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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The agenda was adopted with the addition, at the request of the Commission, of an item under “Any other business” (new item 7).

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1689th meeting of the SCA

7989/23

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. Conclusions on the opportunities of the bioeconomy in the light of current challenges with special emphasis on rural areas

8194/23

Approval

The SCA agreed to invite the Council to approve, at its session on 25 April 2023, the Conclusions on the opportunities of the bioeconomy in the light of current challenges with special emphasis on rural areas.

Discussion items (II)

4. CAP Strategic Plans – state of play

Information from the Commission

Preparation of the Council debate

In preparation for the “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council on 25 April, the SCA took note of the information from the Commission on the state of play regarding the Strategic Plans. The SCA took note of the two questions proposed by the Presidency to steer the ministerial discussion and endorsed them. It also took note of delegations' comments and the Commission's response.

5. OIV – EU position on the election of the OIV Director-General at the 21st OIV General Assembly (9 June 2023)

7596/23

Information from the Commission

Approval

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the comments of delegations on the election of a new OIV Director-General for the period 2024-2028.

Any other business

6. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA on the “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council meeting on 25 April and the next SCA meeting on 8 May 2023.

As regards the “Agriculture and Fisheries” Council meeting on 25 April:

- The SCA unanimously agreed to the addition of a discussion item on the Market situation to the agenda.
- Three market-related items under “any other business” were requested, which will be taken jointly with the newly added discussion item:
 - One item on the “Necessary actions that need to be taken to counteract the market disturbances in the EU Member States most impacted by increased imports of agri-food products from Ukraine”, requested by the Polish delegation on behalf of the delegations concerned;
 - One item requested by the Slovak delegation on a “proposal to mitigate the impact of imports from Ukraine on EU markets”; and
 - One item jointly requested by the Lithuanian and Latvian delegations on the “continuing crisis in the dairy sector”.
- In addition, the Slovenian delegation requested an item under “any other business” on the “Commission’s report on the findings of the EU coordinated action ‘From the hives’ and its relevance for the revision of the Council Directive on honey (2001/110/EC)”.

The SCA subsequently agreed that this item would be held in public session in accordance with article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.

7. (New) Update on the situation of agricultural markets and possible support to MS neighbouring Ukraine

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the comments of delegations on measures announced by some Member States to restrict imports from Ukraine.
