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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
16 and 18 September 2020

I. Adoption of the agenda

10727/20 OJ CRP1 34

10752/3/20 REV 3 OJ CRP2 34

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items

COREPER (PART 1)

Transport

2. Regulation on rail passengers' rights and obligations 10517/20
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

Fisheries

3. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 and 10553/20
Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards Eastern Baltic cod
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

COREPER (PART 2)

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Justice and Home Affairs

62. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs on 8 October 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

19. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 9 October 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

General Affairs

20. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 22 September 2020: Preparation

- a) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Recovery Package
Information from the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Preparation of the Special European Council on 24-25 September 2020: Conclusions
Exchange of views 10507/20

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) (poss.) EU-UK negotiations
State of play 10602/20

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Legislative programming
i) Letter of intent
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views 10651/20
ii) Multiannual Programming
Exchange of views 10648/20

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting. The Committee agreed to withdraw the item on the Annotated Draft Agenda for the European Council on 15-16 October from the agenda.

Foreign Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 21 September 2020: Preparation

- a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Libya
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) EU-AU relations
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Belarus
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Economic and Financial Affairs

23. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 6 October 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

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General Affairs

20. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on
22 September 2020: Preparation

- f) Covid-19 – EU-coordination¹ 10787/20
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Economic and Financial Affairs

24. Own Resources Decision
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert on this issue at one of its next sessions.

Foreign Affairs

22. EU-China Leaders VTC
Debriefing

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the above-mentioned meeting.

¹ Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

63.	Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against Belarus <i>Preparation for the adoption</i>	10431/20
		10375/20
		10400/20
		CORLX

The Committee held an exchange of views and took note that this item could not be included on the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council on 21 September 2020.

Statement by Cyprus

"The Republic of Cyprus objects to the adoption of draft Council Implementing Decision Implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP and the Draft Implementing Regulation implementing article 8(a)(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus.

While political consensus has been reached on the speedy adoption of sanctions against Belarus and Turkey in parallel during the Berlin Gymnich, no progress has been achieved on the latter. Cyprus remains firmly committed to honouring the above political agreement in its entirety.

Cyprus objects to the way that the Presidency has chosen to proceed on this highly sensitive and complex matter. While it is the prerogative of the Presidency to launch such written consultations under the extraordinary COVID-19 situation, it is also disconcerting that, by choosing to launch a written consultation, the established practice of achieving political consensus amongst all Member States has been overlooked.

The choice to proceed in this manner while seeking to adopt restrictive measures, does set a very dangerous precedent, which can negatively impact EU sanctions' policy and endanger EU unity."

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

Leaders' VTCs on Foreign Affair issues

The Committee took note of the information provided.

"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 4. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 10629/20
PE-QE |
| a) | Stelios Kypourouopoulos (PPE), Loucas Furlas (PPE), Demetris Papadakis (S&D), Costas Mavrides (S&D), Alexis Georgoulis (GUE/NGL), Petros Kokkalis (GUE/NGL), Dimitrios Papadimoulis (GUE/NGL), Stelios Kouloglou (GUE/NGL), Elena Kountoura (GUE/NGL)
"Common Security and Defence Policy operation EUNAVFOR MED Irini" | 10628/20 |
| b) | Biljana Borzan (S&D)
"Distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and medicines in the EU" | 10518/20 |
| c) | Juozas Olekas (S&D)
"Import duties and VAT exemption for victims of natural disasters" | 10520/20 |
| d) | Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi (PPE)
"Need for a coordinated European exit strategy from the COVID-19 crisis in the transport sector" | 10523/20 |
| e) | Filip De Man (ID)
"EUR 36 billion in help for vulnerable countries" | 9928/20 |
| f) | Carlos Zorrinho (S&D)
"Parliamentary dimension of the post-Cotonou agreement" | 10065/20 |
| g) | Derk Jan Eppink (ECR)
"Legal ramifications of the projected recovery fund" | 9935/20 |
| h) | Filip De Man (ID)
"Council Note 7497/20 on demographic challenges in the EU" | 10137/20 |
| i) | Jean-Paul Garraud (ID)
"Council recommendation on lifting the restrictions on travel to the European Union" | 10194/20 |

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| j) | Maxette Pirbakas (ID) | 10072/20 |
| | "Reduced rate of excise duty on certain alcoholic products produced in the autonomous regions of Madeira and the Azores" | |

Appointments

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| 5. | Renewal of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems 2020-2025 | 10697/20 |
| | <i>Adoption</i> | 9886/20
SOC |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 6. | Council Decision on the EU position in the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries as regards the accession by the United Kingdom | 10588/20 |
| | <i>Adoption</i> | 10570/20
PECHE |

Fisheries

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| 7. | Council Implementing Decision on the authorisation of the United Kingdom to be bound by certain international agreements to be applied during the transition period in fisheries | 10589/20 |
| | <i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 10583/20
PECHE |
| 8. | Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters | 10536/20 |
| | <i>Adoption</i> | 10455/20
PECHE |

Statement by Portugal and Spain

"The amendment regarding fishing opportunities for anchovy, as set out in document 9800/20, sets the TAC for this stock in ICES subareas 9 and 10 and in Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 for the period starting on 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021.

Portugal and Spain understand the rationale of the proposal of the Commission, which is in line with the latest ICES advice, issued on 18 June 2020.

However, Portugal and Spain consider that the ICES approach should have taken into account the specificities of the western component of anchovy stock, in order to truly reflect the abundance of the biomass. We further underline that, according to the ICES advice, the interim approach used to analyse the stock is only preliminary and needs further development.

Portugal and Spain therefore regret that the anchovy fishing opportunities, one of the most important stocks for the Portuguese and Spanish small pelagic fleets, are based on an assessment that is not robust enough, which entails setting the TAC below its real and sustainable figure.

Since this stock has just a provisional TAC established until 30 September 2020 and that it is essential to ensure that fishery activities continue, Portugal and Spain are willing to support the document as it stands."

Environment

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| 9. | Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency:
Towards just transition
<i>Approval of entering into negotiations</i> | 10543/20
ENV |
| 10. | A Call for Action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and
Resilience
<i>Approval of entering into negotiations</i> | 10566/20
10539/20
CLIMA |
| 11. | United Nations Summit on Biodiversity: Leaders' Event for
Nature and People
<i>Authorisation to endorse the Leaders' pledge for Nature on
behalf of the European Union</i> | 10616/20
10581/20
ENV |

Internal Market and Industry

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| 12. | Conclusions on a deepened Single Market for a strong recovery
and a competitive, sustainable Europe
<i>Approval</i> | 10698/20
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Delegated or Implementing Acts

Agriculture

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| 13. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes
II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European
Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue
levels for cycloxydim, flonicamid, haloxyfop, mandestrobin,
mepiquat, Metschnikowia fructicola strain NRRL Y-27328 and
prohexadione in or on certain products
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 10540/20
9929/20 + ADD 1-2
AGRILEG |
| 14. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex
X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament
and of the Council as regards further examination of positive
cases of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in ovine and
caprine animals
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 10545/20
9495/20 + ADD 1
AGRILEG |
| 15. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending
Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of
acrylamide in certain foodstuffs for infants and young children
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 10578/20
9916/20 + ADD 1
DENLEG |

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| 16. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 10567/20
9884/20 + ADD 1
DENLEG |
| 17. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of pyrrolizidine alkaloids in certain foodstuffs
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 10598/20
9910/20 + ADD 1
DENLEG |

COREPER (PART 2)

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Judicial Affairs

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| 25. | Cases T-550/20 and T-550/20 R (Sharpston v. Council and representatives of the governments of the Member States)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)</i> | 10549/1/20 REV 1
JUR |
| 26. | Case T- 296/20 (FOZ v. Council)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)</i> | 10541/20
JUR |
| 27. | Case T-393/20 (Front Polisario v. Council)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)</i> | 10475/20
JUR |

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

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| 28. | Appointment of members of the European Economic and Social Committee 2020-2025
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 10660/20
10463/20
CES |
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Statement by France

"En vue du renouvellement des membres du Comité économique et social européen pour la mandature 2020-2025, la France avait soumis une liste de 24 noms, dont celui de M. Alain GRISET, nommé depuis Ministre délégué aux Petites et moyennes entreprises. Les fonctions de Ministre étant incompatibles avec l'exercice d'une représentation au sein du CESE, les autorités françaises ont adressé au Secrétariat général du Conseil une liste révisée de 23 noms justifiant la vacance d'un siège au motif objectif du retrait de M. GRISET. La vacance sera pourvue ultérieurement, après consultation de la Commission sur la candidature de M. Bruno CHOIX, qui a succédé à M. GRISET au sein de son organisation représentative des employeurs."

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| 29. | A member and an alternate member (DE) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 10663/20
10662/20
CDR |
| 30. | A member (AT) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 10665/20
10664/20
CDR |

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| 31. | A member and an alternate member (NL) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 10667/20
10666/20
CDR |
| 32. | An alternate member (EE) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 10669/20
10668/20
CDR |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 33. | New Finnish Commemorative Coin | 7342/20
UEM |
| 34. | New Portuguese Commemorative Coin | 7573/20
UEM |
| 35. | New Maltese Commemorative Coin | 8064/20
UEM |
| 36. | New Cypriot Commemorative Coin | 8415/20
UEM |
| 37. | New Estonian Commemorative Coin | 8416/20
UEM |
| 38. | New French Commemorative Coin | 8417/20
UEM |
| 39. | New Finnish Commemorative Coin | 9003/20
UEM |
| 40. | New French Commemorative Coin | 9758/20
UEM |
| 41. | New Spanish Commemorative Coin | 9683/20
UEM |
| 42. | New Portuguese Commemorative Coin | 9859/20 + COR 1
UEM |
| 43. | New Latvian Commemorative Coin | 9963/20
UEM |
| 44. | Council Decision approving the external auditors of the Central Bank of Suomen Pankki
<i>Adoption</i> | 10343/20
10339/20
UEM |

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| 45. | Regulation on central counterparties recovery and resolution (CCP RR)
<i>Political agreement</i> | 10340/20 + COR 1
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Statement by the Commission

"The Commission takes note of the fact that the political agreement relative to the Commission proposal on a framework for the recovery and resolution of central counterparties 2016/0365 (COD) has included provisions relative to open access requirements under articles 35 and 36 of the Market in Financial Instrument Regulation (MiFIR). These provisions were not included in the initial proposal of the Commission.

In the Commission's view, these provisions are not entirely in line with the EU's institutional set-up, in particular the Commission's right of initiative, and cannot constitute a precedent for future negotiations.

As the MiFIR changes at issue do not entail a substantive change of policy, but are rather limited to a short postponement of the MiFIR access provisions, the Commission will not now stand in the way of their adoption. This is without prejudice to any policy that the Commission may propose on this issue in the future."

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| 46. | ECA SR No 14/2020 on EU development aid to Kenya
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 10619/20
FIN |
| 47. | ECA SR No 16/2020 on the European Semester
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 10597/20
FIN |

General Affairs

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| 48. | Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2021 to 2027
<i>Decision to consult an institution or body</i> | 10560/20
REGIO |
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Justice and Home Affairs

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| 49. | Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, as regards the decommitment procedure
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> | 10499/1/20 REV 1
9679/20 + COR 1
ASIM |
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Statement by Italy

"L'Italia accoglie favorevolmente la proposta della Commissione di modifica dell'art. 50.1 del regolamento n. 514/2014 in quanto diretta ad affrontare le conseguenze della pandemia di Covid-19 sulla gestione dei fondi relativi a migrazione, sicurezza e gestione delle frontiere, prevedendo un'ulteriore flessibilità.

Tuttavia, si ritiene che tale proposta possa determinare effetti indesiderati, non adeguatamente esplorati, a carico degli obiettivi di spesa, in particolare per gli Stati Membri, come l'Italia, che hanno ricevuto fondi aggiuntivi di tipo emergenziale.

Pertanto, nell'assicurare voto favorevole, l'Italia desidera sottolineare che l'applicazione dell'atto dovrà mirare ad evitare possibili effetti negativi e conseguire effettivamente l'obiettivo di facilitare gli Stati Membri che, come l'Italia, sono stati particolarmente colpiti dalla grave emergenza sanitaria in atto."

Courtesy translation

"Italy welcomes the Commission's proposal amending art. 50.1 of Regulation No. 514/2014 which is aimed at addressing the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on the management of funds for migration, security and border management, providing for further flexibility.

Nevertheless, Italy believes that this proposal may cause unintended effects, not adequately explored, on the spending targets, in particular for Member States, such as Italy, which received additional emergency funds.

Therefore, while voting in favor of the proposal, the Italy wishes to underscore that the implementation of the act should avoid possible negative effects and achieve the objective of assisting Member States, such as Italy, which have been particularly affected by the current health emergency."

Foreign Affairs

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| 50. | Key elements for sustained international support to Peace and Development in Afghanistan
<i>Approval</i> | 10652/20
COASI |
| 51. | Conclusions on ECA SR No 09/2019 on EU Support to Morocco
<i>Approval</i> | 9689/20
MAMA |

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| 53. Council Decision authorising the High Representative to open negotiations for an Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Peru establishing a framework for its participation in EU crisis management operations ('Framework Participation Agreement')
<i>Adoption</i> | 10449/20
9875/20
CORLX |
| 54. Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
<i>Adoption</i> | 10745/20
10655/20
10657/20
CORLX |
| 55. Restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo - UN update: pre-notification
<i>Adoption</i> | 10618/20
CORLX |
| 56. Burundi restrictive measures - pre-notifications
<i>Adoption</i> | 10632/20
CORLX |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 57. Report on the follow-up to the high-level meeting of the International Working Group on export credits of 10 July 2020
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)</i> | 10515/20
CCG |
| 58. Council Decision on the EU position in the International Grains Council concerning the accession of the UK to the Grains Trade Convention, 1995
<i>Adoption</i> | 10603/20
10349/20
PROBA |

Other items

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| 59. 2021 EU security assessment visit programme
<i>Approval</i> | 10674/20
CSC |
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General Affairs

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| 61. Annual Presidency Report on Hybrid Threats
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 9941/20
HYBRID
DISINFO |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 52. Regulation establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> | 10703/20
CADREFIN |
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Statement by Poland

"Poland interprets the language in recitals 17(bis) and 18 regarding financing and upholding the geographical balance within the Neighbourhood to mean that not only the envelope for the Neighbourhood as a whole should not be lowered in the coming 7 years of implementing the NDICI instrument, but also that the established proportions of funds to be allocated to both dimensions of the Neighbourhood, i.e. East and South, would not be altered."

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| 64. Council Decision concerning the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues - budget
<i>Adoption</i> | 10806/20
10495/20
CORLX |
| 65. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 10808/20
10748/20
10749/20
CORLX |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 66. Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Croatia external border
<i>Adoption</i> | 10799/20
10798/20
+ COR 1 (en)
SCH-EVAL |
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