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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
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The Council adopted the above agenda.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2. **Approval of the list of "A" items**
12455/10 PTS A 70

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

1. **12455/10**

The documents in item 3 should read as follows:

Item 3 11116/10 CPS 314 CIVCOM 369 PESC 796 COSDP 529 RELEX 548
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11128/1/10 **REV 1** CPS 315 CIVCOM 370 PESC 797 COSDP 532 RELEX
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2. **12455/10 ADD 1**

8. Relations with Kyrgyzstan
- Draft Council Conclusions on Kyrgyzstan
12340/10 COEST 233 PESC 970

9. Iran
- Draft Council Conclusions
12469/1/10 **REV 1** COPOL 31 CONOP 52 COMEM 154

3. **Sudan**

The discussion highlighted the crucial phase of the current transition in Sudan, with the upcoming referendum in 2011 and the possible secession of S-Sudan. The HR underlined that Sudan might well turn into one of the most important foreign affairs challenges in 2011 and indicated the principal domains of EU action: political (notably in ensuring a credible referendum and the negotiations on post referendum arrangements), diplomatic (in support of the AU/UN framework), stabilisation of the South (state and capacity building), contributing to conflict management in Darfur, as well as pursuing the support for justice and reconciliation, including the support for the ICC.

The Council adopted the conclusions on Sudan as set out in document 12632/10.

4. **Gaza / MEPP**

The Council discussed the situation in the Gaza Strip and the way forward with regard to the Middle East Peace Process following a visit to the region including the Gaza Strip by the High Representative on 17-19 July. The High Representative delivered a statement to the press on behalf of the Council calling for proximity talks to lead as swiftly as possible to direct talks.

5. **Western Balkans**

The Council discussed – over working lunch – the political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as in Kosovo following the publication of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on 22 July.

6. **India / Brazil**

The discussion did not take place.

7. **Iran**

The Council discussed the Iranian nuclear programme and adopted Council conclusions. The Council also adopted a Council Decision on restrictive measures against Iran

8. **Georgia**

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

9. **Any Other Business**

The Spanish Foreign Minister made a presentation on Cuba. The Council briefly discussed Georgia, Ukraine, Kaliningrad and the forthcoming EU-Africa Summit.

STATEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES

Ad "A" item 9: **Restrictive measures against Iran**

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL

"The Council considers that the authorization referred to in Article 10(3)(c) shall not be deemed granted if the competent authority of the Member States concerned, in accordance with its national procedures, has objected to it within a time-limit of four weeks."

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