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SUMMARY RECORD

**Subject : 1395th meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)
held in Brussels on 28 February 2011**

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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 1394th meeting of the SCA**
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The Special Committee on Agriculture approved the summary record.

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3. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions**
The CAP towards 2020: "Meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future"
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The Special Committee on Agriculture examined the draft Council conclusions prepared by the Presidency.

The Presidency concluded that the SCA would return to this dossier, if necessary, on the basis of a revised text at its meeting on 7 March 2011 with a view to approving the draft conclusions for their adoption by the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 March 2011. Delegations were invited to send any written comments by 2 March 2011, 15.00 to the Council Secretariat.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 378/2007 as regards the rules for the implementation of voluntary modulation of direct payments under the common agricultural policy**
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The Special Committee on Agriculture had an exchange of views on the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 378/2007 as regards the rules for the implementation of voluntary modulation of direct payments under the Common Agricultural Policy. It has taken note of a scrutiny reservation from the UK delegation.

The SCA will come back to this file in due course, depending on the calendar of the European Parliament.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 485/2008 on scrutiny by Member States of transactions forming part of the system of financing by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund**
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The Special Committee on Agriculture had an exchange of views on the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 485/2008 on scrutiny by Member States of transactions forming part of the system of financing by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund.

The Special Committee on Agriculture also took note of the comments made by a number of delegations that there should be a recital on the consultation of national experts and that the scope of the Regulation is an essential element and, therefore, it cannot be subject to delegation of powers. Furthermore, they considered that a delegation of powers should not be for an indeterminate period of time. Instead, these delegations proposed 5 years.

Furthermore, the CY and UK delegations entered Parliamentary scrutiny reservations while the DK delegation entered a general scrutiny reservation.

The SCA will come back to this file in due course, depending on the calendar of the European Parliament.

6. **Examination procedure**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products

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The SCA gave mandate to the Working Party on Foodstuff Quality to examine this proposal. It was informed that this meeting would take place on 31 March 2011.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of the upcoming Council meeting on 17 March 2011.

8. **Any other business**

Simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2013
- *NL request*

The Special Committee on Agriculture took note of the information provided by the NL delegation about a document prepared by the CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, FR, LV, NL, SE and UK delegations setting out key principles to be used as guidance for simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2013.

The Special Committee on Agriculture undertook to come back to this issue at its next meeting on 7 March 2011.