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CRS/CRP 24

SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2634th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE held in Brussels on 28 and 30 June 2017

I. Adoption of the agenda

10661/17 OJ CRP1 24 + COR 1 10705/1/17 REV 1 OJ CRP2 24 COMIX 474 + CM 3475/17

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. <u>Approval of the "I" items</u>

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2017

- 2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to **carcinogens** or mutagens at work (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Preparation for the trilogue 10440/17 SOC 490 EMPL 376 SAN 259 IA 114 CODEC 1082

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

3. **Setting** of the provisional **agenda** for the Council meeting (**Agriculture and Fisheries**) on 17 and (poss.) 18 July 2017 (For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting.

4. Waste package (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment
- b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste
- c) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste
- d) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste
- = Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 26 June 2017.

- 5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 27 June 2017.

- 6. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement 10541/17 ENV 638 MI 514 CODEC 1105

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

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- 2. (<u>continuation</u>) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue
 - Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement 10803/17 SOC 517 EMPL 393 SAN 274 IA 122 CODEC 1164 + ADD 1

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 28 June 2017.

The Committee agreed to revert to the analysis of the final compromise.

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on addressing unjustified geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 27 June 2017.

8. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

 Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement 10616/17 CONSOM 268 MI 518 COMPET 512 TELECOM 174 JUSTCIV 166 DIGIT 171 IND 173 CODEC 1128 + COR 1

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

- 9. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of **professional qualifications** in **inland navigation** and repealing Council Directive 96/50/EC and Council Directive 91/672/EEC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
 - = Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue
 - Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement 10538/17 TRANS 292 MAR 138 EDUC 305 SOC 497 ETS 51 MI 513 CODEC 1104 + COR 1

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 27 June 2017.

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

COREPER (PART 2)

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19. Entry/Exit System (EES)

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 and Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 (First reading)
- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 2016/399 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (First reading)
- = Preparation for the trilogue
 - 10545/17 FRONT 288 VISA 244 CODEC 1106 COMIX 463 + ADD 1 + ADD 2

The Committee confirmed the outcome of the Mixed Committee.

20. **EASO**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 (First reading)

= Preparation for the trilogue 10555/17 ASILE 45 CODEC 1112 CSC 146

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation for the trilogue.

21. (poss.) Blue Card

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment **(First reading)**

= Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 10552/17 MIGR 113 SOC 498 CODEC 1110

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

22. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 17 July 2017

The EEAS outlined the main agenda items.

23. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 19 June 2017

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

- 24. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and establishing the EFSD Guarantee and the EFSD Guarantee Fund (First reading)
 - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
 10574/17 DEVGEN 150 ACP 71 RELEX 565 ECOFIN 567 CODEC 1120
 CADREFIN 77 ASIM 80 MAMA 115 COEST 149 COAFR 186

The Committee confirmed the final compromise text with a view to agreement.

Statement by the Commission

"Les règles de procédure du Comité Stratégique définiront le cadre relatif au rôle des observateurs. Les règles de procédure seront adoptées par les membres du Comité, Etats membres inclus. Les représentants du Parlement Européen ainsi que tout autre observateur ne pourront pas prendre part à la procédure de prise de décision du Comité et ne seront par conséquent pas présents en cas de vote."

- 25. EU-Japan Summit (Brussels, tbc)
 - = State of play of preparations
 - 10634/17 COASI 75 ASIE 19 POLGEN 98 RELEX 569 CFSP/PESC 581 CSDP/PSDC 365 CONOP 49 ECOFIN 576 WTO 141 COMPET 514 RECH 248 ENER 306 DEVGEN 151 TRANS 295 AGRI 352 JAI 629 CYBER 101 MIGR 116 POLMAR 24 EDUC 307 ENV 642 CLIMA 199

The Committee took stock of progress in the preparation of the EU-Japan Summit.

26. (poss.) Preparation of the **EU-Ukraine Summit** (Kiev, 12/13 July 2017) 10602/17 COEST 151 CFSP/PESC 578

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

- Second meeting of the EU-Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Council (Brussels, 10 July 2017)
 Draft Common Position of the European Union
 - Draft Common Position of the European Union
 - = Decision to use the written procedure 10508/17 COWEB 75

The Committee discussed the draft Common Position of the EU.

 Relations with the European Parliament after the European Parliament session on 12 - 15 June 2017 in Strasbourg

The Committee took note of the key developments in last plenary part-session.

- 41. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 345/2013 on European venture capital funds and Regulation (EU) No 346/2013 on European social entrepreneurship funds (First reading)
 - = Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
 - 10573/17 EF 137 ECOFIN 566 CODEC 1119

+ ADD 1

+ ADD 1 COR 1

(transferred from part I)

The Committee confirmed the final compromise text with a view to agreement.

42. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common rules on securitisation and creating a European framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation and amending Directives 2009/65/EC, 2009/138/EC, 2011/61/EU and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 648/2012 and

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation No 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (**First reading**)

= Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

10560/17 EF 136 ECOFIN 564 SURE 22 CODEC 1116

+ ADD 1 + ADD 2

(transferred from part I)

The Committee confirmed the final compromise text with a view to agreement.

Statement by the United Kingdom and Germany

"The United Kingdom and Germany support the Securitisation Regulation package that aims to free up capital for economic growth through simple, transparent and standardised securitisation.

However, it needs to be ensured that this package does not create unnecessary risks to financial stability. In particular, it needs to be ensured that the reversion of the Basel hierarchy of methods to calculate capital risk weights does not have a damaging effect on financial stability and the wider economy. In this respect, particular attention needs to be given to possible risks caused by the extension of the reversion of the hierarchy to non-STS securitisations.

We call on the European Banking Authority and the Commission to monitor closely the impact of the reversed hierarchy of methods on financial stability and other potential unintended consequences of the Regulation, taking immediate action where needed."

29. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 16 June 2017

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

30. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 11 July 2017

• Other items in connection with the Council meeting

No items were raised under this heading.

31. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus proposal) (First reading)

= Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

10553/17 CADREFIN 75 POLGEN 97 FIN 399 INST 266 FSTR 49 FC 59 REGIO 74 SOC 499 AGRISTR 52 PECHE 264 TRANS 293 ESPACE 31 TELECOM 173 CODEC 1111 + ADD 1

The Committee agreed on a mandate to start negotiations with the European Parliament.

Statement by Germany

"Germany welcomes the unanimous adoption of the Omnibus Regulation in the Friends of Presidency Group (MFF) on 22 June 2017.

Germany points out that it supports the agreement in a spirit of compromise but that it reserves the right to return to individual questions in the future.

Germany is committed to the principle of sound financial management. Concerning the performance orientation of the EU budget Germany will continue to work for a greater consideration of the administrative burden. The success of performance oriented budgeting is still to be proven. Thus, spending reviews should play a stronger role than before. Furthermore, Germany will continue to promote the need to take greater account of the specificities and requirements of shared management in federally organized Member States and to strengthen the voting weight of all Member States according to their de facto financing share in EU Trust Funds."

32. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 20 June 2017

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council.

33. Follow-up to the European Council on 22/23 June 2017

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the European Council.

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- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 2016/399 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (First reading)
- Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue
 10823/17 FRONT 303 VISA 253 CODEC 1168 COMIX 488

The Committee held an exchange of views on the outcome of the trilogue.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

- 10. Replies to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
 = Adoption by silence procedure
 - a) P-001893/2017 Jiří Pospíšil (PPE) White Paper on the future of Europe 9959/17 PE-OE 132
 - b) E-002526/2017 Jiří Pospíšil (PPE)
 White Paper on the future of Europe as seen by the Council 9962/1/17 REV 1 PE-QE 133
 - c) E-002781/2017 Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (S&D)
 Safety of the Belarusian nuclear power plant built in Astravets 10511/17 PE-QE 147
- 11. Draft minutes of the following Council meeting
 - = Approval
 - 3533rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries), held in Brussels on 11 May 2017
 - 9081/17 PV CONS 21 AGRI 262 PECHE 197
 - + COR 1
 - + ADD 1
- 12. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 2.6.2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the specific compositional and information requirements for total diet replacement for weight control
 - = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
 - 10250/17 DENLEG 48 AGRI 329 SAN 249 DELACT 102 10021/17 DENLEG 47 AGRI 309 SAN 242 DELACT 91 + ADD 1
- 13. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the generalised System of Preferences of the European Union
 - = Request for the consent of the European Parliament 10561/17 UD 160 SPG 21

5882/2/17 REV 2 UD 17 SPG 8 5803/17 UD 13 SPG 5

- 14. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, Switzerland, the Kingdom of Norway and Turkey in the framework of the generalised System of Preferences of the European Union
 - = Request for the consent of the European Parliament 10562/17 UD 161 SPG 22 5883/2/17 REV 2 UD 18 SPG 9 5814/17 UD 16 SPG 7
- 15. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on controls on cash entering or leaving the Union and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1889/2005 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 10286/17 UD 152 ECOFIN 539 CRIMORG 122 DROIPEN 86 EF 127 ENFOCUSTOM 155 CODEC 1047 10355/17 UD 154 ECOFIN 543 CRIMORG 123 DROIPEN 87 EF 128 ENFOCUSTOM 158 CODEC 1066

Déclaration conjointe de l'Espagne, la France et le Portugal

"La France, l'Espagne et le Portugal font de la lutte contre le blanchiment et le financement du terrorisme ainsi que contre les infractions financières, une priorité majeure.

C'est pourquoi elles soutiennent avec force la révision du Règlement du Parlement européen et du Conseil sur le contrôle d'argent liquide entrant et sortant de l'Union européenne. Ce projet prévoit en effet des avancées concrètes importantes pour régler les problèmes soulevés lors de l'application du règlement adopté en 2005 et pour renforcer ainsi le contrôle des flux financiers, en particulier en matière de définition de l'argent liquide, d'échanges d'information et de pouvoir de contrôle.

Le Portugal, l'Espagne et la France regrettent toutefois qu'à ce stade, la prise en compte des mouvements d'argent non accompagnés (article 4), envoyés par la poste, le fret-express ou un transporteur, n'ait pas conduit à la création d'une obligation déclarative préalable pesant sur l'expéditeur, mais simplement à une possible demande de divulgation en cas de découverte d'argent à l'occasion d'un contrôle. Cette rédaction, insuffisamment ambitieuse, crée de plus une distorsion avec l'obligation pesant sur les transferts accompagnés d'argent, soumis à une déclaration préalable obligatoire.

Cependant, compte tenu de l'importance de ce document, et afin de ne pas retarder les progrès déjà enregistrés dans ce projet, la France, l'Espagne et le Portugal ne s'opposent pas à son passage au Conseil en vue du prochain trilogue avec le Parlement Européen, qu'elles souhaitent rapide et très fructueux."

- 16. Draft Council implementing Decision amending implementing Decision 2014/170/EU establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, as regards the Union of the Comoros
 - = Adoption

10461/17 PECHE 259 10305/17 PECHE 250

- 17. Draft Council implementing Decision amending implementing Decision 2014/170/EU, establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, as regards Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 - = Adoption
 - 10462/17 PECHE 260 10307/17 PECHE 251

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- 18. EU-Japan Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on the global LNG market
 - = Establishment of the EU position
 - = Decision to use the written procedure 10534/1/17 REV 1 ENER 301
- 57. 40th FAO Conference (Rome, 3 8 July 2017): Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights
 - = Approval

10816/17 AGRI 364 FAO 22

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission takes note of and expresses its disagreement with the Council position concerning the "Declaration of Competences and Voting Rights" on point 9 of the agenda of the 40th Session of the FAO Conference and would like to reiterate that in view of the areas covered by the agenda item, and the content of the proposed Union declaration, that agenda item falls under Union competence and, consequently, that agenda item in the Union "Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights" should read "EU vote"."

COREPER (PART 2)

- Case before the General Court of the European Union Case T-147/17 (Nikolaos Anastassopoulous v. Council of the European Union and European Commission)
 - Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 10366/17 JUR 296 ECOFIN 545 UEM 200
- 35. Presidency progress report on the FoP IPCR/SCI activities and extension of the group's mandate

10464/17 CAB 4 IPCR 6 + COR 1

- Submission for approval of a new draft design of the Slovak 2 euro commemorative coin 10018/17 ECOFIN 499 UEM 191
- 37. Reply to the Clearing letter on European Court of Auditors' audit of the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure
 - Approval of the wording of the letter to be sent to the European Court of Auditors 10527/17 ECOFIN 562
- Draft Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/... of ... amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/544 on approving the macroeconomic adjustment programme of Greece (2015/1411)
 - Decision to use the written procedure
 10526/17 ECOFIN 561 UEM 205
 10074/17 ECOFIN 514 UEM 193
 + COR 1 (lt)
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) 2015/1017 as regards the extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub (First reading)
 - = State of play

10519/17 ECOFIN 558 CODEC 1099 POLGEN 96 COMPET 506 RECH 243 ENER 299 TRANS 291 ENV 636 EDUC 303 SOC 495 EMPL 381 EF 134 AGRI 349 TELECOM 171 UEM 203 JAI 619

- 40. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the recovery and resolution of central counterparties and amending Regulations (EU) No 1095/2010, (EU) No 648/2012, and (EU) 2015/2365 (First reading)
 - = State of play

10559/17 EF 135 ECOFIN 563 CODEC 1115

- 43. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out recommendations addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of Croatia in view of fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation
 = Adoption
 - Adoption 10565/17 SCH-EVAL 178 ENFOPOL 328 COMIX 466 10093/17 SCH-EVAL 169 ENFOPOL 294 COMIX 422
- 44. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out recommendations addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of Croatia in view of fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return
 - Adoption 10564/17 SCH-EVAL 177 MIGR 115 COMIX 465 10563/17 SCH-EVAL 176 MIGR 114 COMIX 464
- 45. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the introduction of temporary autonomous trade measures for Ukraine supplementing the trade concessions available under the Association Agreement (First reading)
 - = Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement 10567/17 WTO 139 COEST 148 NIS 13 CODEC 1117

Statement by the Commission

"Commission Statement related to Article 3 of the Regulation on the temporary autonomous trade measures (ATMs) for Ukraine:

The Commission notes that should it be impossible to implement the suspension of preferential arrangements before full utilization of the annual zero-tariff rate quotas for agricultural products, the Commission shall endeavour proposing a reduction or suspension of these concessions in the following years."

46. Relations with Ukraine

Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party and

Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party

= Adoption

10588/17 COEST 150 CFSP/PESC 574 JAI 627 WTO 140 13613/3/13 REV 3 COEST 264 NIS 52 PESC 1081 JAI 772 WTO 200 ENER 412 14011/2/13 REV 2 COEST 284 NIS 56 PESC 1137 JAI 815 WTO 212 ENER 432

- 47. (poss.) Enlargement
 - Accession negotiations with Serbia
 - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 10: Information society and media 10641/17 ELARG 49
- 48. Special Report No 030/2016 by the Court of Auditors "The effectiveness of EU support to priority sectors in Honduras"
 - = Draft Council conclusions
 - 10518/17 COLAC 50 DEVGEN 148
- 49. Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)
 - Reference amount covering period from 16 July 2017 15 July 2018 10540/17 CORLX 293 CFSP/PESC 570 CSDP/PSDC 357 COAFR 185 EUCAP SAHEL 23 CSC 143 9950/17 CORLX 264 CFSP/PESC 481 CSDP/PSDC 292 COAFR 161 EUCAP SAHEL 20 CSC 122

Statement by the Commission

"In light of the rules of the Treaties, a CFSP decision cannot be used as a means to confer power on the Council to enact a derogation from the procurement rules defined in the Financial Regulation given that such power is attributed to the Commission. Moreover, any derogation from the rules on participation in the procurement procedures of the mission cannot be of generic and unlimited nature and must be duly justified in each specific case. The Commission considers that the derogating provisions on procurement in the CFSP Decision can only be interpreted as a purely enabling clause. The Commission continues to exercise its competences in the implementation of the budget of the mission as stemming from the Treaties and in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Financial Regulation."

- Political and Security Committee Decision extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (EUCAP Sahel Niger/1/2017)
 - Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal 10289/17 CFSP/PESC 531 CSDP/PSDC 331 COPS 198 COAFR 178 EUCAP SAHEL 22 PSC DEC 17 9377/17 CFSP/PESC 431 CSDP/PSDC 261 COPS 163 COAFR 141 EUCAP SAHEL 18 PSC DEC 11
- 51. Political and Security Committee Decision on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (EUTM RCA/2/2017)
 - Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal 10539/17 CSDP/PSDC 356 CFSP/PESC 569 COAFR 184 RELEX 563 CONUN 156 CSC 142 EUTM RCA 15 PSC DEC 21 10077/17 CSDP/PSDC 303 CFSP/PESC 491 COAFR 167 RELEX 499 CONUN 137 CSC 128 EUTM RCA 10 PSC DEC 16

- 52. Political and Security Committee Decision on the acceptance of a third State's contribution to the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (EUTM RCA/3/2017).
 - Authorisation for publication in the Official journal
 10028/17 CSDP/PSDC 296 CFSP/PESC 485 COAFR 164 RELEX 496 CONUN 135 EUTM RCA 9 PSC DEC 13 CSC 125
 10504/17 CSDP/PSDC 353 CFSP/PESC 562 COAFR 183 RELEX 561 CONUN 153 EUTM RCA 13 PSC DEC 20 CSC 140
- 53. Political and Security Committee Decision on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) (EUTM Mali/1/2017)

Authorisation for publication in the Official journal 10068/17 CSDP/PSDC 302 CFSP/PESC 490 COAFR 166 RELEX 498 EUTM MALI 7 PSC DEC 15 CONUN 136 10484/17 CSDP/PSDC 351 CFSP/PESC 561 COAFR 182 RELEX 559 EUTM MALI 9 PSC DEC 19 CONUN 152

- 54. Relations with Jordan Adoption of the European Union's position for the Association Council's 12th meeting (Brussels, 10 July 2017)
 - = Decision to use the written procedure 10594/17 RHJ 3
- 55. Update to COTER Working Methods = Draft Proposal 10490/17 COTER 55 COPS 208
- 56. (poss.) Draft Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and

Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

= Adoption

10696/17 CORLX 299 CFSP/PESC 588 RELEX 572 MAMA 119 COARM 176 FIN 417

10418/17 CORLX 280 CFSP/PESC 545 MAMA 108 COARM 162 FIN 380 10420/17 CORLX 282 CFSP/PESC 547 RELEX 546 MAMA 110 COARM 164 FIN 382