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held in Brussels on 25 and 27 June 2008**

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"**
doc. 11036/08 OJ/CRP1 24 + CM 2381/08 + CM 2433/08
10906/08 OJ/CRP2 24

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

23. **Council Decision of amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank**
10036/08 UEM 130
10033/08 UEM 129
24. **Guidelines for further implementing a number of provisions under Decision 95/553/EC**
11113/08 PESC 833 COCON 9
41. **Enlargement**
- **Accession negotiations with Croatia**
= **Fulfilment of an opening benchmark on Chapter 27 : Environment**
10993/08 ELARG 68
42. **Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the processing and transfer of European Union-sourced passenger name record (PNR) data by air carriers to the Australian Customs Service**
- **Adoption of the Council Decision concerning the signing of the Agreement**
10439/2/08 REV 2 JAI 314 AUS 12 RELEX 426 DATAPROTECT 40
10002/08 JAI 278 AUS 11 RELEX 377 DATAPROTECT 33
+ COR 1(da) + REV 1(fi) + REV 1 COR 1(fi) + REV 2 (hu)
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+ COR 1(fi) + COR 2(hu) + REV 1(sk) + REV 2(fi)
43. **Draft Council minutes**
- **Extract from draft minutes of the 2865th meeting of the Council (External Relations), held in Luxembourg, on 29 April 2008**
8889/08 EXT 1 PV/CONS 28 RELEX 265

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

44. **Political and Security Committee Decision on the appointment of the Head of Mission for the European Union mission to provide advice and assistance for security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUSEC RD Congo)**
- **Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal**
11031/08 COSDP 565 PESC 824 COAFR 212 EUSEC-RDC 15 PSC DEC 17
10341/08 COSDP 488 PESC 717 COAFR 188 EUSEC-RDC 14 PSC DEC 15

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

39. Proposals for Decisions of the European Parliament and of the Council amending:

- a) Decision No 1720/2006/EC establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (LA)**
- b) Decision No 1855/2006/EC establishing the Culture Programme (2007 to 2013) (LA)**
- c) Decision No 1904/2006/EC establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme "Europe for Citizens" to promote active European citizenship (LA)**
- d) Decision No 1719/2006/EC establishing the Youth in Action programme for the period 2007 to 2013 (LA)**
- Approval of the compromise text**

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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20. Follow up to the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 16/17 June 2008

Le Comité est informé par la Présidence des suites que celle-ci entend donner à certains points ayant fait l'objet des délibérations du Conseil.

21. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 8 July 2008
- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

22. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget), on 17 July 2008

The Committee notes the draft agenda and the details announced by the incoming Presidency as to the conduct of the proceedings.

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- 31. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/49/EC on safety on the Community's railways
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 establishing a European Railway Agency**
- **Confirmation of an agreement with the European Parliament**
17039/06 TRANS 349 CODEC 1599
17040/06 TRANS 350 CODEC 1600
10941/08 TRANS 216 CODEC 830
10961/08 TRANS 218 CODEC 835

The Committee confirmed agreement with the European Parliament on the compromise text on the proposal amending the Railway Safety Directive and the proposal amending the Agency Regulation as reflected in document 10941/08.

- 32. 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 of the next informal trilogue**
 - **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the next informal trilogue**
5058/3/08 ENV 2 AVIATION 2 MI 1 IND 1 ENER 2 CODEC 4 REV 3
10811/08 ENV 388 AVIATION 125 MI 214 IND 61 ENER 198 CODEC 812

The Committee agreed that the Presidency should write to the European Parliament to confirm the second-reading agreement set out in document 11190/08.

- 33. Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 30 June–4 July 2008)**
- **Agreement on the common position on the draft standard for gluten free foods**
10884/08 AGRI 192 CODEX 22

The Committee agreed that the EC and its Member States can support the adoption of the draft Standard if the following statement is made at the CAC:

"The EC welcomes the results of the work undergone by the Codex Alimentarius concerning the draft Standard for Gluten-Free Foods to address the particular nutritional requirements of people with coeliac disease.

The EC deems necessary to facilitate a consensus that would lead to the approval of a text. However taking into consideration the lacunas still existing in relation with the risk assessment, the EC invites the Commission of the Codex Alimentarius and the Member States to foster information campaigns in order to ensure the correct use of the products labelled as "gluten-reduced" by the coeliac patients.

Moreover the EC urges the scientific community to further develop the risk assessment relating to the oats food consumption by persons intolerant to gluten."

34. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Training Foundation (ETF)

– Information from the Presidency

The Committee was informed of the outcome of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 17 June 2008 between the Chair of the Committee and the EP rapporteur for the above proposal to discuss the way forward following the unexpected failure of the plenary vote on the jointly agreed first reading compromise text.

Given the rapporteur's assurances of a smoother passage for the text at second reading, the Committee agreed to ask the lawyer-linguists to begin preparing a Common Position on the basis of the same compromise text. Once finalised, the Common Position would then be forwarded to the Parliament before the end of the year, in expectation of a more successful outcome at second reading. The Committee further agreed to attach a statement to the text, prior to its final adoption, concerning the Council's views on the status of EP representatives to the ETF's Governing Board.

35. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (First reading)

– Analysis of the Presidency compromise text with a view to agreement

10981/08 COMPET 245 ENV 399 CHIMIE 33 MI 222 ENT 147 CODEC 839

7388/08 COMPET 95 ENV 152 CHIMIE 13 MI 91 ENT 49 CODEC 334

+ ADD 1	+ ADD 2	+ ADD 3	+ ADD 4	+ ADD 5
+ ADD 6	+ ADD 7	+ ADD 8	+ ADD 9	

The Committee agreed on the text negotiated with the European Parliament, set out in documents 11118/08 and 7388/08 + ADD1 to ADD9, and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly with a view to a first reading agreement.

36. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (First reading)

- **Preparation of political agreement**
10982/08 MI 223 ENT 148 CONSOM 77 CODEC 840

The Committee agreed to invite the Council to confirm, as an "A-item" at its session on 15 July 2008, its Political agreement on the text set out in document 10982/08 with a view to the adoption of its Common Position.

37. Food improvement agents package (European Parliament second reading)

- (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings**
- (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives**
- (c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on food enzymes and amending Council Directive 83/417/EEC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, Directive 2000/13/EC, Council Directive 2001/112/EC and Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council**
- (d) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89, Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulation (EC) No 2232/96 and Directive 2000/13/EC**
- **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
11025/08 DENLEG 76 CODEC 846
11026/08 DENLEG 77 CODEC 847
11027/08 DENLEG 78 CODEC 848
11028/08 DENLEG 79 CODEC 849

The Committee

- took note of the intervention by
 - the French delegation, that would have preferred Article 16(4) of the Council common position on flavourings;
 - the Czech, Finish and Maltese delegations, that would have preferred a longer transitional period for the introduction of the additional labelling of certain food colours (24 months instead of 18 months) in the compromise amendments 13 and 14 to the Council common position on additives;

- approved, the final compromise proposals for second reading amendments as set out in documents 11025/08, 11026/08, 11027/08 and 11028/08,
and
- mandated the Presidency to confirm the agreement by letters sent to the European Parliament.

38. Sustainability criteria for biofuels

- **Information from the Presidency**
6145/07 ENV 80 ENT 17 ENER 59 TRANS 34 CODEC 98 + REV 1 (en)
5421/08 ENER 15 ENV 24 TRANS 15 AGRI 15 CODEC 58
8847/08 ENV 251 ENT 81 ENER 124 TRANS 126 AGRI 116 CODEC 542

The Committee took note of the state of play of discussions on sustainability criteria for biofuels.

**40. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 15 July 2008
(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 15 July 2008 as set out in 11618/08.

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