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1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1571st meeting of the SCA

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The SCA approved the summary record.

3. Regulation on organic farming

Adoption of the legislative act



8401/2/18 REV 2

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PE-CONS 62/17

The SCA confirmed its agreement on the EP position on the above-mentioned legislative act and invited the Council to approve this position, as set out in PE-CONS 62/17, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting. The SCA took note of the intention of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Lithuania and Slovakia to vote against, and of Austria, Belgium and Hungary to abstain as set out in document 8401/18 REV 2. The SCA also took note of the intention of the Commission, France, Czech Republic, Lithuania and Sweden to make a statement (8401/18 REV 1 ADD 1).

Discussion items (II)

4. Trade-related agricultural 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. G20 Agriculture Ministerial

8278/18

Draft updated Guidelines for the EU position

The SCA approved the updated EU Guidelines for the G20 Agriculture Ministerial meeting in Buenos Aires as set out in doc. 8278/18, which will be submitted to Council for endorsement as an "A" item on 18 June 2018. Delegations may send written comments on the draft Ministerial Declaration directly to the Commission.

6. Market situation

Information from the Commission

The SCA took note of the update by the Commission on the latest market developments, in particular with regard to the sugar, dairy and pig meat sectors, as well as of the views expressed by delegations.

7. CAP Strategic Plans: implications for design and implementation by Member States

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Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the Commission's presentation on the CAP Strategic Plans. The SCA also took note of the comments from delegations on this subject and calls for the Commission to take them duly into account while preparing its legislative proposals.

8. Organisation of future work

The French and Polish delegations announced their intention to table AOB items at the forthcoming "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting, respectively on the skimmed milk powder stocks and on the pig meat market¹.

The Presidency confirmed the cancellation of the SCA meeting planned on 28 May 2018, and informed the SCA on:

- the next SCA meetings on 4 June (in Sofia) and on 11 June 2018;
- the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 18 and 19 (poss.) June 2018;
- the informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers in Sofia on 4-5 June 2018; and
- the planned meeting dates for the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions (15 and 21 June 2018), which will start the examination of the new CAP Proposals.

The incoming Austrian Presidency informed the SCA on the planned meeting dates of the SCA in July and September 2018, and on the planned meeting dates in July 2018 for the Working Parties on Horizontal Agricultural Questions and Agricultural Financial Questions.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

¹ Both interventions were made under agenda item 6.