Banana, fruit and vegetables sector

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The ESC approved the Commission proposal with the exception of the exclusion of fig bananas from the scope of the COM in bananas. It could not be sure that this exclusion would not lead to distortions in the import system. The ESC also felt that the Commission should, when considering banana supply, take account of the working conditions in the producing countries and urge the exporting countries to ensure that social conditions were respected and workers' human rights protected in such production. Finally, the concept of 'force majeure' in the Commission proposal should include war that seriously affected the production possibilities of a given country.