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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"

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10150/08 OJ/CRP2 21 COMIX 461

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

43. Date for elections to the European Parliament in 2009

- **Draft statement**

10228/08 PE 190 INST 64

44. SIS II Global Schedule

10134/1/08 REV 1 CATS 50 SIS-TECH 80 SIRIS 90 COMIX 456

10103/08 CATS 49 SIS-TECH 79 SIRIS 88 COMIX 453

The Committee approves the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

A statement is made by the NL delegation on the following item:

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work (LA) (First reading)

- **Political agreement**

6622/07 STAT 7 SAN 25 SOC 69 CODEC 139 + COR 1

14981/07 CODEC 1215 STATIS 141 SAN 203 SOC 446

9823/08 STATIS 70 SAN 103 SOC 308 CODEC 640

"The Netherlands agrees to the Regulation.

The Netherlands welcomes the introduction of a system for the development of statistics on health and safety at European level. The Netherlands government will do its best to obtain and deliver the requested data.

At the same time, reducing burdens as a consequence of Community statistics is one of the objectives of the Community action plan for reducing administrative burdens in the EU, and the Netherlands supports the Commission in this aim.

The risk is that when the details of the Regulation are worked out, not all the requested data will appear to be available, owing to the social security system in the Netherlands. The Netherlands government asks the Commission to take account of this situation when working out the details of the Regulation and to ensure that the burdens involved in obtaining data are not unreasonable.

The Commission is also urged not to allow the administrative costs to rise when it adopts measures for implementing this Regulation. In order that this can be assessed, the implementing measures should have a proper basis in line with the EU Standard Cost Model."

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9. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy and amending Directives 82/176/EEC, 83/513/EEC, 84/156/EEC, 84/491/EEC, 86/280/EEC and 2000/60/EC (Second reading)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
 - **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
11486/3/07 ENV 378 CODEC 757 REV 3
10025/08 ENV 329 CODEC 672 + ADD 1

After hearing a report on the outcome of the second trilogue, the Committee mandated the Presidency to continue negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the third column of the table annexed to 10025/08, with the changes agreed during the meeting, with a view to securing a second-reading agreement.

10. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community (Second reading)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
5058/3/08 ENV 2 AVIATION 2 MI 1 IND 1 ENER 2 CODEC 4 REV 3
10020/08 ENV 328 AVIATION 115 MI 165 IND 48 ENER 167 CODEC 671

The Committee mandated the Presidency to open negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the third column of the table annexed to 10020/08, with the changes agreed during the meeting, with a view to securing a second-reading agreement.

**11. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy)
on 12 and 13 June 2008**

**1. Review of the EU Regulatory Framework for electronic communications networks
and services**

**(a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Directives 2002/21/EC on a common regulatory framework for
electronic communications networks and services, 2002/19/EC on access to,
and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and services,
and 2002/20/EC on the authorisation of electronic communications networks
and services**

– Progress report

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)

15379/07 TELECOM 150 MI 297 COMPET 391 CONSOM 132

CODEC 1294 + COR 1

9837/08 TELECOM 77 MI 159 COMPET 190 CONSOM 54 AUDIO 42

CODEC 645

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 10334/08.

**(b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights
relating to electronic communications networks, Directive 2002/58/EC
concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in
the electronic communications sector and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on
consumer protection cooperation**

– Progress report

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)

15387/07 TELECOM 151 MI 298 COMPET 392 DATAPROTECT 50

CONSOM 133 CODEC 1297

9838/08 TELECOM 78 MI 160 COMPET 191 DATAPROTECT 29

CONSOM 55 CODEC 646

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 10336/08.

**(c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the European Electronic Communications Market Authority**

– Progress report

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)

15408/07 TELECOM 153 MI 299 COMPET 393 DATAPROTECT 51

CONSOM 134 CAB 46 CODEC 1298 + REV 1 (bg)

9095/08 TELECOM 61 MI 140 COMPET 175 DATAPROTECT 20

CONSOM 47 CAB 24 CODEC 550

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 10337/08.

– **Exchange of views**

9849/08 TELECOM 81 MI 163 COMPET 192 CONSOM 57 AUDIO 43
DATAPROTECT 30 CAB 26 CODEC 650

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 9849/08.

2. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Reaping the full benefits of the digital dividend in Europe: A common approach to the use of the spectrum released by the digital switchover

– **Adoption of Council conclusions**

15365/07 TELECOM 148 MI 295 COMPET 389 AUDIO 40

9139/08 TELECOM 64 MI 143 COMPET 177 AUDIO 37

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 10333/08.

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 460/2004 establishing the European Network and Information Security Agency as regards its duration

– **General approach**

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)

16840/07 TELECOM 174 MI 353 DATAPROTECT 62 CAB 58 INST 168

CODEC 1503

9768/08 TELECOM 76 MI 158 DATAPROTECT 28 CAB 25 INST 52

CODEC 633

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 10338/08.

4. Proposal for a Directive .../.../EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of [...] on roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers (recast)

– **General approach**

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)

7431/08 TRANS 86 ENT 51 CODEC 342 + COR 1 + REV 1 (en)

9934/08 TRANS 170 ENT 107 CODEC 658

The Committee approves the draft Directive and agrees to forward it to the Council for adoption of a general approach.

5. **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament – "Multi-annual contracts for rail infrastructure quality"**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
6295/08 TRANS 36 + ADD 3
9996/08 TRANS 173

The Committee solved all outstanding issues concerning the draft Conclusions which will be submitted to the Council for adoption.

6. **Revised proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of clean and energy efficient road transport vehicles**
- **General approach / Progress report / Policy debate**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
5113/08 TRANS 2 ENT 2 ENV 5 MAP 4 CODEC 12 + COR 1 + REV 1 (it)
10071/08 TRANS 176 ENT 111 ENV 331 MAP 13 CODEC 682

The Committee examined the outstanding points reflected in document 10071/08 with a view to preparing the TTE Council on 12/13 June 2008. The result of this examination is reflected in document 10257/08.

7. **External relations: Transport Treaty for the Western Balkans**
- **Draft Decision by the Council authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Community with Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia as well as Kosovo, under Resolution 1244(1999) of the United Nations Security Council, on a Treaty establishing a Transport Community**
= **Adoption**
7559/08 TRANS 85 COWEB 80 ALB 1 BIH 5
ELARG 18 RESTREINT UE
10072/08 TRANS 177 COWEB 151 ALB 7 BIH 14
ELARG 55 RESTREINT UE

The Committee examined the outstanding points reflected in document 10072/08 RESTREINT with a view to preparing the TTE Council on 12/13 June 2008. The result of this examination is reflected in document 10259/08 RESTREINT.

12. Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 9 and 10 June 2008

1. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum requirements for enhancing worker mobility by improving the acquisition and preservation of supplementary pension rights

– **Political agreement**

(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)

13857/07 SOC 368 ECOFIN 416 CODEC 1062

+ COR 1

+ REV 1 (en)

+ REV 1 COR 1 (en)

The Chair informs the Committee that this item will be withdrawn from the agenda for the EPSCO Council on 9 and 10 June 2008, given that it has not been possible to reach an agreement on the major outstanding issue of *the vesting period*. The Commission states that it will consider all available options in the light of the discussions that have taken place.

2. Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States

– **Political agreement**

16714/07 ECOFIN 519 COMPET 442 SOC 543 ENV 721 EDUC 224

RECH 433 ENER 326 ADD 4

+ ADD 4 COR 1

+ ADD 4 REV 1 (en)

+ ADD 4 REV 2 (sv,et)

9937/1/08 SOC 317 ECOFIN 205 EDUC 154 REV 1

+ REV 1 COR 1

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in document 10090/08 SOC 325 ECOFIN 208 EDUC 156.

3. Skills, jobs and youth

(a) Anticipating and matching labour market needs, with special emphasis on youth –A Jobs and Skills Initiative

– **Adoption of Council conclusions**

9359/08 SOC 283 EDUC 146

The Committee agrees to submit the draft conclusions as set out in document 10091/08 SOC 326 EDUC 157 to the Council for adoption.

- (b) **EMCO opinion on Youth employment**
 - **Endorsement of an Employment Committee Opinion**
9898/08 SOC 314 JEUN 62 EDUC 153

The Committee agrees to submit the EMCO Opinion on Youth employment, in document 9898/08 SOC 314 JEUN 62 EDUC 153, to the Council for endorsement.

- 4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems**
 - **Title IV – Financial Provisions**
Chapter III (Recovery of benefits paid in excess, recovery of provisional payments, compensation, assistance with recovery)
= **Partial general approach**
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
5896/06 SOC 44 CODEC 93
9367/08 SOC 285 CODEC 590

The outcome of the Committee's discussions can be found in document 9988/08 SOC 319 CODEC 668.

- 5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems**
 - **General approach**
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
11519/07 SOC 273 CODEC 760
9722/08 SOC 302 CODEC 628

The outcome of the Committee's discussions can be found in document 9939/08 SOC 318 CODEC 660.

- 6. **Information to patients on medicinal products**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Policy debate**
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
5242/08 MI 12 ECO 4 SAN 5
9437/08 MI 148 ECO 59 SAN 82
9608/08 MI 155 ECO 60 SAN 86

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions set out in document 9437/08 for adoption at the Council (EPSCO) on 10 June 2008, and to invite the Council to hold a policy debate based on the questions set out in document 9608/08.

13. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010) (First reading)

– Preparation for informal trilogue

16600/07 SOC 538 CODEC 1463

10044/08 SOC 322 CODEC 677

+ ADD 1

The Chair informs the Committee about the broad agreement reached in the Working Party on Social Questions on a position regarding the European Parliament's draft amendments, subject to the outstanding question concerning the financial provisions being resolved.

Regarding the financial provisions, CZ, CY, LV, LT, PL and SK present the statement contained in document 10044/08 ADD 2 on the co-financing of actions undertaken within the framework of the European Year. MT also aligns itself with the statement. The Committee agrees that the proposed Decision will be placed on the agenda of the EPSCO Council on 9 June 2008 as an "Other Business" item, so as to permit CZ, CY, LV, LT, MT, PL and SK to express their concerns.

DK, MT and UK maintain parliamentary scrutiny reservations.

ES, IT and HU maintain linguistic scrutiny reservations.

The Chair concludes that the Committee has reached agreement on the text in document 10044/08 ADD 1 and gives a mandate to the Presidency to negotiate with the European Parliament with view to reaching a first-reading agreement.

14. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 and 24 June 2008

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

(For the items within the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23/24 June 2008 as set out in 10653/08.

- 2. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems in the high seas from the adverse impacts of bottom fishing gears**
- **Political agreement / Adoption**
14231/07 PECHE 303
9702/08 PECHE 111

The Committee has a first discussion on this item and agrees to come back to it at its next meeting.

- 15. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain Directives (Second reading)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
 - **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
11406/4/07 ENV 368 CODEC 744 REV 4
10028/08 ENV 330 CODEC 673

Following a Presidency briefing on the results of the third trilogue, the Committee agreed some further modifications to the Council's position and gave mandate to the Presidency to transmit the final compromise text to the EP Environment Committee in view of an agreement in second reading. The results can be found in 10517/08.

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39. Follow up of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 3 June 2008

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council of 3 June 2008.

40. Preparation of EU-US Summit

- **Final Report by EU-US High Level Contact Group on information sharing and privacy and personal data protection**
9831/08 JAI 275 DATAPROTECT 31 USA 26
- **Preparation of the Joint EU-US Declaration**

All delegations which intervened welcomed the report. The vast majority of delegations which intervened expressed their support for the conclusions of the EU-US High Level Contact Group regarding the way forward, in particular as far as the negotiation of a legally binding agreement is concerned. Several delegations emphasised the need to continue the dialogue with the US on these issues.

41. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 16/17 June 2008

A. General Affairs

- a) **Preparation of the European Council (19/20 June 2008)**
= **Draft Conclusions**
10180/08 POLGEN 57

The Committee discussed the draft European Council conclusions as proposed by the Presidency.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

42. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs), on 5/6 June 2008

a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals

9829/08 MIGR 39 CODEC 641 COMIX 433

The Committee reached agreement on the overall compromise with the European Parliament. The Chair announced that he will send a letter to the European Parliament confirming that an agreement in first reading is possible.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

10215/08 ASIM 16

10160/08 COPEN 111

9980/1/08 REV 1 COPEN 104 EUROJUST 54 EJN 40 + REV 1 COR 1

"In absentia" and Eurojust

The Committee was informed by its President on the state of play of the work on the draft Framework Decision on "in absentia" and on the draft Decision on Eurojust in view of the meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 5/6 June 2008.

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection

The Presidency also confirmed that the Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/109/EC was being maintained on the Council agenda with a view to a discussion on outstanding issues.

RO indicated it would report under AOB on developments in connection with the proposal to establish a Black Sea Regional Cooperation Platform.

– **Any other business**

= **Preparation of the TTE (Energy) Council on 6 June (requested by the BE delegation)**

Upon a request by the BE delegation the Committee has a brief exchange of views on the state of preparation for the Council discussions on the Internal Energy market package.

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