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Brussels on 9 March 2015

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
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The agenda was adopted. The Presidency decided to add an AOB item on eligibility of expenditure for the rural development programmes 2007-2013 as information from the Council Legal Service.

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2. **Summary record of the 1500th meeting of the SCA**
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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007**

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The Presidency submitted a revised compromise text to the SCA (doc. 6792/15) with the view to accommodate the issues raised by delegations at the SCA on 2 March 2015 or at the recent WP meetings as well as comments submitted in writing.

The SCA welcomed the efforts that have been made by the Presidency to accommodate the concerns of delegations.

The Presidency will further reflect on the remaining key issues, on the basis of observations raised by several delegations. The Presidency also welcomed the fact that many delegations could support the current drafting related to the section on imports of organic products.

The Presidency circulated the questions (doc. 6975/15) that will be tackled at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 16 March.

4. **International agricultural trade issues**
– Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as of the views expressed by delegations. The Presidency will regularly invite the Commission to update the SCA on developments in international agricultural trade negotiations.

5. **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 20.2.2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 376/2008 as regards the obligation to present a licence for imports of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2336/2003 introducing certain detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 670/2003 laying down specific measures concerning the market in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin**

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The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission representative on the delegated act as set out in document 6473/15, as well as of the comments from delegations.

6. **Any other business**

- Eligibility of expenditure for the rural development programmes 2007-2013

The Council Legal Service informed the SCA about the relevant applicable legislation on eligibility of rural development expenditure during the 2007-2013 programming period.

7. **Organization of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next meeting of the SCA on 27 March as well as about the agenda of the Council on 16 March. The Presidency also informed the SCA on the work of the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions and of the Working Party on Rural Development on simplification and on the future work planned on this topic.
