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SUMMARY RECORD

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
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The agenda was approved.

2. **Summary Record of the 1383rd meeting of the SCA**
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The Special Committee on Agriculture approved the summary record.

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3. **Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union**

- Adoption

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The Special Committee on Agriculture adopted the above mentioned "I" item. Details are contained in the quoted document.

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4. **Draft Council conclusions on the International competitiveness of the European agri-food model**

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The SCA had an exchange of views based on a Presidency text for draft Council conclusions reflecting the discussions held in Mérida (doc. 10900/10).

The Presidency concluded that there was a broad consensus on the majority of points in the document, which thus represented a solid basis for Council conclusions. Delegations would be consulted via email - and, if necessary, at an Attachés/Counsellors meeting - on a revised Presidency text. This would allow conclusions to be adopted without debate by the "Agriculture/Fisheries" Council on 29 June 2010.

5. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Articles 105 et seq of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 on measures improving the general conditions for the production and marketing of apiculture products**

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The report was presented by the Commission.

The Polish delegation pointed out that the Polish expenditure figures in the Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the report and the Polish usage rate in the report itself were inaccurate.

The Commission representative acknowledged these errors. Consequently,

- doc. 10376/10: the fourth sentence of paragraph 4 of section 2.3 of the report should be deleted;
- doc. 10376/10 ADD1
 - page 15, columns 1 and 7 of line "PL" should be interchanged,
 - column 3 of line "PL" should read "81%" and column 9 "91%",
 - line "PL" in tables 10a and 10c should be interchanged.

The Cypriot delegation expressed its satisfaction with the high absorption rates and pleaded for a considerable increase of the budget allocated to the programmes. The Romanian delegation mentioned considerable expenses relating to tests and analyses borne by Romanian producers, which it suggested could be financed by the measure, and emphasised the need to foster the development of the sector, given that the European market is still very dependent on imports.

The Commission representative replied that the Commission was considering increasing the budget to be allocated to apiculture programmes in 2011 and 2012. In response to the Romanian delegation, he explained that only research-related tests and analyses could be financed by the programmes.

The SCA took note of the report, of the Cypriot, Polish and Romanian delegations' comments and of the Commission's reply.

6. Simplification of the CAP

- State of Play 10989/10 AGRI 226

The SCA took note of the Commission representative's presentation on the state of play on the follow-up given to the 39 suggestions for the simplification of agriculture legislation presented by 13 Member States to the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 April 2009.

The SCA stressed the need for a general political debate on simplification (FI, supported by CZ, DK, DE, EE, NL, UK) and welcomed the Presidency's initiative to put this topic on the agenda of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 29 June 2010 for a joint presentation by Commissioners Dacian Cioloş and John Dalli. Most delegations called for this initiative to be renewed, possibly with the participation of the Commissioner responsible for the environment.

The SCA encouraged the Commission to maintain an ambitious focus on simplification and highlighted a number of aspects on which the Commission could go further, such as certification and cross-compliance. The SCA also pointed to new directions, beyond the initial suggestions, such as simplifying the integrated administration and control system, ensuring greater proportionality in the audit regime and simplifying the eligibility system. The SCA looked forward to the simplification package, to be submitted by the Commission in autumn 2010.

7. Examination procedure

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on permanent crops

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The Working Party on Statistics will be convened shortly to examine the draft Regulation on statistics on permanent crops.

8. **Organisation of future work**

- Preparation of the Council meeting on 29 June 2010

The Presidency informed the Special Committee on Agriculture on the upcoming meeting of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council in Luxembourg on 29 juin 2010.

