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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 1395th 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 SCA had a discussion on the revised draft Council conclusions on the CAP towards 2020, with a view to the Council adopting these conclusions at its session on 17 March 2011.

The Presidency noting the support for the revised text and that the differences remaining only concerned a very small number of paragraphs, concluded that the SCA had taken a significant step forward towards the adoption of Council conclusions.

The Presidency requested delegations to reflect on their position in the light of the discussion and report in full detail to their capital. Once the Presidency had completed its own reflection it would circulate the final text for Council.

4. **Adaptation of CAP legislation to Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("Alignment to Lisbon")**
- Presidency working tool

The SCA took note of

- the Presidency presentation of the updated version of the Presidency Working Tool; noting that the Working tool had been adjusted to reflect the Common Understanding between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission and the new Comitology Regulation; and of
- the Commission presentation of the Commission services non paper on the consultation of national experts in the preparation of delegated acts in the field of the CAP.

The SCA further noted that these two documents are intended to facilitate the Working Parties' examination of the proposals and provide reassurance in particular on the consultation of national experts in the drawing up of delegated acts. The SCA took note of the comments made by delegations as well as of the explanations and clarifications given by the Council Legal Service and the Commission representative.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 165/94 and Council Regulation (EC) No 78/2008**

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The Commission representative gave a presentation of the proposal of her Institution. The Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions will continue the examination of this proposal on 15 March next.

6. **Any Other Business**
Simplification of CAP (Information from the NL delegation)
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The SCA took note of the presentation made by the Netherlands' delegation of the note on the simplification of the CAP beyond 2013 to be dealt with at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 17 March 2011 under the "Any Other Business" part of the agenda, as well as of the comments made by the Commission and other delegations.

7. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency gave further detailed information to the SCA on the organisation of the upcoming Council meeting on 17 March 2011.
