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**Subject : 1409th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)
held in Brussels on 26 September 2011**

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
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The agenda was approved.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1408th meeting of the SCA**
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The Special Committee on Agriculture approved the summary record.

II

3. (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)**
13638/1/11 REV 1 JUR 418 AGRI 566 AGRIORG 135 CODEC 1352
- (b) **Proposal for a Council Regulation determining measures on fixing certain aids, refunds and prices related to the single common organisation of agricultural markets**
13641/1/11 REV 1 JUR 419 AGRI 567 AGRIORG 136 CODEC 1353

The SCA took note of the Council Legal Service presentation of its two legal opinions (docs. 13638/1/11 REV 1 and 13641/1/11 REV 1) and had a round table exchange of views. The SCA took note of the comments made by the Commission representative and the Commission Legal Service.

The Presidency indicated it would reflect on how the view of the Council Legal Service - and the very substantial support for this view - could and should be incorporated into the horizontal approach on the Lisbon alignment.

4. **Alignment of agricultural legislation with the Lisbon Treaty**
14453/11 AGRI 610 AGRIORG 158 AGRISTR 49 AGRIFIN 76

The SCA took note of the very broad support for the Presidency paper on the alignment of agricultural legislation with the Lisbon Treaty (document 14453/11), as well as the comments made by delegations, and the comments of the Council Legal Service and of the Commission representative.

The Presidency invited delegations to submit any further written comments by 29 September 2011 midday, with a view to presenting a completed version of the Presidency paper for approval at the next SCA meeting of 3 October 2011. It also announced its intention to request the SCA for a mandate to enter into informal inter-institutional discussions.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on agricultural product quality schemes**

13080/11 AGRI 545 AGRIORG 156 AGRILEG 94 CODEC 1248

The SCA decided not to support the inclusion of the three items raised by the Presidency in document 13080/11. With the exclusion of these items, the SCA confirmed the mandate resulting from the Council Working Party, with a view to a first informal Trilogue in October.

6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2009 opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef**

12124/11 AGRI 482 VETER 35 SAN 139 WTO 245 CODEC 1202

The SCA took note of:

- the Commission explanations arguing against the application of point (b) of the second subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation 182/2011 in the light of the specific features of this dossier;
- a reservation by IE on the substance of the proposal;
- scrutiny reservations by several delegations.

The SCA expressed broad support for informal Presidency contacts with the EP rapporteur with a view to confirming the possibility of a swift first reading agreement on the text of the Commission proposal.

7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector**

13636/11 AGRI 565 AGRIORG 134 CODEC 1351

14584/11 AGRI 622 AGRIORG 163 CODEC 1508

The SCA was informed about the outcome of the trilogue held on 14 September 2011.

The SCA confirmed a provisional positive orientation on the two European Parliament counter proposals regarding Amendments 2 and 26 and endorsed the intention of the Presidency to engage, given the time constraints¹, in exploratory talks "ad referendum" with the European Parliament on possible ways forward on the most difficult issues.

8. **OIV - preparation of the General Assembly, 28 October 2011**

14447/11 AGRI 609

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the state of play in the OIV file and of the Presidency's intention to come back to this file at its next meeting.

9. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of its next meeting on 3 October 2011.

¹ According to the current Parliament's calendar, the plenary vote at first reading on this file is scheduled to take place in November.