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

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

53. Review of restrictive measures against Syria:

- **Letters of reply to persons and an entity subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012**

9765/1/13 REV 1 PESC 557 RELEX 424 COMEM 124 COARM 88 FIN 283

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10791/13 PESC 663 COSDP 539 COWEB 81

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10792/13 PESC 664 COHOM 112

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10794/13 PESC 666 COMAG 52 COMEM 146 COMEP 15

9941/13 PESC 584 COMAG 45 COMEM 128 COMEP 12 OC 316

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

24. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

52. (poss.) Draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo

10705/13 COWEB 80

10326/1/13 REV 1 COWEB 77 RESTREINT EU

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

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14. Horizon 2020 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

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- (d) **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
10522/13 RECH 232 COMPET 405 ATO 57 IND 174 MI 505 EDUC 198
TELECOM 157 ENER 251 ENV 504 REGIO 119 AGRI 360
TRANS 304 SAN 204 CODEC 1332
+ ADD 1-3

The Committee took note of the documents 10522/13 + ADD 1-3 and gave the Presidency the mandate for the informal trilogue.

15. Public procurement package (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- (a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement**
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- (c) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
10600/13 MAP 52 MI 510 CODEC 1347
10601/13 MAP 53 MI 511 CODEC 1348
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee agreed the new compromise texts as set out in documents 10600/13 and 10601/13, with some modifications, to be forwarded to the European Parliament in view of the forthcoming trilogue.

On Friday 15 June 2013, the Committee was debriefed on the outcome of the trilogue held the previous day.

16. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
10676/13 TRANS 312 ECOFIN 526 ENV 535 RECH 261 CODEC 1369
+ ADD 1-31

The Committee examined and approved the final compromise text and gave the Presidency the mandate to send a letter to the European Parliament confirming the agreement at first reading.

17. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning flag State responsibilities for the enforcement of Council Directive 2009/13/EC implementing the Agreement concluded by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and amending Directive 1999/63/EC

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
10596/13 MAR 71 TRANS 308 SOC 424 CODEC 1344

The Committee examined and approved the final compromise text and gave the Presidency the mandate to send a letter to the European Parliament confirming the agreement at first reading.

18. New Legislative Framework Alignment Package (Implementation of the Goods Package) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- (a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts and safety components for lifts**
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- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogues**

The Presidency has debriefed the Committee on the outcome of the informal trilogue that took place on 5 June 2013.

19. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 20 and 21 June 2013

1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

8040/12 SOC 224 MI 193 COMPET 168 CODEC 833

+ COR 1

10430/13 SOC 419 MI 496 COMPET 396 CODEC 1318

+ ADD 1

The Committee agreed to forward the Presidency's Progress Report to Council.

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- (poss.) General approach

15440/11 SOC 867 ECOFIN 678 FSTR 56 COMPET 440 CODEC 1672 (x)

10344/13 SOC 400 ECOFIN 436 FSTR 54 COMPET 383 AGRI 351

CODEC 1290

The Committee agreed to submit the Presidency compromise proposal, set out in document 10344/13, to the EPSCO Council for debate in view of reaching a general approach.

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

16433/12 SOC 943 ECOFIN 708 DRS 130 CODEC 2724

10422/13 SOC 417 ECOFIN 453 DRS 110 CODEC 1314

The Committee agreed to submit the Presidency's Progress report to the EPSCO Council (doc. 10422/13).

4. Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

11531/08 SOC 411 JAI 368 MI 246

10039/13 SOC 369 JAI 422 MI 447 FREMP 71

The Committee agreed to submit the Progress report (doc. 10039/13) to the EPSCO Council.

5. **Toward social investment for Growth and Cohesion (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10404/13 SOC 415 ECOFIN 450

The Committee agreed to forward the draft conclusions (doc. 10899/13) to the EPSCO Council for adoption.

FR, MT, NL, AT and PL lifted their scrutiny reservations. DE has maintained a scrutiny reservation on paragraph 20.

6. **Women and the Media: Advancing their roles as decision-makers (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
10366/13 SOC 406 EDUC 187 AUDIO 67 TELECOM 151 CONSOM 104
CULT 67 ECOFIN 441 DRS 109
+ ADD 1

The Committee agreed to forward the draft conclusions to the EPSCO Council for adoption (doc. 10366/13).

7. **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 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Political agreement**
13857/1/07 SOC 368 ECOFIN 416 CODEC 1062 REV 1
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10378/13 SOC 411 ECOFIN 446 CODEC 1304

Several delegations expressed regret over the reduction in the scope of the proposal to cover only those workers who exercise their right to free movement from one Member State to another. In this context, the Committee agreed on the need to encourage the Member States to ensure the equal treatment of scheme members who change employment within a single Member State and those who exercise their right to free movement from one Member State to another. However, this exhortation was removed from Recital 6 and will be transformed into a statement for the Council's minutes.

DK called for more flexible wording in the articles concerning the role of the social partners. The Presidency and the Commission undertook to search for a possible compromise. AT called for book reserve schemes to be exempted from the scope. LU maintained a reservation on the three-year vesting period. BG maintained a scrutiny reservation on the scope.

MT, NL, AT, SE and UK maintained general scrutiny reservations. DK, MT and UK maintained parliamentary scrutiny reservations. EL, FR, CY, MT and SK maintained linguistic scrutiny reservations.

The Committee agreed to forward this file to the EPSCO Council with a view to reaching a general approach.

8. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach /Progress report

15865/1/12 SOC 902 FSTR 70 CADREFIN 455 REGIO 122

CODEC 2594 REV 1

10590/13 SOC 423 FSTR 56 CADREFIN 132 REGIO 121 CODEC 1342

The Committee agreed to submit the Progress report (doc. 10590/13) to the EPSCO Council, but requested the information on the EP's plenary vote on the negotiation mandate to be included in the Report.

Commission and a number of delegations (BE, FR, PT, RO) reiterated their support to the mandatory participation in the FEAD and using 2.5 billion euro within the instrument, Commission stressing that discussing with the Member States how much FEAD funding they would be able and willing to use would delay both FEAD and structural funds programming. ES and IT noted that they had supported the voluntary approach because of the urgency of finding a solution, although they would prefer a fund covering all Member States. IT also recalled its suggestion of including the use of vouchers/prepaid cards in the FEAD.

Other delegations (DE, UK) recalled their reservations on the Fund and in particular on a mandatory participation in it.

CZ, LT, HU and AT stressed the importance of finding a solution as the FEAD should be operational in January 2014.

The Chair concluded that the Report reflected the work within the IE Presidency which had aimed at advancing the file.

9. **European Semester 2013: Contribution to the European Council (28-29 June 2013)**
(Non-legislative activity)
- **Policy debate**
10367/13 SOC 407 ECOFIN 442 EDUC 188
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 - **Endorsement of the opinions of the Employment Committee and of the Social Protection Committee**
10222/13 SOC 389 ECOFIN 421 FSTR 53 EDUC 182 SAN 184
+ ADD 1
10397/13 SOC 412 ECOFIN 447 EDUC 192
 - (ii) **Assessment of the 2013 package of Council Recommendations on cross-cutting issues**
 - **Reports of the Employment Committee and of the Social Protection Committee**
10343/13 SOC 399 ECOFIN 435 EDUC 185
10370/13 SOC 408 ECOFIN 443 EDUC 189
 - (iii) **Employment Performance Monitor and Benchmarks**
 - **Endorsement of the Monitor (prepared by the Employment Committee)**
10373/13 SOC 409 ECOFIN 444 EDUC 190

The Committee agreed to:

- submit the EMCO and SPC Opinions on the examination of the 2013 National Reform Programmes and the implementation of the 2012 Country-Specific Recommendations (contained in documents 10222/13 and 10397/13) to the Council with a view to their endorsement;
- submit the reports of EMCO and SPC on their assessment of the 2013 package of Council Recommendations on cross-cutting issues (contained in documents 10343/13 and 10370/13) to the Council;
- submit the Employment Performance Monitor (contained in doc. 10373/13) to the Council with a view to its endorsement;
- discuss the substance of the proposals for Country-Specific Recommendations (item 10(a) of the 20 June EPSCO agenda) at its next session on 19 June 2013, in order to allow for the Council committees' work to be fully and duly taken into account.

The Presidency provided a note (doc. 10367/13) guiding the policy debate.

10. Youth Employment (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Policy debate

10375/13 SOC 410 ECOFIN 445 EDUC 191

The Presidency circulated a note for the policy debate held on this issue.

11. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach

18068/12 SAN 337 MI 850 FISC 206 CODEC 3117

10335/13 SAN 189 MI 483 FISC 116 COD 1287

The Committee discussed the Presidency proposal as outlined in document 10335/13 and meeting document DS 1508/13. The Chair concluded that Article 16 will be modified in a sense to provide for an EU ban on cross-border sales of tobacco products and the text will be submitted to the Council (EPSCO) on 21 June 2013 in view of agreeing a general approach.

12. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Clinical Trials on medicinal products for human use and repealing Directive 2001/20/EC (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

12751/12 PHARM 60 SAN 176 MI 508 COMPET 513 CODEC 1946

+ REV 1 (fi)

10359/13 PHARM 26 SAN 190 MI 488 COMPET 387 CODEC 1297

The Committee took note of the Presidency progress report that will be submitted to the Council.

13. (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Medical Devices, and amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

14493/12 PHARM 71 SAN 215 MI 597 COMPET 600 CODEC 2305

+ COR 1

(b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

14499/12 PHARM 72 SAN 216 MI 598 COMPET 599 CODEC 2312

+ COR 1

- Progress report

10360/13 PHARM 27 SAN 191 MI 489 COMPET 388 CODEC 1298

The Committee took note of the Presidency progress report that will be submitted to the Council.

- 20. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation (PSCI) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency debriefed on the outcome of the informal trilogue of 5 June 2013. The issue on delegated acts for multiannual work plans within the PSCI was solved, as the EP did not insist on this point any more. However, the Presidency suggestion on delegated acts for financial allocations (the mandate approved on 5 June 2013) was not acceptable to the EP. The next trilogue date had not been decided.

- 21. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ship recycling (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
10506/13 ENV 502 MAR 70 TRANS 302 COMAR 25 CODEC 1327

The Committee considered the Presidency compromise suggestions set out in document 10506/13 and agreed on a revised mandate for negotiating with the European Parliament (cf. doc. 11036/13) at the third (and probably last) informal trilogue on 17 June in Brussels, with a view to a first reading agreement.

- 22. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the Creative Europe Programme (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
9507/13 AUDIO 68 CULT 68 CADREFIN 109 RELEX 397 CODEC 1057
+ ADD 1

The Committee approved the text as contained in the ADD 1 to document 9507/13, as a basis for the forthcoming informal trilogue.

- 23. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was informed by the Presidency of the positive outcome of the fourth informal trilogue which allowed for an agreement *ad referendum* of the co-legislators. The analysis of the final consolidated compromise text with a view to agreement will be examined by the Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

The Commission confirmed that it will issue a statement on the consultation of stakeholders at the time of the adoption of the Directive, to be published in the Official Journal.

- 25. Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)**
- **Examination of the candidatures for the post of the President of the Boards of Appeal**
10449/13 PI 86
10450/13 PI 87
- (This item will be discussed in restricted session)**

In accordance with the selection procedure set out in points 3 to 5 of 10450/13, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Council to appoint Mr Théophilos MARGELLOS to the post of President of the Boards of Appeal of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market.

- 26. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 "Living well, within the limits of our planet" (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
10507/13 ENV 503 DEVGEN 140 ECO 107 SAN 203 PECHE 242 AGRI 358
IND 173 CHIMIE 64 ENER 250 RECH 230 TRANS 303 CODEC 1328

The Committee examined the remaining outstanding issues and the new Presidency compromise proposals set out in 10507/13 and agreed on a revised Council position with a view to the third (and probably last) informal trilogue on 19 June 2013.

- 27. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was informed on the outcome of the fourth informal trilogue held on 13 June 2013 in Strasbourg. In particular, the Committee was made aware that the EP remained adamant on phasing out indicative national allocations.

28. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards the placing on the market of portable batteries and accumulators containing cadmium intended for use in cordless power tools (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
10504/13 ENV 501 ENT 158 CODEC 1326

The Committee agreed on the final compromise text as contained in the Annex of document 10504/13. DE expressed some concerns with the overall compromise package with regard to the availability of alternative button cells for hearing aids. In this regard DE, while not objecting to the compromise package, made the following statement:

Statement by DE

"In order not to jeopardise the adoption of the dossier at first reading, Germany agrees to the compromise proposal (doc. 10504/13) despite considerable concerns.

Should it become apparent that the safe use of button cells in hearing aids and the battery supply for hearing-impaired persons could be put at risk by the provisions adopted, it will be imperative that the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament take action immediately."

29. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
10629/13 PECHE 245 CODEC 1359

30. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
10627/13 PECHE 243 CODEC 1357

The Committee analysed the final compromise texts for both Regulations and endorsed them unanimously as contained in documents 10629/13 with COR 1 and COR 2, and 10627/13 with COR 1.

The Danish, Polish, French, United Kingdom and Italian delegations expressed their concern about the new obligations concerning the distribution of fishing opportunities at the national level. In particular, the Danish delegation, also referring to Article 7(1d), sought reassurance that existing functioning models of transferable fishing concessions could be continued without a need for reassessment. The French delegation may issue a unilateral statement in regard of this new provision.

The French delegation also considered the empowerment of the Commission with delegated acts in the CFP Regulation too generous.

The Cyprus delegation showed overall satisfaction, although they were in disagreement in particular with the late reformulation of the definition of the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.

The Netherlands delegation considered that at least one principle on data collection could be considered too rigid, as it seemed to disregard national rules on data protection in the context of data disclosure to the wider public.

The Spanish delegation regretted that no special solution could be found for undersized fish in the Mediterranean Sea, in the context of the discard ban. With regard to the Common Markets Organisation, it expressed its discontent with the late addition of the minimum durability date and the gear category among the mandatory consumer information. With regard to this Regulation, the French and Netherlands delegations found too detailed the new rules on identifying the catching areas in the consumer information.

Concerning the updates of Annexes I and II that still have to be made, the Danish delegation asked for the possibility to review the final figures on capacity ceilings that the Commission would produce, before they are put to a vote as part of the text. The Slovenian and Croatian delegations, the latter in its capacity as representing an acceding state, thanked the Presidency for the clarification in the footnote to Annex I that the bilateral access agreed in the Treaty of Accession will be established in the new CFP Regulation. The Presidency confirmed that this would be done when finalising the text. The Commission representative referred also to the need to update Annex II as to the fleet ceilings for Croatia after its accession.

The Commission representative also announced that the Commission is preparing statements for the adoption, namely one on the CMO Regulation and three on the CFP Regulation.

31. Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Appointment of one member

- Adoption of a Council Decision

9256/13 AGRILEG 59 MI 360 DENLEG 38 SAN 153 CONSOM 82 RECH 141

On the basis of document 9256/13, the Presidency presented the result of the consultation launched among Member States.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council the adoption of the Decision appointing as new member of the Management Board of EFSA the candidate most widely supported.

32. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trilogue

10523/13 TRANS 305 FIN 315 CADREFIN 131 POLGEN 93 REGIO 120
ENER 252 TELECOM 158 COMPET 406 MI 506 ECO 108 CODEC 1333

The Committee examined the EP amendments and the related Presidency compromise proposals as set out in document 10523/13 and gave the Presidency a mandate for the informal trilogue on the above proposal with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

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44. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 21 June 2013

a) Banking Recovery and Resolution (First reading)

- **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Council Directives 77/91/EEC and 82/891/EC, Directives 2001/24/EC, 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2005/56/EC, 2007/36/EC and 2011/35/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010**
= **General approach**
10673/13 EF 120 ECOFIN 525 DRS 114 CODEC 1368
10532/1/13 REV 1 EF 116 ECOFIN 469 DRS 111 CODEC 1336

The Committee examined the issues presented in the Presidency report (doc. 10673/13) and agreed to pursue that examination at a subsequent meeting.

b) Revised rules for markets in financial instruments (MiFID/MiFIR)

- i) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments repealing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (Recast) (MiFID) (First reading)**
- ii) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation [EMIR] on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (MiFIR) (First reading)**
 - **General approach**
10579/13 EF 117 ECOFIN 492 CODEC 1339
9710/2/13 REV 2 EF 104 ECOFIN 366 CODEC 1120
9711/2/13 REV 2 EF 105 ECOFIN 367 CODEC 1121

The Committee reached a provisional agreement on the general approach, but agreed to revert to the subject on 17 June 2013 in order to resolve the remaining open issue.

c) ECOFIN report to the European Council on Tax issues

- **Endorsement**
10659/13 FISC 122 ECOFIN 518

The Committee confirmed agreement on the report, which will be submitted to ECOFIN Council on 21 June 2013 .

- d) **Report by Finance Ministers on Tax issues in the framework of the Euro Plus Pact**
 - **Endorsement**
10661/13 FISC 123 ECOFIN 520

The Committee confirmed agreement on the report, which will be submitted to ECOFIN Council on 21 June 2013.

- e) **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**

It was confirmed that a presentation would be made at the ECOFIN Council on 21 June 2013.

- f) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

45. New Multiannual Financial Framework (*restricted session*)

The Presidency informed the Committee about the results of the trilogue held on 11 June 2013 and presented its intentions regarding the way forward.

46. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 14 June 2013

- **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**
 - = **AOB (legislative)**
 - **Trade Omnibus Acts I and II**
 - = **State of play**
10286/13 COMER 136 WTO 126 CODEC 1280

The Presidency informed the Committee about the main political elements of the deal reached during last formal trilogues on both files held on 5 June 2013. This information would be brought to the attention of the Council at its session on 14 June 2013.

47. Association Agreement with Georgia

The Committee discussed and reached an agreement on the outstanding issues in the Preamble of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement on the basis of a proposal distributed by the Presidency informally on 11 June 2013. Several delegations indicated that they were not satisfied with the proposal tabled, but that they were willing to accept it in a spirit of compromise.

48. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) (First reading)

- **Examination of outstanding issues**
10591/13 FRONT 68 CODEC 1343 COMIX 353
10309/13 FRONT 65 CODEC 1282 COMIX 344

The Committee took note of the outcome of the discussion in the Mixed Committee and confirmed that, provided that the declaration discussed in that Committee would be agreed, the Presidency could confirm agreement with the European Parliament. (see doc. 11576/13 JAI 564 COMIX 398).

49. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment (First reading)

- **Preparation for the fifth informal trilogue**
9241/13 MIGR 42 SOC 306 CODEC 993

In view of the fifth informal trilogue on the Seasonal Workers Directive on 17 June 2013, the Committee examined the issues still outstanding between the Council and the European Parliament as laid down in document 9241/13. The Presidency will conduct the trilogue on the basis of this examination.

50. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6/7 June 2013

The Committee took note of the information on the follow-up of the JHA Council provided by the Presidency, with a specification that EL will continue to update the Council on its Action Plan. BE asked whether the Committee could examine in the coming weeks the balance between data protection and the administrative costs/implementation cost.

51. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 25 June 2013

a) Preparation of the European Council on 27-28 June 2013

- **Draft guidelines for the conclusions**
9171/13 CO EUR-PREP 21

The Committee examined the first draft of the EC conclusions, which focus on the economic policy, the European Semester, the CSRs, the implementation of the compact Youth and Jobs, the Economic and Monetary Union. A revised version will be issued in view of the General Affairs Council discussion on 25 June 2013.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité a fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales du 25 juin 2013.

- Any other business

= ASEM - Multilateral Summits

Contrary to the Council Decision of October 2012 to hold all multilateral Summits in Brussels, IT has now requested the Multilateral ASEM Summit, to be organised in Milan, instead of Brussels.

= HU dossier

In a restricted session HU updated on the state of play of the HU Constitution-related issues, on which the Commission has raised considerable concerns in the last months.
