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

doc. 13184/14 OJ/CRP1 31

13070/1/14 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 31

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

**45. Appointment of members to the mediation panel of the ECB**

- **Approval of a reply**

13198/14 EC 237 ECOFIN 824

**46. Council Decision on the signing and conclusions on behalf of the European Union of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the Republic of Cameroon and the European Union on the status of the European Union Forces in transit within the territory of the Republic of Cameroon**

13147/14 CSDP/PSDC 505 PESC 928 COAFR 246 RELEX 731 CONUN 144

CSC 207 EUFOR RCA 44

13139/14 CSDP/PSDC 504 PESC 927 COAFR 245 RELEX 730 CONUN 143

CSC 205 EUFOR RCA 43

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

## Coreper Part 2

### II

#### 25. EU-Canada Summit preparations (Ottawa, 26 September 2014)

##### - Debate on state of preparations

13167/1/14 REV 1 CDN 10 COTRA 31 PESC 930 RELEX 737 POLGEN 126  
WTO 242

The Committee held a second debate on the EU-Canada Summit preparations, on the basis of document 13167/1/14 REV 1 and the contributions of the different preparatory bodies involved in the preparations (COTRA, PSC and TPC).

The EEAS (SG Vimont) presented an overall view of the draft Joint Statement which was still under negotiation with the Canadian side (cf. 13167/1/14).

Both the EEAS and the Commission confirmed that the two main issues will be the conclusion of negotiations of the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA). In addition, during the meeting will be discussed the situation in Ukraine/Russia, full visa waiver, Arctic cooperation, energy cooperation and climate, Iraq/Syria and post-2015 Development Agenda. No major changes are expected in the Joint Statement and a new version will be circulated to the Member States following the first exchange with the Canadian partners.

Some delegations intervened on specific points (Post-2015 Development Agenda, including maternal, newborn and child health, Arctic cooperation, visa reciprocity, Eastern Partnership and CETA and SPA).

The Committee took stock of COTRA, PSC and TPC work so far on the basis of their chair's reports and requested COTRA to coordinate and to follow the preparations of the Summit.

#### 26. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 29 September 2014

##### - Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Presidency informed the Committee that a discussion paper on the follow-up to the EC conclusions on Growth aspect will be circulate soon.

It also informed the Committee that, under AOB, the Presidency will provide a short report of the first meeting of the FoP Group "Improving functioning of the EU system".

**27. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 9/10 October 2014**

The Chair presented the draft agenda of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 9 and 10 October 2014.

There were no comments from delegations.

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### 43. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 8 October 2014

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in 13570/14.

### 44. Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 25 and 26 September 2014

#### 1. Mainstreaming Industrial Competitiveness (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Presentation by the Commission of the Competitiveness reports
- Policy debate
- Adoption of Council conclusions

5489/14 IND 18 COMPET 34 MI 54 ENER 26 TRANS 30 TELECOM 20  
SPACE 12 ENV 59 RECH 26 REGIO 7 EDUC 24 PI 7 ECO 11  
+ REV 1 (bg)  
12968/14 IND 236 COMPET 500 MI 638  
12969/14 IND 237 COMPET 501 MI 639  
13141/14 IND 241 COMPET 504 RECH 363 SPACE 67 TRANS 418  
ENER 391 REGIO 97 ECOFIN 816 MI 648 EDUC 280  
TELECOM 160  
13142/14 IND 242 COMPET 505 RECH 364 SPACE 68 TRANS 419  
ENER 392 REGIO 98 ECOFIN 817 MI 649 EDUC 281  
TELECOM 161

The Committee took note of the Reports of the Commission as set out in 13141/14 and 13142/14 and of the questions for the Policy debate as set out in 12968/14 and decided to put them forward to the Council.

The outcome of proceedings on the Draft Council conclusions is set out in 13338/14.

#### 2. Second progress report on the European Research Area (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views

13197/14 RECH 366 COMPET 508 MI 657 TELECOM 163

The Committee took note of the Report of the Commission as set out in 13197/14 and decided to put it forward to the Council.

– **Any other business**

**a) Ukraine**

The Committee discussed the outcome of the trilateral ministerial meeting held on 12 September 2014 between the EU Commissioner for Trade, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, and considered the way ahead. While conscious of the political context in which agreement had been reached at the trilateral meeting to delay until 31 December 2015 the provisional application of the DCFTA while continuing autonomous trade measures of the EU to the benefit of Ukraine during this period, several delegations expressed their concern at the procedure used and the lack of consultation of Member States. The Presidency indicated that the Committee would revert at its next meeting to this matter, in particular to the question of autonomous trade measures and to the required amendment to the relevant Council Decision on signing and provisional application of the Association Agreement to delay provisional application of Title IV until 31 December 2015. It was noted that Commission proposals would be required for both.

**b) "Ebola"**

The French delegation recalled its proposal on a European Mechanism for Coordination of Evacuation and called for an active EU participation at the forthcoming high level meetings in the margins of the UNGA in New York.

The Commission debriefed the Committee on the "High level EU coordination meeting" held on 15th September 2014 with the participation of David Nabarro, UN System Coordinator for Ebola and co-chaired by commissioners' Borg, Georgieva and Piebalgs.

The Commission further encouraged Member States to comment - by 19 September 2014 - on the draft Commission paper entitled "EU Comprehensive Response Framework for the Ebola Virus Outbreak in Western Africa".

The Presidency underlined the need for close coordination and for a comprehensive picture of all EU activities on the Ebola crisis in West Africa with a view to a future discussion in Committee.

**c) UN Climate Summit 2014 (requested by UK)**

UK referred to the endorsement by the EU of five statements at the UN Climate Summit on 23 September and, supported by CZ/CY/EE/FR/MT/PL/HU/PT/RO/SK, made a statement for the Committee minutes in this respect.

**"COUNCIL AUTHORISATION OF COMMISSION EXTERNAL ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE UNION – UN CLIMATE SUMMIT 2014, 23 SEPTEMBER**

The United Kingdom, France, the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Cyprus, Slovakia, Portugal, Romania and Malta note that the Commission informed the Council Working Party on International Environmental Issues (on 3 September), the Council Working Party on Development (on 11 September) and the Council Working Party on Forests (on 12 September) of its intention to endorse, on behalf of the Union, five Declarations at the United Nations' Climate Summit on 23 September 2014. These are the New York Declaration on Forests, the Joint Statement for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition (including the launch of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture), Global Green Freight, Phasing Down Climate Potent Hydrofluorocarbons and Putting a Price on Carbon.

We recall the Council's position concerning the conclusion by the EU of Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Statements and other texts containing policy commitments, with third countries and international organisations agreed in July 2013 (doc. 12498/13). Accordingly, the Council should have been able to authorise in advance the Commission to endorse these Declarations on behalf of the Union.

Given the specific circumstances and the short timescale, we note the Commission intends to endorse the Declarations to the extent that the Union has competence to act and it has adopted internal rules in the relevant policy area. This is without prejudice to the legal position of the Council and those Member States intervening in support of the Council in proceedings against the Commission which are currently pending before the Court of Justice of the European Union (in case C-660/13 and case C-73/14)."