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 - (b) Appointment of Ms Karin ZIMMERMANN, to replace Ms Bernardette KENDLBACHER, Austrian alternate Member, who has resigned
 - (c) Appointment of Ms Liene VANCĀNE, to replace Mr Edgars KORČAGINS, Latvian full Member, who has resigned
 - (d) Appointment of Ms Aldona SABAITIENĖ, to replace Mr Romas KANCEVIČIUS, Lithuanian full Member, who has resigned
 - (e) Appointment of Ms Aušra STANKIUVIENĖ, to replace Ms Laura PUPLAUSKAITĖ, Lithuanian alternate Member, who has resigned
 - (f) Appointment of Ms Gintarė BUŽINSKAITĖ, to replace Mr Jonas NAUJALIS, Lithuanian alternate Member, who has resigned
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 - Appointment of Ms Enriqueta CHICANO JÁVEGA, to replace Ms Luz RODRÍGUEZ FERNÁNDEZ, Spanish full member, who has resigned
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- 36. Proposal for a decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the conclusion of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Morocco, on the other hand
- 37. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-2013) (Second reading)
- 38. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community (First reading)

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39.	Setting of the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22 and 23 October 2007			
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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"

doc. 13324/07 OJ/CRP1 34 13296/07 OJ/CRP2 34

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes:

The following items are **added**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

- 28. Force Catalogue 07 Revision
- 29. Council Decision authorising France to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on traditional rum produced in its overseas departments and repealing Council Decision 2002/166/EC of 18 February 2002

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The following item is withdrawn:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

- 9. Anti-dumping
- Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing anti-dumping on imports of integrated electronic compact fluorescent lamps (CFL-i) originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) n° 384/96 and extending to imports of the same product consigned from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of the Philippines

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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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- 23. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 9 October 2007
 - a) Public Finances in EMU: Ensuring the effectiveness of the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - **Draft Council conclusions** 13337/07 ECOFIN 369 UEM 154

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to submit the text in reference to the Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 9 October for adoption.

- b) Quality of Public Finances: The modernisation of public administration and its impact on expenditure control and competitiveness
 - **Draft Council conclusions**13316/07 ECOFIN 366 COMPET 263
 13317/07 ECOFIN 367 COMPET 264

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to submit the text in reference to the Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 9 October for adoption.

- c) Better Regulation: Improving competitiveness
 - **Draft Council conclusions** 13286/07 ECOFIN 361 COMPET 259

<u>The Committee</u> amended the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 13286/1/07 REV 1 and agreed to submit the latter to the Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 9 October for adoption.

- d) Flexicurity: Economic aspects
 - **Draft Council conclusions** 13287/07 ECOFIN 362 SOC 341 10255/07 SOC 241 ECOFIN 312

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to submit the text in reference to the Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 9 October for adoption.

e) Financial Services

- Clearing and Settlement
 - = **Draft Council conclusions** 13313/07 EF 57 ECOFIN 365

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to submit the text in reference to the Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 9 October for adoption.

- EU arrangements for Financial Stability
 - = **Draft Council conclusions** 13359/07 EF 58 ECOFIN 370

Following discussion on the basis of the text in reference, the Committee agreed to further consider amendments as set out in document 13359/1/07 REV 1 EF 58 ECOFIN 370 as a basis for possible agreement, with a view to adoption of conclusions by the Council (ECOFIN) on 9 October.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

<u>The Committee</u> finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

24. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 15/16 October 2007

A. General Affairs

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

<u>Le Comité</u> fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Affairs

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

<u>Le Comité</u> fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

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25. Council Regulation (EC) n° 168/2007 of 15 February 2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (OJ L 53, 22.02.2007, p.1)

- Appointment of the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

13356/1/07 REV 1 JAI 480 COSCE 12 COHOM 90 COEST 266 FIN 441

<u>The Committee</u> endorsed the procedure for the appointment of the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, as set out in document 13356/1/07 REV 1 JAI 480 COSCE 12 COHOM 90 COEST 266 FIN 441.

26. Burma/Myanmar: sanctions

- Follow up to COREPER of 27 September 2007 13406/07 PESC 1097 COASI 133 COARM 57 COSDP 742

<u>The Committee</u> came to the political agreement to reinforce sanctions against Burma/Myanmar and tasked the relevant working parties to look as quickly as possible into the details of how this should be done.

The Commission was invited to examine the possibilities of increasing humanitarian aid to the Burmese population.

27. Draft Council Joint Action on the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic

13146/07 COSDP 721 PESC 1075 COAFR 287 CONUN 51 CHAD 5

<u>The Committee</u> examined Article 13 "Financial Arrangements" of the draft Joint Action set out at Annex to document 13146/07.

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to revert to this issue at its next meeting as outlined in document 13146/1/07 REV 1.

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39. Setting of the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22 and 23 October 2007 (For the items within the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

<u>The Committee</u> agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22/23 October 2007 as set out in 13956/07.

- 40. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002 (Second reading)
 - Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue
 - Preparation for the next trilogue 13075/07 CODEC 957 AVIATION 153

La Présidence informe <u>le Comité</u> des résultats du trilogue du 25.9.2007.

Le Comité examine, sur base du document 13075/07, des propositions de compromis de la Présidence en vue du trilogue du 10.10.2007.

- 41. Food improvement agents package (First 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
 - Consideration of the European Parliament's amendments in preparation for an informal trilogue

13207/07 DENLEG 86 CODEC 980 13206/07 DENLEG 85 CODEC 979 13209/07 DENLEG 87 CODEC 982 13210/07 DENLEG 88 CODEC 983 13410/07 DENLEG 94 CODEC 1013

<u>The Committee</u> approved the compromise texts for the proposals on the common authorisation procedure, food additives and food enzymes as outlined in the third column of the Annexes of documents 13206/07, 13207/07 and 13209/07 with a view to the negotiations with the European Parliament to reach an agreement on the basis of a common position.

As regards the proposal on food flavourings, the Committee approved the compromise text as outlined in the third column of the Annex of documents 13210/07 subject to changes concerning Article 13 paragraph 2 (By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the information required in points (e) and (g) and (j) of that paragraph may appear merely on the documents relating to the consignment which are to be supplied with or prior to the delivery, provided that the indication 'not for retail sale' appears on an easily visible part of the packaging or container of the product in question) and Annex III B (Teucrin A - [Alcoholic beverages] - [...]).

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- Any other business

- Debriefing of Informal Meeting of Development Cooperation Ministers (Madeira, 21/22 September 2007)

<u>The Committee</u> was informed about the discussions that took place at the Informal Ministerial Meeting in Madeira on 21 and 22 September 2007.

- Debriefing of Informal Meeting of Defence Ministers (Evora, 28/29 September 2007)

<u>The Committee</u> was informed about the discussions that took place at the Informal meeting of Defence Ministers in Evora, on 28 and 29 September 2007.

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