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Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016'

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On 11 April 2016 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 43(2) of the TFEU, on the:

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016

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Since the Committee has already set out its views on the content of the proposal in question in its opinions CES2942-2013_00_00_TRA_AC, adopted on 22 May 2013 (*), EESC-2014-02897-00-00-AC, adopted on 5 June 2014 (**) and EESC-2015-02052-00-00-AC-TRA, adopted on 22 April 2015 (***), it decided, at its 517th plenary session of 25 and 26 May 2016 (meeting of 25 May), by 161 votes to 2 with 8 abstentions, not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

Brussels, 25 May 2016.

The President of the European Economic and Social Committee Georges DASSIS

^(*) EESC opinion NAT/602 on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate to direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2013 (OJ C 271, 19.9.2013, p. 143).

^(**) EESC opinion NAT/646 on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing an adjustment rate for direct payments provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in respect of calendar year 2014 (OJ C 424, 26.11.2014, p. 73).

^(***) EESC opinion NAT/668 on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015 (OJ C 291, 4.9.2015, p. 60).