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Delegations will find attached the Italian delegation's comments and replies in response to the request from the Presidency sent on 20 December 2023, and that can be found in document 16745/23.

ITALIAN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR THE SCA**1. HONEY**

1.1 What is the opinion of the Member States on the introduction of a traceability system that requires Member States to trace back the entire supply chain of a given honey to beekeepers or harvesting operators in the case of imported honey (AM 21, 56)?

In favour. The introduction of specific traceability systems that facilitate and simplify controls are essentials to verify the truthfulness of the labelling indication, in order to prevent unfair competition.

1.2 What is the opinion of the Member States on the proposed change of the definition of honey, in particular to exclude ultrafiltration, artificial evaporation and vacuum evaporation as allowed techniques and to introduce a new type of honey, namely 'unheated honey' (AM 19, 20, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 67)?

In favour. For control purposes, regarding the new type of honey envisaged, it would be appropriate to introduce additional quality parameters.

2. FRUIT JUICE

2.1 What is the opinion of the Member States on the proposal to introduce origin labelling for fruit in fruit juices (main AM 33)?

In favour. The provision of indicating the country of origin is in line with the "Farm to Fork" objectives, and it allows greater transparency and traceability of the products.

2.2 What is the opinion of Member States on the proposal to restrict claims for reduced-sugar fruit juices and to prohibit any comparative claims for those products in comparison with the fruits they originate from or 'normal' fruit juices (AM 36)?

In favour. We are in favour regarding the introduction of new categories of juices with reduced sugar content and we support the use of clear expressions that are easy to understand by consumers.

2.3 What is the opinion, in principle, of the Member States on the proposal to subordinate the creation of the new categories of reduced-sugar fruit juices to the adoption of criteria better defining the essential physical, chemical, organoleptic and nutritional characteristics of an average type of juice (AM 37, 38)?

In favour. We agree with the adoption of clear criteria on the methods permitted to produce the new category of juices.

3. JAM

3.1 What is the opinion of the Member States on the proposal to introduce origin labelling for fruits and sugar in jams (AM 39)?

In favour. The provision of indicating the country of origin is in line with the "Farm to Fork" objectives, and it allows greater transparency and traceability of the products.

4. OTHER

4.1 Are there any other issues Member States wish to express concerning the content of the mandate of the European Parliament?
