed as appropriate.

Any other business

6. Meeting of Organic Ambassadors (Prague, 4-6 October 2022)

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission, on this subject.

7. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 15 November and the “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council meeting on 21 November 2022.

Regarding that Council meeting, the SCA agreed that both the AOB items from the Commission, on the EU Bioeconomy conference and the Communication on Ensuring availability and affordability of fertilisers, be held in public session in accordance with Article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.

The Commission informed the SCA about the recent Commission Decision on dialogue groups, and the subsequent call for applications.

The Spanish delegation:

- informed the SCA about the item under “any other business” (“The need to ensure fertilization as a basis for food security”) that was tabled at COREPER for the next “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council meeting; and
- read the statement in ANNEX concerning the treatment of agriculture items at “Agriculture and Fisheries” Councils.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

STATEMENT**Ad item 7: Organisation of future work****STATEMENT BY SPAIN**

“Spain considers that it would be necessary to review the treatment that is being systematically carried out in the last councils of the central agriculture points, since we do not believe that it is appropriate for them always to be discussed in the afternoon, and on many occasions in the last minute of the Council.

We know that the Presidency and the Secretariat-General of the Council are doing their best to coordinate the Councils’ agenda as satisfactorily as possible, and that, on the side of the Commission, the agendas of the three Commissioners who usually participate in the Agriculture Councils are very complex and tight.

But, with all the necessary respect and considerations, we believe that the agenda of 27 ministers cannot be systematically conditioned by the agenda of the three Commissioners.

In addition, we consider that a wrong message is being sent to the citizens and stakeholders involved, leaving the central and main points of the Council for the end, when there are often no ministers already in the room.”
