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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**

15202/15 PTS A 103

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The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 15202/15.

3. **Eastern Partners**

The Council had an exchange of views on the state of relations as well as horizontal and country specific priorities regarding the Eastern Partnership as well as the wider neighbourhood.

4. **Counter-terrorism**

The Council was briefed by the EU Counter Terrorism Coordinator and had a discussion on the external aspects of counter terrorism reviewing actions taken so far. The February 2015 Council conclusions remain valid and must be implemented further in full cooperation with Member States. The Council was informed that the High Representative will report on progress to the European Council.

5. **Libya**

The Council had an exchange of views on the political and security situation in Libya in the presence of the UN Secretary General Special Envoy (UNSG SE) for Libya.

6. **Iraq**

– Draft Council conclusions

15015/15 MOG 117 CFSP/PESC 839 COHAFA 127 IRAQ 8

The Council adopted conclusions on Iraq, as set out in document 15016/15. In view of time constraints, the discussion on this item was postponed to a forthcoming Council meeting.

7. **Any other business**

– **Middle East Peace Process**

In light of political reaction by the Israeli government, the High Representative clarified briefly the EU position to Ministers with regard to the Interpretative Notice on the indication of origin for settlement products adopted by the Commission on 11 November 2015.

Ministers underscored the importance of unity and solidarity in this regard. The High Representative and Ministers also shared their views briefly on possible ways to resume a credible political process in the region.
