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Plant Protection Products Legislation
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SUMMARY REPORT

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval period of the active substance glyphosate.

The chair summarised the steps of the renewal procedure for the active substance glyphosate. He referred to the discussions on glyphosate in recent meetings of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF), including on a draft as regards the extension of the current approval of glyphosate.

The PAFF Committee did not deliver an opinion in its meeting on 6 June 2016. Therefore, it was necessary to refer this draft to the Appeal Committee pursuant to Article 5(4) of the new Comitology Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers).

The chair indicated that he was willing to consider the proposal again in order to achieve the broadest possible support. He reiterated that the Commission was doing its utmost to reach a suitable solution, based on sound scientific evidence, and stressed the Commission's flexibility to accommodate Member States' requests. He further explained that it is important that Member States take their responsibility in the decision-making process.

Several Member States expressed their positions on the draft. One Member State pointed to health and environmental concerns that were raised in extensive public

discussions. Another Member State asked the Commission to explain the further procedural steps, and in case it decided not to extend the approval, to consider taking measures to protect the competitiveness of EU agriculture.

The Appeal Committee delivered no opinion on the amended draft (19 Member States representing 51.49% of the population in favour, 2 Member States representing 13.12% of the population against, 7 Member States representing 35.39% of the population abstaining).

The chair concluded the meeting by informing the Committee that the Commission will consider a possible decision on 27 June 2016.