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

doc. 9816/1//10 REV 1 OJ/CRP1 19 + ADD 1
9842/10 OJ/CRP2 19

The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following item is **added** :

(Copeper Part 1, under I)

24. Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards additions and modification of the examples of related varieties or other products to which the same MRL applies

- **Decision not to oppose adoption**
8056/10 AGRILEG 38 ENV 200
9872/10 AGRILEG 59 ENV 298

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Copeper Part 1, under I)

5. Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 2-phenylphenol in or on certain products

- **Decision not to oppose adoption**
5783/10 AGRILEG 4 ENV 45
9698/10 AGRILEG 55 ENV 283

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

A declaration is made by the SI delegation on item 9: Enlargement - Accession negotiations with Croatia - Chapter 16: Taxation, which can be found in 10448/10 ADD 1 LIMITE.

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14. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Environment) on 11 June 2010

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in document 10722/10.

15. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market

= Preparation of the informal trialogue

9801/1/10 REV 1 AGRI 171 ENV 291 FORETS 63 CODEC 434 DEVGEN 159
RELEX 432 JUR 229 UD 131 WTO 169 PROBA 41

With a view to prepare the first informal trialogue with the European Parliament, the Committee exchanged views on the issues set out by the Presidency in 9801/1/10.

Delegations could accept the suggestions made by the Presidency subject to the following changes:

- page 11 (AM 36) - last bullet point - putting environmental and forest legislation before biodiversity conservation;
- page 14 (AM 55) - a comment was added that the last part of the last sentence in the EP AM should be placed in a recital;
- page 26 (AM 43) - deletion of the word "systematic"
- page 29 (AM 70) - change from "shall" to "may" in paragraphs 1 and 2.

16. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (recast) (Second reading)

= Preparation of the informal trialogue

9664/1/10 REV 1 ENV 281 CODEC 415

The Committee mandated the Presidency to commence negotiations with the European Parliament with a view to a second-reading agreement. It confirmed the mandate set out in the fourth column of the table annexed to document 9664/1/10 REV 1.

17. Preparation of the Council meeting of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal market, Industry and Research) on 25 and 26 May 2010

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products

- **Political agreement / Progress report**
9797/10 MI 145 ENT 51 COMPET 155 CODEC 433

The Committee instructs the Presidency to submit the Presidency Compromise Proposal (doc. 9797/10), as amended today for a Political Agreement at the Competitiveness Council of 25 and 26 May 2010.

2. Communication from the Commission "ITER status and possible way forward" (*Non-legislative activities*)

- **Presentation by the Commission**
- **Exchange of views**
9424/10 RECH 167 ATO 16 BUDGET 27 + ADD 1

The outcome of proceedings is set out in document 10001/10 RECH 194 ATO 18 BUDGET 33 + ADD 1 RESTREINT.

3. Contribution to the preparation of the European Council of 17 June 2010 (*Non-legislative activities*)

- **Information from the Commission on the dialogue with the Member States regarding national targets for research and development in the context of Europe 2020 Strategy for growth and jobs**
- **Exchange of views**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission with a view to the Council exchange of views.

18. Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 7 and 8 June 2010

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agrees on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) as set out in 10363/10.

2. Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation

- **Progress report**
9535/10 SOC 329 JAI 404 MI 140

The Committee submits the report by the Presidency contained in document 9535/10 to the Council, for information.

3. New Skills for New Jobs: the way forward (*Non-legislative activities*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
- **Contribution of the Employment Committee on "New Skills for New Jobs"**
9183/1/10 SOC 304 EDUC 84 ECOFIN 230 REV1
8815/1/10 SOC 278 EDUC 76 ECOFIN 213 REV 1

The Committee agrees to submit the Conclusions as set out in document 9183/1/10 REV 1 to the Council, with a view to their adoption.

The Committee agrees to submit the contribution of the Employment Committee as set out in document 8815/1/10 REV 1 to the Council, with a view to taking note of them.

4. Advancing Roma Inclusion (*Non-legislative activities*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
8999/10 SOC 290 JAI 358 EDUC 79 SAN 85

The Committee agrees to submit the Conclusions as set out in document 10058/10 to the Council, with a view to their adoption.

5. Active Ageing (*Non-legislative activities*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9489/10 SOC 324 SAN 101

The Committee agrees to submit the Conclusions as set out in document 9489/10 to the Council, with a view to their adoption.

- 6. Action to reduce population salt intake for better health (*Non-legislative activities*)**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
7390/10 DENLEG 37 SAN 53

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft Council conclusions for adoption, subject to the lifting of the DK and SE reservations, during the Council (EPSCO) session on 7-8 June 2010.

- 7. Equity and Health in all Policies: Solidarity in Health (*Non-legislative activities*)**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9663/1/10 REV 1 SAN 108 SOC 333

The Commission asked to move paragraph 30 of the draft conclusions as a new invitation to the Commission and the Member States.

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft Council conclusions, as modified during the meeting, for adoption during the Council (EPSCO) session on 7-8 June 2010.

- 8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare**
- **(poss.) Political agreement**
9669/10 SAN 109 SOC 334 MI 142 CODEC 417

The Presidency presented a compromise text containing new proposals in relation to: the legal basis of the directive (Article 114 and 168 TFUE); the responsibilities of the Member State of affiliation (Article 8.1a and Article 4(c)); the reimbursement and prior authorisation (Article 8.8, 9.2.(c) and (d), 9.4.(e); and e-Health (Article 14).

After the discussion, it was agreed to change: Article 8.1a.b) as suggested by DE, Article 8.8 and Article 9.4.(e) following a Commission proposal; and Article 14 on the basis of a text presented by IT. It was also decided to clarify the use of a double legal basis by introducing a new recital based on Recitals 1 and 2 from the text presented to the Council on 1 December 2009 by the Swedish Presidency.

Several delegations reminded other issues of concern for them and the Presidency acknowledged a general scrutiny reservation on the new Presidency's compromise by the Committee.

The Commission expressed its support to the text.

The Presidency concluded that following the guidance given by the Committee, the text of the draft directive will be revised and a new compromise presented for political agreement to the Council on 8 June 2010.

19. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

The Committee took note of the outcome of the first trialogue that took place in Strasbourg on 20 May 2010. The main message being that the European Parliament cannot envisage an agreement at first reading unless the prohibition and traceability are included. On the technical issues a fruitful exchange of views took place that led to clarifications on certain issues.

20. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (recast) (Second reading)
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

The Committee took note of information from the Presidency on the outcome of the first trialogue meeting.

21. Draft Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in the negotiations on a legally binding instrument on mercury further to Decision 25/5 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Consideration of next steps

Following withdrawal by the Commission of its Recommendation and taking into account a written opinion of the Council Legal Service, the Committee decided to withdraw the agreed Draft Decision from the A points list for adoption at the forthcoming Council.

22. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 31 May 2010

- 1. (poss.) Digital Agenda for Europe (*Non-legislative activities*)**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Exchange of views on the "European Code of rights of users of electronic communications services"**

The Representative of the Commission presented the Digital Agenda for Europe, which was adopted on 19 May 2010. The Committee agreed in principle on the draft Council conclusions on the Digital Agenda. It took note of the questions put forward by the Presidency on the "European Code", which are meant to steer the debate in the TTE Council on the Digital Agenda for Europe.

- 2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and repealing Directive 2004/67/EC**
 - **Progress report from the Presidency**
9817/10 ENER 152 CODEC 436

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 9817/10 could be submitted to Council for its information.

- 3. Contribution to the preparation of the European Council of 17 June 2010: Dialogue of the Commission with Member States on the national targets for energy efficiency (*Non-legislative activities*)**
 - **Information from the Commission**
 - **Exchange of views**
9743/10 ENER 147 ENV 285

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 9743/10 as amended (doc. 9767/10 + COR 1) could be submitted to the Council as part of the documentation for its exchange of views.

- 4. Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020 (*Non-legislative activities*)**
- **Exchange of views**
 - **(poss.) Adoption of Council conclusions**
9492/10 ENER 140

The Committee reached agreement on the draft Council conclusions as amended (doc. 9744/10) with a view to their adoption by Council, subject to AT scrutiny reservation.

- 5. International relations in the field of energy (*Non-legislative activities*)**
- (a) **EU-US Energy Council**
 - (b) **EU-OPEC**
 - (c) **12th International Energy Forum**
 - (d) **Euromed - Union for the Mediterranean**
 - (e) **Others**
 - **Presentation by the Commission and the Presidency**
9115/10 ENER 126 RELEX 361

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 9115/10 could be submitted to Council for its information.

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II

16. Suivi de la session du Conseil "Affaires économiques et financières" du 18 mai 2010

Le Comité prend acte des délibérations du Conseil ECOFIN du 18 mai 2010.

17. Présentation de l'ordre du jour de la session du Conseil "Affaires économiques et financières" du 8 juin 2010

Le Comité marque son accord sur l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil susvisée.

18. Préparation du Conseil "Justice et Affaires intérieures" du 3 juin 2010

- a) **Proposition de directive du Parlement européen et du Conseil relative à la décision de protection européenne**
9599/10 COPEN 120 CODEC 413

The Committee examined the draft proposal for the Articles of the Directive as set out in 9599/10 and, after discussion, confirmed a consensus on the text. The Presidency concluded that, following a meeting of the Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters on 20 May 2010 to discuss the recitals to the draft Directive, the Committee shall examine the draft proposal once again on 27 May with a view to submitting the draft text to the JHA Council on 4 June.

- b) **Proposition de directive du Parlement européen et du Conseil concernant la prévention de la traite des êtres humains et la lutte contre ce phénomène, ainsi que la protection des victimes, abrogeant la décision-cadre 2002/629/JAI**
9409/10 DROIPEN 47 MIGR 44
9667/10 DROIPEN 49 MIGR 49

The Committee examined the draft proposal as set out in 9667/10 and confirmed the agreement reached in CATS on 18 May on the proposal with the exception of Articles 9 and 11. The Presidency concluded that, following a JHA counsellors' meeting on 25 May where in particular Articles 9 and 11 will be discussed, the Committee shall examine the draft proposal once again on 27 May with a view to submitting the draft text to the JHA Council on 4 June to have a general approach.

c) Proposition de décision du Conseil autorisant une coopération renforcée dans le domaine de la loi applicable au divorce et à la séparation de corps

9757/10 JUSTCIV 96 JAI 427

9756/10 JUSTCIV 95 JAI 426

Le Comité a procédé à un échange de vues sur deux types de questions :

- les questions techniques et de procédure ayant trait à la coopération renforcée;
- les premières réactions des délégations quant à la possibilité de participer ou de voter positivement à l'égard de la proposition de décision.

d) Proposition de règlement du Conseil mettant en oeuvre une coopération renforcée dans le domaine de la loi applicable au divorce et à la séparation de corps

9771/10 JUSTCIV 98 JAI 430

9769/10 JUSTCIV 97 JAI 428

Le résultat des travaux figure dans les documents 10153/10 JUSTCIV 106 JAI 464 et 10154/10 JUSTCIV 107 JAI 465.

e) Proposition de règlement du Parlement européen et du Conseil relatif à la compétence, la loi applicable, la reconnaissance et l'exécution des décisions et des actes authentiques en matière de successions et à la création d'un certificat successoral européen

- **Lignes directrices politiques pour la suite des travaux**

9703/10 JUSTCIV 94 CODEC 425

Le résultat des travaux figure dans le document 9703/1/10 REV 1 JUSTCIV 94 CODEC 425.

f) EU-US 2010 Déclaration sur la lutte contre le terrorisme

Le Comité a discuté le projet de déclaration UE-US sur la lutte contre le terrorisme en vue de son adoption par le Conseil.

g) Projet de conclusions du Conseil sur les mineurs non accompagnés

9824/10 ASIM 62

Le Comité a confirmé son accord sur le projet de conclusions en vue de son adoption par le Conseil des 3 et 4 juin 2010 comme "faux" point B.

19. Préparation de la réunion du Conseil de Partenariat Permanent UE-Russie (CPP) en matière de "Liberté, Sécurité et Justice"
9164/10 JAIEX 41 RELEX 366 NIS 50 COEST 125 ASIM 49 CATS 32 JUSTCIV 78
9625/10 JAIEX 44 RELEX 411 ASIM 59 CATS 37 JUSTCIV 93 NIS 54 (RESTREINT)

The Committee adopted a revised version of document 9625/10 (line to take), modified in point 3 (Visa dialogue) and point 4 (Migration related issues). The change in point 3 is to be seen in conjunction with the minutes as agreed below:

The Committee and the Commission services wish to note the following with regard to the approach to be taken in working towards the long-term goal of visa liberalisation with the countries of the Eastern Partnership:

1. Structured Visa Dialogue with Ukraine

Building on the recommendations made to-date, the EU-Ukraine visa dialogue examining the conditions for visa free travel as a long-term goal should enter a fully operational phase on the basis of an action plan setting out all technical conditions to be met by Ukraine before the possible establishment of a visa-free travel regime.

(i.) This should proceed on the basis of a *"two-phased action plan"* tailored to Ukraine's current progress and containing two tiers of benchmarks: preliminary benchmarks concerning the policy framework (legislation and action plans), which would pave the way for meeting more specific benchmarks (effective and sustainable implementation of relevant measures including concrete results on the ground). Moreover the effective implementation of visa facilitation and readmission agreements will remain of particular importance.

(ii.) EU Member States/the Council will be fully associated in the different steps of the process, including by

- (1) being consulted on the draft action plan including on both sets of benchmarks. The draft action plan will take into account the expert analysis produced during the exploratory phase of the visa dialogue and be accompanied by an initial assessment of the impact of possible future visa liberalisation;
- (2) receiving reports by the Commission on the fulfilment of the first set of benchmarks in view of taking a decision to initiate an assessment of the second set of more specific benchmarks;

- (3) participation of Member State experts in the monitoring missions conducted by the Commission services and regular consultations in relevant Council Working Groups.

Therefore, there will be no automaticity in this process and progress in the fulfilment of set of benchmarks will be closely examined and decided upon by the Commission and the Council.

2. Application in other Eastern Partnership Countries

The approach set out above, could serve as a model for other EaP countries bearing in mind the specificity and progress of each country. In this regard it should be noted that the visa dialogue launched with Ukraine (and that to be shortly launched with the Republic of Moldova) followed progressively the establishment of a regular dialogue on JLS issues via the creation of a JLS Sub-Committee followed by the successful implementation of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements.

The Visa Dialogue with the Republic of Moldova will start on 15th June. Depending on the outcome of the exploratory phase of this dialogue, the Commission will assess progress after the first round of the visa dialogue in view of its entering into a fully operational phase as soon as appropriate.

In this way, in working towards a possible future visa free travel regime, the EU will seek to provide incentives for reforms in the JLS domain and promote conditions for secure and well-managed mobility using a country-specific approach while ensuring regional coherence in the approach adopted towards visa liberalisation with the Eastern Partnership countries and also Russia.

In this context, in accordance with the Stockholm Programme and the Joint Declaration of the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit, the Commission will develop before the end of 2010 a plan on how to take cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries forward. This plan should also list the gradual steps towards visa liberalisation as a long-term goal for individual Eastern partner countries on a case-by-case basis, as well as describe the conditions for well-managed and secure mobility.

The next Council Conclusions will provide an opportunity for the EU to communicate the general approach agreed publicly.

20. Proposition de règlement du Parlement européen et du Conseil relatif à l'initiative citoyenne

9855/10 POLGEN 73 CODEC 437 INST 165

The Committee has a first discussion on the outstanding issues of this proposal, in view of securing general approach at the June GAC.

21. EEAS (session restreinte)

9156/10 FIN 166 POLGEN 63 INST 137 CODEC 367 + ADD 1

Le Comité a mandaté la Présidence pour prendre contact avec le Parlement européen sur la base du projet de texte figurant dans l'addendum 1 au document 9156/10 tel que modifié par l'acceptation du texte relatif au point 12 figurant en note en bas de page et a chargé le Comité budgétaire d'examiner l'avis n° 4/2010 de la Cour des comptes.

En outre, le Comité s'est mis d'accord sur la roadmap du transfert des fonctions de la présidence aux délégations bilatérales de l'UE. Il a également continué la discussion sur la question de coordination locale des positions de l'UE sur le terrain et de la division de la Délégation de l'UE à Genève.
