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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.

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29. Ukraine

The Committee had a discussion on Ukraine and the next steps after the end of the deadline set by the European Council conclusions and the termination of the ceasefire by President Poroshenko. The Committee took note of a presentation by the European External Action Service on the situation on the ground and on the degree of fulfilment of the four elements listed in the European Council conclusions.

The Committee also took note of a presentation by the Commission of the latest evolution with regard to the gas negotiations and the efforts to bring back Russia and Gazprom to the negotiating table. The Commission presented options regarding financial cooperation with Russia, if further sanctions were decided. The European External Action Service also presented the various options, if further sanctions were to be decided.

The Committee decided to continue the discussion on 7 July 2014.

The Committee, at its meeting on 7 July 2014, took note of an updated presentation by the European External Action Service on the situation in Ukraine. The Committee also took note of an assessment by the European Union Intelligence Analysis Centre of the security situation and possible evolutions on the ground, as well as of a presentation by the Commission on possible options regarding financial cooperation with Russia.

The Committee discussed possible new sanctions ahead of the European Council on 16 July 2014 based on a note on further possible measures prepared by the European External Action Service and the Commission.

The Committee decided to continue the discussion on 9 July 2014.

30. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22 July 2014

The Committee took note of a presentation by the EEAS of the provisional agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council to be held on 22 July 2014. The main discussion items foreseen were Ukraine, Iraq, Middle East Peace Process, developments in Asia, and Iran. The EEAS indicated that a number of issues would be taken as "A" items (CSDP progress report; Central African Republic (Council conclusions); EU strategy for citizen security in Central America and the Caribbean; CFSP annual report to the European Parliament; and the Great Lakes region (Council conclusions)).

A number of delegations reiterated the need for a substantive discussion on the Middle East Peace Process at the July Foreign Affairs Council, accompanied by Council conclusions.

The EEAS also informed the Committee of the different events in the margins of the Foreign Affairs Council. The Council would be followed immediately by the Eastern Partnership Ministerial meeting. The High Representative would host a dinner for the Foreign Ministers of the Eastern partner countries in the EEAS building afterwards. The EU-ASEAN Ministerial meeting and a meeting of the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council were scheduled to take place on 23 July 2014.

31. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 23 July 2014

At the July General Affairs Council the Presidency will present its Working Programme as well as the Roadmap of the Europe 2020 Mid-term review. The Council will ensure the follow-up to the European Council conclusions and will adopt the decision for the accession of Lithuania to the Economic and Monetary Union.

32. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 8 July 2014

a) Review of the EU2020 strategy – **Policy debate**

Members were invited to prepare the policy debate on the EU2020 strategy to be held at the ECOFIN Council meeting on 8 July 2014. To this effect, the Committee agreed to submit to Ministers a letter by the EFC President (doc. 11360/14) and a Presidency note (doc. 11362/14).

b) (poss.) Follow-up to the European Council on 26/27 June 2014 – **Exchange of views**

This item was withdrawn.

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

- Presidency presented its working programme for ECOFIN.
- The item on the follow-up to the European Council was withdrawn from the ECOFIN agenda as it was not needed.
- Savings taxation was confirmed as a full B item.
- Timing:
 - 09:00: Breakfast
 - 10:30: ECOFIN Council meeting
 - 12:30: Informal session on Asset Quality Reviews (AQR) and stress tests. Ministers will be debriefed by Danièle Nouy, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the single supervisory mechanism, Vitor Constancio, European Central Bank (ECB) Vice-President, and Andrea Enria, European Banking Authority (EBA) Chair. This session should start around 12:30.

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39. Working programme of the Italian Presidency – **Information from the Presidency**

Presidency announced that its programme is available on Presidency's website and will be discussed over lunch.

40. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 July 2014

- **Communication from the Commission to the Council concerning a consultation on fishing opportunities for 2015 (*Non-legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
 - **Exchange of views**
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The Committee prepared the exchange of views on the Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2015.
