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Non-legislative activities

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4. Trade-related agricultural issues
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

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The Council took note of the information from the Commission, and exchanged views on recent developments in EU agri-food trade and trade agreements and negotiations at both the bilateral and multilateral level.

The Presidency would continue to regularly invite the Commission to update the Council on trade-related agricultural issues.

Statements to the non-legislative "A" items set out in doc. 9493/26 + COR 1**Ad "A" item 1:****Friends of the Cali Fund (FCF) Statement***Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument***STATEMENT BY GERMANY**

“DEU supports the COM's involvement in the Friends of the Cali Fund global partnership. DEU would like to take this opportunity to highlight what we consider to be urgent goals in the preparation of COP 17 and 18 and to request that the COM includes these goals in the further process:

- When implementing the decisions of COP 16, European companies should not be obliged to make mandatory contributions to the Multilateral Mechanism (MLM). In future, Germany will focus on creating incentives for voluntary contributions and avoiding mandatory contributions for European companies.
- Germany seeks to achieve provisions of legal clarity and more legal certainty from countries benefiting from the fund for business operators, in particular for EU businesses on the international level.
- Germany considers it desirable to improve the provision of and thus public access to Digital Sequence Information (DSI).
- Germany seeks to avoid doubling of payments by combining existing obligations with the Multilateral Mechanism (MLM).
- Germany seeks to avoid distortions of competition in global markets and the resulting disadvantages for EU companies.
- For Germany, the reduction complexity and bureaucratic burden is crucial. Future measures can only be taken if their effectiveness and efficiency is demonstrated.

For DEU, it is important in supporting the Commission's commitment that the aforementioned goals are included, that the EU Member States and the Council are involved by the Commission at an early stage and proactively in the further process, and that the EU's goals are defined jointly in preparation for COP 17 ff.”