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

doc. 10529/11 OJ/CRP1 19 + COR 1

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The above mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

45. European Defence Agency

- Adoption of amended 2011 Staff Establishment Plan

10410/11 COSDP 497 POLARM 9 IND 69 RECH 122 ECO 68

47. Draft Council conclusions on enhancing the links between internal and external aspects of counter-terrorism

10336/11 ENFOPOL 157 COTER 45 JAIEX 43 COSI 38 CATS 35

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

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II

14. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 17 June 2011

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) on 17 June 2011.

15. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 6 June 2011

1. **The European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being: results and future action**
(*Non-legislative activity*)
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10384/11 SAN 99

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

2. **Innovation in the medical device sector** (*Non-legislative activity*)
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10391/11 MI 270 SAN 103 COMPET 197 RECH 121 ECO 67 ENT 119 IND 68

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

3. **Childhood immunisation: successes and challenges of European childhood immunization and the way forward** (*Non-legislative activity*)
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Exchange of views**
10390/11 SAN 102
10386/11 SAN 100

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption and took note of the background paper with questions prepared by the Presidency for the exchange of views.

4. **Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems (*Non-legislative activity*)**
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Exchange of views**
10392/11 SAN 104
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The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption and took note of the background paper with questions prepared by the Presidency for the exchange of views.

16. **Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 30 and 31 May 2011**
 1. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions:" Single Market Act - Twelve levers to boost growth and strengthen confidence <Working together to create new growth>" (*Non legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9283/11 COMPET 159 MI 217 SOC 357 ENT 97 CONSOM 61 POLGEN 74
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10145/11 COMPET 191 MI 258 SOC 402 ENT 115 CONSOM 77 POLGEN 85
FIN 323

The Committee discussed the draft Council Conclusions on the basis of document 10145/11 and forwarded the draft Conclusions to Council for discussion of the pending reservations (in document 10659/11) and adoption.

2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 78/660/EEC on the annual accounts of certain types of companies as regards micro-entities (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Political agreement**
7229/1/09 DRS 18 COMPET 125 ECOFIN 176 CODEC 298 REV 1
10534/11 DRS 82 COMPET 205 ECOFIN 280 CODEC 873

The Committee discussed the Presidency compromise text and the main outstanding issues as reflected in document 10534/11 and took note of the Presidency's intention to submit a revised compromise text to the Competitiveness Council on 30-31 May 2011 with a view to reaching political agreement.

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the Council and the European Parliament implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Political orientation/Exchange of views**
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 - **Political orientation/Exchange of views**
9226/11 PI 32
10401/11 PI 49 CODEC 855
5. **Creating a Unified Patent Litigation System (*Non legislative activity*)**
 - **Orientation debate**
10402/11 PI 50

The Committee had a brief exchange of views on the issues set out in documents 10401/11 and 10402/11 and took note of the Presidency's intention to submit these documents to the Council (Competitiveness) on 30 May 2011 as the basis for an exchange of views on how best to take these files forward.

6. **Draft Council conclusions on the development of the European Research Area (ERA) through ERA-related Groups (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10437/11 RECH 125 COMPET 200

The outcome of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee is set out in 10525/11.

7. **Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research and training activities (2012 - 2013) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **General approach**
7421/11 RECH 56 ATO 11 COMPET 87
10435/11 RECH 123 ATO 46 COMPET 198

The Committee agreed to change the item concerned on the provisional agenda of the Council into a "Progress Report" by the Presidency (10519/11).

8. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions: "Towards a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its citizens" (*Non legislative activity*)

- Presentation and exchange of views

- Adoption of Council conclusions

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The outcome of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee is set out in 10086/1/11 REV 1 + COR 1.

The Commission made a statement to the Committee' minutes, attached herewith.

"Declaration by the Commission on the draft Council Conclusions on the Commission Communication "Towards a space strategy for the European Union that Benefits its Citizens"

The Commission would like to confirm its strong commitment to the timely and successful implementation of the flagship programmes, EGNOS, Galileo and GMES. As far as the question of financing is concerned, the Commission underlines that it cannot commit at this stage to any conditions of financing and considers that this issue must be discussed in the context of the next multi-annual financial framework, on the basis of a forthcoming proposal by the Commission.

Regarding the invitation in paragraph 13 to come forward with proposals aimed at developing a European Space Situational Awareness Capability (SSA), the Commission takes note of the Council's request, will give it due attention, and will respond in accordance with the rules of the Treaty, with due regard in particular to its right of initiative and taking account of the budgetary and human resources available to it."

17. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer rights (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

- Preparation for the next informal trialogue

10481/11 CONSOM 80 JUSTCIV 138 CODEC 859

The Presidency gave a short information about the informal trialogue held on 24 May. The next trialogue will take place on 25 May 2011.

18. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 16 June 2011

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in document 11038/11.

2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a single European railway area (Recast) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach

13789/10 TRANS 238 CODEC 862

+ COR 1

10406/11 TRANS 150 CODEC 856

The Committee examined the main outstanding issues (Articles 13, 30, 31 and 60). Following the request by several delegations, the Committee decided to invite the Working Party on Land Transport to pursue its examination of the above Directive at its next meeting.

19. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (Eurovignette) (Second reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

- (poss.) Approval of the final compromise text with a view to an agreement

The Presidency briefly informed the Committee on the successful outcome of the last trilogue on Eurovignette. The Committee was then invited to allow the Presidency to send a letter to the European Parliament stating that if the Parliament adopts the amended text of the draft Directive exactly in the same form as set out in the Annex to document 10656/11, the Council would adopt the Directive in the form of the Commission proposal as thus amended by the Parliament, subject to previous revision of the text by the legal-linguist experts.

One delegation had a scrutiny reservation on the statement by the European Parliament and the Council on Article 2 (correlation tables), as included in document 10656/11.

20. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Presidency briefly informed the Committee on the results of the first informal trialogue with the European Parliament and the Commission on the above file, held in Brussels on 23 May 2011. The results of the trialogue are reflected in document 10703/11.

21. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the detailed rules for access to the public regulated service offered by the global navigation satellite system established under the Galileo programme (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
14701/10 TRANS 267 MAR 98 AVIATION 156 CAB 17 RECH 321
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10340/11 TRANS 149 MAR 76 AVIATION 143 CAB 34 ESPACE 32
CODEC 849

The Committee examined the Presidency's overall package, as included in document 10340/11, in order to prepare the trialogue on 31 May 2011 and with a view to reaching a first reading agreement on the above file.

22. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy markets integrity and transparency (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Discussion on key issues**
10204/11 ENER 109 ECOFIN 267 CODEC 830

The Committee reached broad agreement on the approach for art. 5, using delegated acts, and 7, using implementing measures, with the addition of the definition set out in art. 2(4a) to the list of those that may be amended via delegated acts.

23. Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 10 June 2011

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda.

2. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy markets integrity and transparency (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Presidency report on the state of play**
10203/11 ENER 108 ECOFIN 266 CODEC 829

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 10203/11 could be submitted to the Council for information.

3. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - "Energy Efficiency Plan 2011" (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10205/11 ENER 110 ENV 362 TRANS 146 ECOFIN 268 RECH 116

The Committee confirmed agreement on the text as set out in 10205/11 and agreed that these draft conclusions can be submitted to the Council for adoption.

4. **Energy Roadmap for 2050 (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Follow-up to the Informal Energy Council on 2-3 May 2011**
10230/11 ENER 111 ENV 365

The Committee took note that the Council will be informed on the debate that took place at the Informal Council and the next steps for the Roadmap.

5. **Energy infrastructure investments: financing requirements and obstacles (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Presidency and Commission report on the state of play**
10233/11 ENER 112 ENV 366

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 10233/11 could be submitted to the Council for information and was informed that the Commission would supplement this information as regards financing requirements and obstacles.

6. **A comprehensive risk and safety assessment ("stress tests") of nuclear plants**
(Non-legislative activity)
- **Presidency and Commission report on the state of play**
10235/11 ENER 113 ATO 44 + COR 1

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 10235/11 + COR 1 could be submitted to the Council for information and took note of an outline of the content of the tests given by the Commission representative.

7. **International relations in the field of energy** *(Non-legislative activity)*
- **Information from the Commission and the Presidency**
9838/11 ENER 99 RELEX 465 + COR 1

The Committee agreed that the report set out in 9838/11 + COR 1 could be submitted to the Council for information and took note on the Commission's intention to intervene notably on the Southern Corridor, Russia, Nigeria and North Africa.

24. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Presidency gave an information about the outcome of the informal trialogue held on 24 May 2011.

25. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
12371/10 ENV 499 AGRILEG 100 AGRI 271 MI 254 DENLEG 71 CODEC 714
ADD 1
10532/11 ENV 379 AGRILEG 72 AGRI 391 MI 273 DENLEG 83 CODEC 872

The Committee feels that the compromise text presented by the Presidency (10532/11) constitutes a good basis for further work, although the file is considered not mature enough to allow the launching of negotiations with the European Parliament.

26. (a) **Draft Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorising the Presidency of the Council to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions of a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe, that fall within the competences of the Member States (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- (b) **Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in negotiations on a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Debate**
- 9812/11 AGRIFORET 15 ENV 338 RELEX 455 PROBA 58
- 10221/11 AGRIFORET 18 ENV 364 RELEX 520 PROBA 62

The Committee discussed further the two draft Decisions related to the possible participation of the European Union and its Member States in negotiations on a legally binding agreement on forests in Europe. A number of delegations proposed additional amendments to the texts. The Presidency invited delegations to submit additional written comments regarding the texts of the two draft Decisions until 13h00 on Thursday, 26 May, and indicated that the Committee would take up the item again at its meeting on 8 June, with a view to reaching a final agreement.

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48. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 9/10 June 2011

- a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and authentic instruments in matters of succession and the creation of a European Certificate of Succession**
= **Political guidelines for the future work**
10126/11 JUSTCIV 127 CODEC 812

The outcome of proceedings of the Committee meeting with regard to this item is set out in 10767/11.

- b) **Draft Council conclusions on the memory of the crimes committed by the totalitarian regimes in Europe**
10455/11 FREMP 57 JAI 344 COHOM 144 DROIPEN 43 + COR 1

The outcome of proceedings of the Committee meeting with regard to this item is set out in 10758/11.

- c) **e-Justice**
 - **Report of the Working Party on e-Law (e-Justice) to Coreper/Council**
9369/1/11 REV 1 EJUSTICE 38 JURINFO 24 JUSTCIV 103 JUSTPEN 1
+ COR 1

The outcome of proceedings of the Committee meeting with regard to this item is set out in 9369/1/11 REV 1 + COR 1 +COR 2.

- **Implementation of the European e-Justice action plan**
 - **Revised Roadmap**
10331/11 EJUSTICE 42 JUSTCIV 133 COPEN 114 JAI 334

The outcome of proceedings of the Committee meeting with regard to this item is set out in 10331/11 + COR 1 + COR 2.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency presented a revised provisional agenda for the Council meeting.

49. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person (recast)

9605/11 ASILE 35 CODEC 724

10099/11 ASILE 39 CODEC 803

10644/11 ASILE 42 CODEC 898

The Committee had an exchange of views concerning this proposal and charged the relevant Council bodies to continue their work and invited the Presidency to report back at the earliest opportunity.

50. External Financial instruments

- **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1934/2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories (Second reading)**

10179/11 CODEC 824 COASI 85 ASIE 31 COMEM 152 COLAT 14

COEST 166 DEVGEN 144 RELEX 508 CADREFIN 33

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (Second reading)**

10180/11 CODEC 825 DEVGEN 145 NIS 66 PESC 617 RELEX 509 FIN 327

ACP 116 CADREFIN 34 COHOM 136

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (Second reading)**

10182/11 CODEC 826 DEVGEN 146 NIS 67 PESC 619 RELEX 510 FIN 328

ACP 117 CADREFIN 35 COHOM 137

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (Second reading)**

10183/11 CODEC 827 DEVGEN 147 ACP 118 AGRI 372 WTO 209

- = **Information by the Presidency**

La Présidence a communiqué au Comité des informations en vue du trilogue du 25 mai 2011.

51. Economic governance

- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1466/97 (preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1467/97 (corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
- **Regulation on the effective enforcement of budgetary surveillance in the euro area**
- **Regulation on the prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances**
- **Regulation on enforcement measures to correct excessive macroeconomic imbalances in the euro area**
- **Council Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of Member States**
- = **State of play/Information on informal dialogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee of the state of play regarding the dialogues conducted with the representatives of the European Parliament.

52. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and guarantees for projects outside the European Union

- **Preparation of informal dialogue**
10504/11 ECOFIN 278 RELEX 546 CODEC 866

With a view to preparing upcoming informal dialogues with the European Parliament, the Committee exchanged views on the main outstanding issues set out in document 10504/11.

53. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the Union

9626/1/11 REV 1 FIN 286 CODEC 730 + ADD 1

The Committee agreed to mandate the Presidency to establish contacts with the European Parliament on the basis of the text as recorded in the Addendum to document 9626/1/11 REV 1.

The Presidency took note of the various comments made by delegations. In this context, Article 178 on EU Trust Funds is kept in the text within brackets and should be dealt with very cautiously.

Furthermore, it would be made clear to the European Parliament, in the upcoming talks, that the above-mentioned text is without prejudice of further discussions within the Council bodies, notably in relation to the delegated Regulation referred to in Article 199 as well as to the sector-specific rules which will be proposed by the Commission in the near future.

The Austrian, Estonian, Italian, Irish, Latvian, Portuguese, Slovenian, Spanish, Romanian delegations, made the following unilateral statement:

"A final decision on Article 56 of the Financial Regulation can only be taken by the Council when the Commission has tabled its proposals on the main sector-specific regulations."

54. Discussion on the involvement of the European Parliament in the preparatory work of the next Multinannual Financial Framework

Le Comité a pris note des intentions de la Présidence et du futur trio (PL-DK-CY) concernant les relations avec le Parlement européen dans le domaine du futur cadre financier pluriannuel. La Présidence les communiquera au Parlement européen.

55. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 23 May 2011

The Committee took note of the information given by the Presidency, including the outcome of the discussions over dinner on Croatia.

56. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 23/24 May 2011

The EEAS Executive Secretary General presented several strands of work as a follow up to the Council meeting. Regarding the Southern Neighbourhood, the EEAS was aware of the legal problems to de-freeze Libyan assets, but would look into the question as requested by several ministers. On Syria, where several wanted the EU to engage further with Turkey, Russia and the Arab States in the region, the HR would start contacts with Turkey and keep close contact with other partners, in particular the US. On Yemen, events kept evolving and the EU would remain in very close contact with Gulf countries and the US. In Egypt and Tunisia, there was scope for reinforcing support, also bearing in mind that the G8 and ENP review were coming up. The EU would also continue working with Morocco, Algeria and Jordan. On Camp Ashraf, on which the European Parliament was very much present, there was a need to reflect; the HR would write to the UNHCR. On the MEPP, general sense of the need to prepare for the September UNGA. Following the Quartet Envoys meeting the same day as the Committee, there was a clear mandate for a Principals meeting in June, with a view to a statement on the parameters.

Regarding Southern Caucasus, following finalisation of the necessary legal and budgetary aspects for the EUSR, there would soon be a letter inviting candidates. On Sudan, the HR had issued a statement the day after the Council, as requested by several ministers.

Regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina, the HR had been praised for preventing the referendum to go ahead; a proposal for an EEAS task force would be submitted to PSC. As far as the full Human Rights Strategy was concerned, there was a need to work with assistance from the EP and NGOs and June looked ambitious for a Council discussion. PSC would return to Belarus and Albania (two 'Any Other Business' items which had been postponed for time management reasons) before the June Council.

Regarding the Ministers' lunch, Mr Vimont indicated that there had been a long discussion on the EEAS. He was aware of the legal situation, but the HR had wanted a format which allowed for a frank exchange of views. He then recalled four strands of ideas which had emerged during the debate and which might be taken forward. First, to have the Presidency trio help and support the HR in her tasks. Second, to have brainstorming sessions, possibly during informal dinners on the eve of the FAC. Thirdly, look at possibly more involvement in consular protection in the future. Lastly, the suggestion that the EEAS should communicate better and the HR should reach out to media in the different Member States. Still over lunch, many Ministers had remained non-committal on the EEAS budget increase, while others had openly expressed reservations.

Mr Vimont also gave a brief outline of the June FAC agenda as known at this stage, indicating that a provisional agenda would be circulated shortly.

57. Follow-up to the EU-US Summit of 20 November 2010: Mid-term review of implementation

10493/11 USA 44 PESC 653 RELEX 544 ECOFIN 277 TRANS 151 ENV 377
ENER 116 DEVGEN 158 JAI 345 POLGEN 89 COTRA 6 RESTREINT UE

The Committee took note of the detailed presentation made by EEAS and Commission representatives on the Mid-Term Review paper of implementation (doc. 10493/11 RESTREINT UE). The paper was broadly welcomed by delegations who proposed that such exercise should be extended to other strategic partners. However, a number of delegations noted that some improvement was to be brought to the exercise since specific challenges remained in the EU-US relationship and the issues covered were broader than what featured in the paper.

A more strategic and forward-looking approach would have been appreciated. The paper was expected to reflect more precisely concrete deliverables for the next EU-US summit highlighting the EU's strategic interest.

In addition, the paper should have reflected not only the state-of-play but also the EU's ambitions for further progress in the relation. In this perspective, the need to expand the scope and focus on the cooperation in foreign policy issues was stressed. The CFSP area could have been more comprehensive heeding, in particular, the developments in North Africa and in the Middle East, especially against the background of the recent speech by President Obama. Furthermore, the lack of reference to issues of paramount importance was noted, inter alia, the visa waiver programme, the extraterritorial application of US legislation on sanctions and the ESTA programme. More involvement of Member States was also requested in the follow-up and implementation of bilateral commitments resulting from the Summit. More emphasis was called for on economic cooperation, aid effectiveness, climate change, energy issues, the question of extra-territoriality, Cyber-Security and crucial trade-related items.

58. 5th European Commission - African Union Commission College-to-College meeting, Brussels, 31 May - 1 June 2011

The Commission provided information on this meeting, which was part of the framework foreseen in the Joint EU-Africa strategy and would take place on 31 May-1 June.

The discussion would be organised around thematic clusters: Ivory Coast, Sudan, Terrorism, Anti-Piracy, Trade and Development issues.

59. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX)
10466/11 FRONT 73 CODEC 858 COMIX 347

The outcome of proceedings on this point is set out in 11017/11.

- **Any other business**
 - **New Energy Charter Secretary-General**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Committee was reminded of the three candidates for this post. The countries concerned expressed different views regarding the merit of prior identification by the EU of a single candidate.
