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6. Publication of the draft Recommendation of the European Systemic Risk Board on guidance for setting countercyclical buffer rates
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**1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and "I" items**

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The above-mentioned agendas are approved.

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

Statements are made on the following item:

**11. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Long-term Investment Funds (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**

– **General approach**

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**Statement by the United Kingdom and Estonia**

"We are supporting the General Approach in the interests of the progress of this file. Nevertheless we remain concerned about the requirement for retail investors to commit to a minimum investment of €10,000 that has been inserted into Article 24(1)(-ac). The original policy intention of this proposal, supported by responses received to the Commission's 2012 UCITS VI consultation, was to create a retail suitable EU regime and this restriction undermines that aim and could severely restrict uptake. Furthermore we believe that a minimum subscription is also a poor method of determining the appropriateness of a product for an investor. Basing appropriateness on an advised sale process would better meet the proposal's policy aim and also provide more robust protection for European consumers. We will seek to address this issue in the trilogue process."

**Statement by Austria, Belgium, France and Portugal**

"With reference to the general approach on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on European Long-term Investment Funds (ELTIFs), Austria, Belgium, Portugal and France consider that a more appropriate balance on the additional requirements for marketing to retail investors (Article 24 of the proposal) should have been reached and therefore expect the trilogue to deliver safer rules for products to be distributed to retail investors. Austria, Belgium, Portugal and France would like to recall that they favor a solution of a minimum entry ticket of 100.000€ for retail investors.

Austria, Belgium, Portugal and France would like these abovementioned elements to be taken into account by the incoming Italian Presidency in its negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of this general approach with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading."

# Coreper Part 1

## II

### **12. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 July 2014**

(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representative Committee)

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 July 2014 as set out in 11551/14.



## Coreper Part 2

### II

#### **13. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 20 June 2014**

The Committee took note of the issues discussed at this Council meeting, namely: the draft EU budget for 2015, the Parent Subsidiaries Directive, the state of play of legislative files in financial services, Country Specific Recommendations and a Recommendation for the euro area under the European Semester, Decisions abrogating the Excessive Deficit Procedures in six Member States, terms of reference on the review of the methodology which will be used by the Commission when assessing effective action in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure, convergence reports and a Recommendation on the adoption by Lithuania of the euro.

#### **14. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 23 June 2014**

ESG Pierre Vimont briefed on the follow up to the FAC of 23 June 2014.

Ukraine: the operational planning for a possible CSDP Mission is under way; hopefully the July FAC could establish the Mission (call for candidatures for a Head of Mission is on-going, with a deadline on 11 July 2014).

Other items discussed at the June FAC: Libya (monitoring of the situation in the aftermath of the elections); Syria (close coordination with the UN to work in particular on the humanitarian dimension of the crisis); Egypt (monitoring of the situation in the aftermath of the elections); Iraq (humanitarian situation); sexual violence in conflicts and MEPP (FAC would revert to the issue in July).

The Commission informed on the release of pre-accession funds to provide assistance to Serbia and BIH after devastating floods.

## **15. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 24 June 2014**

The Committee took note of the main issues discussed at the June General Affairs Council, namely the adoption of the European Maritime Security Strategy, the CSRs, the endorsement of the Trio Programme, the agreement between the Commission and the UK on Article 10 of Protocol 36, the examination of the draft European Council conclusions on June, the Council conclusions recommending the granting of candidate status to Albania and the EU macro-regional strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region.

## **16. Follow-up to the European Council on 26/27 June 2014**

The Committee took note of the main issues discussed at the June European Council, namely on climate and energy, on growth, competitiveness and jobs, European Semester, freedom, security and Justice.

The Maritime Security Strategy, the Council report on the 2014 Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) and the Council conclusions on Albania have been endorsed.

### **– Any other business**

- **Communication from the Commission on the role of the European Union in the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) after the Treaty of Lisbon**  
= **Presidency progress report**  
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The Committee took note of the Presidency progress report (doc. 11135/14).

The Committee further noted the Commission position on the draft Declaration of competences (doc. 10411/14), particularly its view that there was room for improvement. In this regard, the Committee also noted the comments from the DE, IE, FR and UK delegations, in particular the request to the Commission to come forward with concrete drafting suggestions to adjust the draft Declaration. Finally the Committee took note of the commitment by the incoming Italian Presidency to continue work on the draft Declaration with a view to bringing discussions to a close.