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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The Council adopted the above agenda.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2. Approval of the list of "A" items

11263/16 PTS A 65

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The Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

1) 11263/16

The documents on item 9 should read as follows:

Item 9: 11003/16 MAMA 149 MED 29 CFSP/PESC 581 RHJ 18 UD 158
WTO 200

10882/16 MAMA 144 MED 27 CFSP/PESC 564 RHJ 16 UD 154
WTO 187

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UE-RHJ 3301/16
+ COR 1 (lt)

2) 11263/16 ADD 1:

20. Draft Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Central America Association Council regarding the replacement of Appendix 2 to Annex II to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other

= Adoption

9086/16 COLAC 32 UD 102 WTO 134

9087/16 COLAC 33 UD 103 WTO 135

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.07.2016

21. Draft Council conclusions on South Sudan

= Adoption

11213/16 COAFR 219 CFSP/PESC 615

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 18.07.2016

3. Turkey

- Draft Council Conclusions

11344/16 CFSP/PESC 631

Following recent developments in Turkey, the Council discussed draft Council conclusions which were adopted as set out in 11368/16.

4. **Fight against terrorism**

At the request of the French delegation the Council discussed fight against terrorism. France renewed its call for more support under Article 42.7 TEU already invoked in November.

5. **China**

- Draft Council conclusions EU Strategy on China
11319/16 COASI 163 ASIE 66 POLGEN 91 RELEX 651
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The Council took note of the debrief by the High Representative and the Commission on the EU-China Summit on 12-13 July 2016.

The Council also discussed and adopted Council conclusions on the EU strategy on China, welcoming the Joint Communication from the High Representative and the Commission of 7 June 2016. The Council agreed the strategy provided the policy framework for the EU engagement with China over the coming years.

6. **Latin America and the Caribbean**

- Draft Council conclusions on Venezuela
11242/16 COLAC 56 CFSP/PESC 620

Ministers had an exchange of views on recent developments in the region covering Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Argentina, the EU-CELAC Ministerial meeting and Ecuador. The HR called for participation at the EU-CELAC Ministerial in October.

Concerning Cuba, the HR announced that proposals to repeal the 1996 Common Position and to recommend to the Council the signature of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) would be transmitted in parallel to the Council.

The Council adopted Conclusions on Venezuela (11264/16).

7. **Migration**

The Council took note of the announcement by the High Representative that she would inform it in writing about the ongoing follow-up to the European Council conclusions of 28 June 2016 on external aspects of migration.

8. **Any other business**

The Slovak delegation drew the attention to recent positive developments in BiH with the initialing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement adaptation to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU; it called to encourage BiH to take positive steps on the EU coordination mechanism. Slovakia was looking favourably at possible Council conclusions on BiH's membership application at the GAC in September, provided that the conditions were met.
