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1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1584th meeting of the SCA 14773/18

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) .../... of XXX 14255/18
amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the 14793/18
European Parliament and of the Council as regards the
registration of the spirit drink ‘Tequila’ as a geographical
indication

Decision not to oppose adoption

The SCA invited the Council to confirm, as an "A" item, that it is not opposed to the draft measure proposed by the Commission.

Discussion items (II)

4. Directive on unfair trading practices in the food supply chain 14614/18
Preparation for the trilogue

The SCA took note of the qualified majority support for the Presidency's suggested revised mandate for the fourth trilogue on 6 December 2018 as set out in document 14614/18.

The SCA also took note of the pending concerns expressed by several delegations who, nevertheless, accepted the continuation of the trilogue negotiations. Furthermore, the SCA took note of the comments by the representatives of the Council Legal Service and the Commission.

5. Updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy 14950/18
Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission about the updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy and the role in it of the agriculture and forestry sectors and endorsed the Presidency's questions proposed in document 14950/18 for the Council's policy debate on 17-18 December.

The SCA also agreed that the Council debate on this item will be held in public.

6. Regulation on spirit drinks



Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the third trilogue

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the compromise text agreed ad referendum during the third trilogue on 27 November, contained in documents 14902/18 and 15060/18, as well as of the comments made by the delegations and the Commission, including the Commission statement on the unbundling clause.

The SCA also took note of the Presidency's intention to submit the final compromise text to its next meeting in order for the delegations to confirm the agreement on it and to authorise the Presidency to send a letter to the Chair of the European Parliament's ENVI Committee.

7. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA on the next SCA meeting on 10 December 2018 and on the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 17 and 18 December 2018. The Council meeting on 17 December could be preceded by an additional SCA meeting starting at 08.30, in case it is needed for confirmation of the outcome of the possible trilogue on 12 December on UTPs.

The Hungarian delegation expressed its intention to table an AOB item at that Council meeting, on the BIOEAST conference "Bioeconomy in the forefront of national policies" held in Budapest on 8 November 2018.

The Spanish delegation intervened to express its concern about the possibility of a CAP-related AOB item being raised at the next "Environment" Council.

The Polish delegation noted that the MFF will only be adopted in the second half of 2019 and asked the Commission what the impact would be regarding the CAP reform. The Commission pledged to answer at the next SCA meeting.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal
