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¹ Information on Council legislative deliberations, on other cases of Council deliberations open to the public and on public debates may be found in [Addendum 1](#) to these minutes.

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

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The Council adopted the above-mentioned agenda.

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

2. **Any other business**

- **Current legislative proposals**
 - = Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the state of play in relation to legislative financial services' files.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

3. **Approval of the list of "A" items**

10593/15 PTS A 58

The Council adopted the "A" items as listed in doc. 10593/15.

Statements to these items are set out in the Annex.

4. **Presentation of the work programme of the Luxembourg Presidency**²

- = Exchange of views
 - 10483/15 ECOFIN 571

The Council took note of the of the Luxembourg Presidency's priorities in the ECOFIN domain.

5. **Five presidents' report: 'Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union'**

- = Presentation
- = Exchange of views

The Council held a first exchange of views of the Five Presidents' report.

² Public debate in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

6. Any other business

The Council took note of the information provided by the French delegation on climate finance in relation to the upcoming United Nations Conference of Parties on climate change, December 2015, in Paris.

STATEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES

Ad "A" item 18: **Council Decision determining the composition of the European
Economic and Social Committee**
 = **Adoption**

JOINT STATEMENT BY GERMANY, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

"Germany, France and the United Kingdom support the agreement concerning the Council's decision, determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee. Germany, France and the United Kingdom do however recall that they consider the current allocation of the number of seats per Member State not to be fully satisfactory, particularly given the demographic criterion explicitly provided for by Article 300(5) of the TFEU. Accordingly, Germany, France and the United Kingdom would like to emphasize that meticulous examination of this issue will need to take place ahead of the Committee's renewal in 2020, so as to better take into account the criteria set by the treaties and particularly that of demographic developments. Lastly, it is important to recall that this decision concerns only the European Economic and Social Committee and cannot set a precedent for other EU institutions."
