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from:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
on:	12 December 2011
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
Subject:	Special Report No 11/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Are the School Milk and School Fruit Schemes effective?" - *Adoption of Council conclusions*

1. At its meeting on 11 November 2011, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) examined Special Report No 11/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Are the School Milk and School Fruit Schemes effective?" (doc. 16099/11).

2. At its meeting on 12 December 2011, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) reached agreement on draft Council conclusions on the above report.

3. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopt the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.

ANNEX

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

on Special Report No 10/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Are the School Milk and School Fruit Schemes effective?"

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(1) WELCOMES Special Report No 10/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Are the School Milk and School Fruit Schemes effective?";

(2) WELCOMES the Court's generally positive conclusions with regard to the School Fruit Scheme;

(3) LOOKS FORWARD to the outcome of the evaluation of the School Fruit Scheme and the evaluation of the School Milk Scheme;

(4) RECOGNISES that many efforts have already been made and that ways of further simplifying and reducing unnecessary administrative burdens should be evaluated;

(5) RECALLS that on 12 October 2011, the Commission adopted a 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)[1], which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies.

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[1] 15397/11 + REV 1 (en, fr, de).