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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Attendance of representatives of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) at the meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) on 16 March 2026
Approval

1. On 9 February 2026, the European Court of Auditors published its opinion No 05/2026 “concerning the proposals for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034 and a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards the school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme (‘EU school scheme’), sectoral interventions, [...], rules on the availability of supplies in time of emergencies and severe crisis and securities (COM(2025) 553 and 560)”¹.
2. In this context, the Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow the Court of Auditors to present its opinion to the Special Committee on Agriculture and to provide delegations with the opportunity to ask questions on the opinion before proceeding to its discussion.

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This opinion is available on the Court's website: https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/OP-2026-05/OP-2026-05_EN.pdf.

3. The Presidency considers that this complies with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or its preparatory bodies, as set out in the comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of Court of Auditors' representatives in order to present the opinion and respond to possible questions at the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) on 16 March 2026.
