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from: Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
on: 12 December 2012
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

Subject: Special report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS
arrangements"
- Adoption of Council conclusions

1. At its meeting on 6 November 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) examined the Special report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS arrangements" (doc. 13716/12).
2. At its meeting on 12 December 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) reached agreement on draft Council conclusions on the above report.
3. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopt the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

**on the Special Report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS
arrangements"**

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- (1) WELCOMES the Special Report No 11/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids under partial implementation of SPS arrangements";
- (2) NOTES the Court's findings and recommendations regarding the specific schemes for partial implementation of SPS arrangements for suckler cow and ewe and goat direct aids;
- (3) RECALLS that on 12 October 2011, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy¹, which is currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies;
- (4) CONSIDERS, in this context, that the Court's recommendations could be taken into account in the proceedings on the above proposal.

¹ 15396/11 + REV 1, REV 2 (NL), REV 3