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1. **Adoption of the agenda** 16284/24

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. **Summary record of the 1732nd meeting of the SCA** 15390/24

The SCA approved the summary record.

Discussion items (II)

3. **Future opportunities for the bioeconomy** 16244/24

Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the organisation of the Council debate, of the information provided by the Commission and of delegations' comments.

The SCA also endorsed question 1 in document 16244/24, which fell under the committee's remit and was proposed by the Presidency to frame the Council debate.

The SCA also agreed that that item, and the two Presidency AOB items on bioeconomy, on the conclusions on a potential Europe-wide R&I initiative and on the high-level conference entitled "Partnering for the Future: 'BIOEAST and Beyond'", as well the AOB item requested by Finland on "unblocking the bottlenecks in nutrient recycling and biogas production at farm level", should be taken by the Council in public session, in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. **A farmer-focused post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy:** 14797/24
Follow-up to the Council meeting of 21-22 October 2024
Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the organisation of the Council debate and of the information provided by the Commission and of delegations' comments/questions. It agreed that the Presidency conclusions from October would be approved as Council conclusions as an "A" item at the start of the Council meeting on 9 December if no delegation raised objections by Thursday, 5 December. The SCA agreed to hold the ministerial debate in public session, in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Any other business

5. **Regulation on additional assistance under the EAFRD due to**  15452/24
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Information from the Presidency

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency and of the information on procedures given by the Council legal service.

6. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 9-10 December 2024.

Regarding that Council meeting,

- Romania requested a public item under "any other business", on the "Eligibility of breeding animals under the CAP Strategic Plan";
- Denmark requested a public item under "any other business", on the "Agreement on a Green Denmark: Model for a greenhouse gas tax on agricultural production and efforts to improve the protection of nature, biodiversity and water resources";
- Spain, also on behalf of Latvia requested a public item under "any other business", on the "Annual Performance Clearance";

- The Presidency informed the SCA about a public item under “any other business” on the “Conference on the future of the European apiculture sector”, held on 28 November 2024 in Brussels.
- The SCA agreed that these four AOB items¹ would be taken in public session in accordance with Article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.
- Furthermore, the following delegations informed the SCA about AOB items to be requested at COREPER:
 - Portugal, on the need to establish appropriate legislation for the use of drones to contribute to the resilience of agricultural systems;
 - Germany, (1) together with Denmark on “a harmonised terminology of ‘biological control’ in plant protection and/or others similar approaches”, (2) on the “introduction of a ‘charitable food business operator’ under European food law” and (3) together with Italy on epizootics (African swine fever and bluetongue).

The incoming Polish Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meetings on 13 January and 20 January 2025 and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 27 January 2025.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

¹ In addition to the three AOB items mentioned under agenda item 3.