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held in Brussels on 18 February 2013**

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
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The agenda was approved.

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2. **Summary record of the 1450th meeting of the SCA**
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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 (first reading) (LA + S)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
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4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council laying down specific measures in favour of agriculture in the smaller Aegean islands (first reading) (LA)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
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The SCA approved the I-items as set out on the agenda.

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5. **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)**

- **Penalties**

6285/13 AGRI 79 AGRISTR 17 AGRIORG 15 AGRIFIN 23 CODEC 304

- Orientation debate

The SCA took note of the comments by the Commission and the Council Legal Service representatives as well as by the Bulgarian, Danish, German, Greek, French, Italian, Cypriot, Luxembourg, Hungarian, Maltese, Austrian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak, Finnish and UK delegations. The Presidency concluded that a large number of delegations supported the text.

- **Transparency**

6196/13 JUR 57 AGRI 71 AGRIORG 12 AGRISTR 14 AGRIFIN 19 CODEC 276
6370/13 AGRI 81 AGRISTR 18 AGRIORG 16 AGRIFIN 24 CODEC 318

- Orientation debate

The SCA took note of the comments made by the Commission representatives and by all delegations. The Presidency announced its intention to continue the discussion in Council the following week.

6. **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**

- **Small Farmers Scheme**

6375/13 AGRI 84 AGRIFIN 26 CODEC 321

- Orientation debate

The SCA took note of delegations' views on the Presidency suggested amendments aimed at further simplifying the operation of the Small Farmers Scheme (doc. 6375/13), of the scrutiny reserves entered and of the comments made by the Commission representative.

The SCA further noted :

- = the Presidency's conclusion that while some delegations expressed support for the Presidency suggestions, others had concerns or preferred to maintain the provisions as set out in the Cyprus Presidency revised consolidated draft Regulation (doc. 17383/1/12 REV 1);
- = the Presidency's invitation to those delegations who had entered a scrutiny reserve to inform the Presidency of their position by Wednesday 20 February midday;
- = the Presidency's intention to reflect on the outcome of the discussion.

- **Basic Payment Scheme**

6372/13 AGRI 82 AGRIFIN 25 CODEC 319

- Orientation debate

The SCA held an exchange of views on the Presidency's package of suggested amendments relating to the Basic Payment Scheme (doc. 6372/13), with a view to preparing the debate in the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") at its session on 25-26 February 2013.

The SCA noted delegations' initial views, together with the scrutiny reserves entered and the comments made by the Commission representative, as well as the Presidency's intention to submit the package, as adjusted to reflect the discussion, to the Council on 25-26 February 2013.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of its future work.
