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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
16179/12 OJ CSA 28

The agenda was approved.

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2. **Summary record of the 1444th meeting of the SCA**
16117/12 CRS CSA 27

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union**
16287/12 AGRI 761 POSEICAN 9 POSEIDOM 10 POSEIMA 10 CODEC 2690
- *Approval of the final compromise text*

The SCA approved the I-item as set out on the agenda and the amendment to Article 35a proposed by the Commission.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation (EU) No .../ of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific measures in favour of agriculture in the smaller Aegean islands**
16285/12 AGRISTR 159 CODEC 2689 AGRIORG 185 AGRIFIN 218 REGIO 130
- *Approval of the final compromise text*

The SCA approved the I-item as set out on the agenda.

II

5. **CAP reform**

(i) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**
16083/12 AGRI 740 AGRIFIN 212 CODEC 2636
15874/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 731 AGRIFIN 208 CODEC 2596

The SCA considered further Presidency suggested amendments to the **greening** provisions in Articles 29-33 (doc. 15874/1/12 REV 1).

The SCA noted the general reservation entered at the outset by some delegations for whom the issue of greening was linked with the ongoing discussions on the Multiannual Financial Framework.

Thereafter the SCA took note of the Presidency's concluding remarks that :

- while delegations remained generally positive about the steps made towards equivalence to greening practices, the Presidency would reflect on their suggestions, including in their written comments (doc. 16246/12 ADDs 1-14), for a simpler and more workable approach;
- on the articulation of greening with the baseline under the 2nd pillar the Presidency would reflect on ways forward.

The SCA also noted delegations' other detailed comments and their scrutiny reserves, as well as the comments made by the Commission representative.

As regards the Presidency suggestions regarding the use of the non-opinion clause (doc. 16083/12), the SCA noted the Presidency's conclusion that the Presidency suggestions had received the support of a majority of delegations and that the comments and scrutiny reserves entered by a few delegations had been noted.

Furthermore the SCA took note of the draft Regulation prepared by the Presidency (doc. 16223/12 ADD 1), and of the Presidency's explanation that this was intended to represent a fair and faithful reflection of progress made and of the settled view of the SCA, while acknowledging that the open political issues marked in square brackets remained ring fenced at this stage. The SCA further took note of the comments made by delegations and of the scrutiny reserves entered. The SCA finally took note of the Presidency's intention to reflect, in the light of the points made by delegations and of developments in the discussions on the Multiannual Financial Framework, on how to take work forward.

(ii) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the market in agricultural products (the Single CMO regulation)**

16247/12 AGRI 756 AGRIFIN 216 AGRIORG 183 CODEC 2675

16248/12 AGRI 757 AGRIFIN 217 AGRIORG 184 CODEC 2676

The SCA took note of the positions of delegations and of the Commission together with the scrutiny reserves entered, on:

- a) recognition of producer organisations, their associations, and inter-branch organisations, and
- b) specific marketing standards, including labelling of the place of farming and/or origin on the basis of the working documents 16248/12 and 16247/12.

At the conclusion of the discussions the SCA took note that in the view of the Presidency while on both issues delegations had diverging opinions, on each issue there was considerable support for the status quo.

The SCA also took note of the Presidency's intention to reflect further on these issues and to come back to them at a later stage.

Furthermore the SCA took note of the draft Regulation prepared by the Presidency (doc. 16223/12 ADD 2), and of the Presidency's explanation that this was intended to represent a fair and faithful reflection of progress made on the proposal and of the settled view of the SCA while acknowledging that the open political issues marked in square brackets remained ring fenced at this stage. The SCA further took note of the comments made by delegations, as well as of the scrutiny reserves entered and of the comments made by the Commission representative.

(iii) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**

16186/12 AGRI 749 AGRISTR 153 CODEC 2653
16187/12 AGRI 750 AGRISTR 154 CODEC 2654
16230/12 AGRI 753 AGRISTR 156 CODEC 2664
16232/12 AGRI 754 AGRISTR 157 CODEC 2666

- The SCA took note of delegations' views on the irrigation, investments and forestry provisions as set out in Presidency's notes 16230/12, 16186/12 and 16187/12. With regard to investments, the SCA took note of the Presidency's intention to withdraw the new paragraph 4a in Article 18.
- The SCA also took note of delegations' views and of the comments made by the Commission representative on the consolidated text of the Regulation set out in document 16223/12 ADD 3. The Presidency noted that a number of delegations had scrutiny reservations on the entire text of the draft regulation.

(iv) **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (the horizontal regulation)**

The SCA took note of delegations' views on the Presidency's consolidated text set out in document 16223/12 ADD 4, of delegations' views on the text of Articles 54 and 55 and on GAEC 7 and of the comments made by the Commission representative. The Presidency noted that a number of delegations had scrutiny reservations on the entire text of the draft regulation.

(v) **Proposal for a Council regulation determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organization of the market in agricultural products**

16223/12 AGRI 752 AGRIORG 182 AGRIFIN 214 AGRISTR 155 CODEC 2662
+ ADDs 1 to 5
- *Orientation debate*

The SCA took note of the draft regulation prepared by the Presidency set out in document 16223/12 ADD 5 on the understanding that the draft Regulation is an integral part of the CAP Reform Package and will be adjusted, as appropriate, in the light of future discussions on CAP reform. The SCA further took note of the comments made by delegations and by the Commission.

6. - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (horizontal regulation)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the frame work of the common agricultural policy
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (CAP Reform)
- European Data Protection Supervisor
 15665/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 717 AGRISTR 146 AGRIORG 176 AGRIFIN 202
 CODEC 2543
 16050/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 738 AGRIFIN 211 CODEC 2629
 15982/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 735 AGRISTR 151 CODEC 2613
 16045/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 737 AGRIFIN 210 AGRIORG 181 CODEC 2627

The SCA considered the further Presidency suggested amendments concerning the processing and protection of personal data as set out in docs. 15665/1/12 REV 1 (draft Horizontal Regulation), 15982/12 REV 1 (draft Rural Development Regulation), 16050/1/12 REV 1 (draft Direct Payments Regulation) and 16045/1/12 (draft Single CMO Regulation), with a slightly revised version of the latter two documents distributed during the meeting (and thereafter distributed with reference 16050/2/12 REV 2 and 16045/2/12 REV 2).

The SCA noted the comments from the representative of the Council Legal Service and from the Commission, as well as the conclusion from the Presidency that, in the absence of any comments by Friday 23 November close of business, the suggested amendments would be considered to be approved.

7. **Nomination of members of the Steering Board for the European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability**

The SCA agreed, on the basis of a recommendation from the Presidency, on the nomination of representatives from Member States to the Steering Board referred to in Council conclusions on the European Innovation Partnership Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability. The SCA invited the Council to adopt Council conclusions endorsing the agreement reached.

8. **Any other business**

Common Declaration of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia on Coupled Support

- *Request from the Bulgarian delegation, supported by the Slovenian delegation*
16173/12 AGRI 747 AGRIFIN 213 CODEC 2648

The SCA took note of the common declaration on coupled support submitted by Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia with the support of Slovenia, as set out in doc. 16173/12.

9. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the preparation of the Council "Agriculture and Fisheries" meeting on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 November 2012.
