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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The Council adopted the above agenda. An "Any other business" item was added on 17 November 2015.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

2. Approval of the list of "A" items

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The Council adopted on **16 November 2015** the "A" items listed in:

- 1) 13823/15 - items 1 to 12
- 2) 13823/15 ADD 1 - items 17 and 18:
 17. Draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 07/2015 entitled "The EU police mission in Afghanistan: mixed results"
13784/15 COPS 338 CIVCOM 195 FIN 755 CFSP/PESC 725 CSDP/PSDC 589
RELEX 890 JAI 830 COASI 165 EUPOL/AFG 18
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.11.2015
 18. Draft Council conclusions on Burundi
14038/15 COAFR 332 CFSP/PESC 753 ACP 160 RELEX 911 COHAFA 108
POLMIL 100
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.11.2015

On **17 November 2015** the Council adopted the "A" items listed in:

- 1) 13823/15 - items 13 to 16
- 2) 13823/15 ADD 1 - item 19:
 19. Draft Council conclusions on Central African Republic
13798/15 COAFR 322 CFSP/PESC 728 CSDP/PSDC 591 COHAFA 101
COHOM 106 POLMIL 96
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.11.2015

3. MEPP

In the light of on-going violence on the ground, the High Representative informed Ministers of her recent contacts with the Israeli Prime Minister and the President of the Palestinian Authority, as well as of her work within the Quartet. Ministers exchanged views on the way forward and the EU's role with a view to resuming a credible political process.

4. **Migration (Follow-up to Valletta Summit and Western Balkans Conference)**

The Council welcomed the successful outcome of the Valletta Summit on Migration on 11 and 12 November 2015 and of the High-Level Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean/Western Balkans route on 8 October 2015.

As regards the follow-up to these two meetings, the Council agreed on the importance of implementing the decisions taken, notably through advancing the bilateral migration dialogues between the European Union and the relevant partners countries as well as the multilateral migration dialogue within the Rabat and Khartoum processes.

5. **Syria and Libya**

The item was discussed by Ministers at a restricted session during lunch.

6. **Eastern Partners**

This item was postponed.

7. **Any other business**

– **Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)**

The High Representative encouraged ministerial participation in the upcoming informal UfM Conference on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Barcelona process (Barcelona, 26 November 2015).

Meeting of the Defence Ministers (17.11.2015)

8. European Defence Action Plan

Commissioner Bienkowska presented to ministers the main lines and key objectives of the forthcoming European Defence Action Plan.

9. Capacity building in support of security and development

Ministers exchanged views on the state of play of work in the field of Capacity building in support of security and development, on the basis of a joint Commission and EEAS Implementation Plan .

10. CSDP Operations

The Council was briefed by the Chairman of the EU Military Committee on current developments in military CSDP operations, with special emphasis on EUNAVFOR Med operation Sophia and EUMAM RCA.

11. Any other business

– Article 42(7) TEU

The French Minister of Defence, on behalf of his government, invoked article 42(7) of the Treaty on European Union, in view of the fact that France had been the victim of armed aggression on its territory on 13 November 2015, as a result of terrorist attacks perpetrated in Paris. Member States, within the Council, agreed unanimously to provide France with aid and assistance pursuant to Article 42(7).
