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 - (d) Appointment of Ms Dolors HERNANDEZ, to replace Mr Javier TORRES, Spanish alternate Member, who has resigned
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 - b) of the statement of the Council's reasons
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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"

doc. 13621/07 OJ/CRP1 35 13556/07 OJ/CRP2 35 COMIX 842

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes:

The following items are **added**:

(Coreper Part 1, under AOB)

- GALILEO (request by the FI delegation)

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

- 23. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 15/16 October 2007
 - **B.** External Relations
 - (i) Democratic Republic of Congo
 - (j) Iran
 - Draft Council conclusions 13754/07 COMEM 156 CONOP 74 PESC 1160

The following items on the agenda of CRP2, under part I, are transferred, under part II:

13. Council Decision concerning the signing and conclusion on behalf of the European Community of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part

13485/07 COWEB 179 ECOFIN 378 UEM 159 11569/07 COWEB 120 11570/07 COWEB 121 + COR 1 + COR 2

14. Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the European Community of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part

13484/07 COWEB 178 ECOFIN 377 UEM 158 11566/1/07 REV 1 COWEB 117 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (hu) 11567/07 COWEB 118

- 21. Uzbekistan
 - **Draft Council conclusions** 13568/07 PESC 1119 COEST 272 + ADD 1

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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The Bulgarian delegation maintained its linguistic reserve on the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Montenegro due to the spelling of the single currency in the said agreement. The Commission conveyed the message that Commissioner Olli Rehn wanted the issue to be discussed by ministers at GAERC if no agreement could be reached before. The Presidency expressed hopes that a solution would be found until Friday close of business. Otherwise the Council would have to deal with this question.

21. Uzbekistan

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13568/07 PESC 1119 COEST 272 + ADD 1

The Dutch delegation indicated that it maintains reserve on the whole text of the draft Council Conclusions on Uzbekistan, as set out in 13568/07. The Presidency urged Netherlands to consider a unilateral statement upon adoption of the Common Position on restrictive measures against Uzbekistan.

22. Follow-up the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 9 October 2007

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council of 9 October 2007.

Finance aspects of the Galileo project

<u>The Committee</u> underlined that it would ensure the overview of this file in its entirety, given in particular <u>the Committee's</u> responsibility for preparing the negotiations on the 2008 budget with the European Parliament. In this latter context, <u>the Committee</u> mandated the Budget Committee to prepare urgently an "options paper" on the financing aspects, based on written inputs from delegations and with the full cooperation of the Commission. It was understood that delegations were free to constitute their representation in the Budget Committee as they wished.

23. 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> met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

(a) Relations with Russia: Preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (Mafra, 26 October 2007)

13569/07 COEST 273 NIS 197 PESC 1120 RELEX 694 ECOFIN 386 WTO 206 ENER 236 TRANS 295 JAI 495 RECH 256

<u>The Committee</u> has an exchange of views on preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (Mafra, 26 October 2007) on the basis of a note from the Presidency/Secretariat/Commission (doc. 13569/07).

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(b) Libva

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13682/07 COMAG 31 PESC 1143

<u>Le Comité</u> a approuvé le projet de Conclusions sur la Libye et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption (doc. 13822/07 COMAG 34 PESC 1175).

(c) Middle East

Draft Council conclusions on the Peace Process 13698/07 COMEP 35 PESC 1148

<u>Le Comité</u> a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur le Processus de Paix au Moyen-Orient (doc. 13698/07 COMEP 35 PESC 1148) et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption.

- **Draft Council conclusions on Lebanon** 13716/07 COMAG 33 COMEP 37 PESC 1154

<u>Le Comité</u> a approuvé le projet de Conclusions sur le Liban et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption (doc. 13716/07 COMAG 33 COMEP 37 PESC 1154).

(d) Iraq

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13697/07 COMEM 152 PESC 1147

<u>Le Comité</u> a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur l'Iraq (doc. 13697/07 COMEM 152 PESC 1147) et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption.

(e) Relations with the Western Balkans

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13558/1/07 REV 1 COWEB 185 COSDP 760 PESC 1118

<u>The Committee</u> adopted Council conclusions on Kosovo, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina adding that the conclusions on BiH would be updated before the Council on 15 October should there be positive developments on the ground. The conclusions on Montenegro would have to be adapted in case the Council would not be able to sign the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

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(f) Chad/Central African Republic/Sudan

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13692/07 COSDP 769 COAFR 298 CHAD 8 PESC 1144
- Draft Council Joint Action on the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic 13146/1/07 REV 1 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 13146/1/07 REV 1.

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to recommend that the Council at its next meeting, adopts as an "A" item the draft Joint Action, after its revision by the legal linguists, as set out in document 12459/1/07 REV 1 COSDP 664 PESC 995 COAFR 271 CONUN 47 CHAD 1 and on this occasion enters into the minutes of its meeting the draft statements set out at Annexes I and II to document 13826/07 COSDP 795 PESC 1177 COAFR 303 CONUN 59 CHAD 9 + COR 1.

(g) Burma/Myanmar

- Draft Council conclusions
 13606/07 COASI 138 ASIE 92 COPOL 29 COHOM 97 CONUN 55
 13783/07 COASI 144 ASIE 95 COPOL 31 COHOM 99 CONUN 58
- Draft Common Position amending Common Position 2006/318/CFSP renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar 13715/07 PESC 1153 COASI 142 COARM 58 COSDP 776

<u>The Committee</u> examined the draft Council conclusions and draft Common Position.

A revised text of the conclusions will be circulated with a view to the next <u>Committee's</u> meeting on 15 October.

<u>The Committee</u> adapted Council conclusions on Burma/Myanmar on the basis of an updated text prepared by PSC the same morning and invited the Council to adopt them.

(i) Democratic Republic of Congo

<u>The Committee</u> was informed on Great Lakes / DR Congo and endorsed the proposed conclusions of the GAERC (15 October).

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(j) Iran

- **Draft Council conclusions** 13754/07 COMEM 156 CONOP 74 PESC 1160

<u>Le Comité</u> a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur l'Iran (doc. 13769/07 COMEM 157 CONOP 75 PESC 1162) et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption.

(h) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

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II

- 36. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 30 October 2007
 - 1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 14006/07.

- 2. Water scarcity and droughts
 - Adoption of Council conclusions 12052/07 ENV 422 13389/07 ENV 486 DEVGEN 170 AGRI 307

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to transmit the draft conclusions as set out in 12052/07 to Council for adoption.

- 3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce gas emissions from the use of road transport fuels and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC, as regards the specification of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC
 - Policy debate
 (Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
 6145/07 ENV 80 ENT 17 ENER 59 TRANS 34 CODEC 98 + REV 1 (en)
 13522/07 ENV 496 ENT 121 ENER 235 TRANS 293 CODEC 1031

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to forward document 13522/07 to the Council without any modification.

37. Preparation of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22 and 23 October 2007

- 1. Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2008
 - Political agreement 12582/07 PECHE 251 13477/07 PECHE 276

<u>The Committee</u> has examined the outstanding issues concerning this item which remains on the agenda of the Council.

2. EC/Norway: annual consultations for 2008

- Exchange of views 13478/07 PECHE 277 N 62

<u>The Committee</u> agrees on the questions to be put to Ministers to steer the debate at Council. The <u>Netherlands delegation</u> indicates the additional points that its Minister plans to raise.

The item is retained on the Council agenda.

- 38. 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

La Présidence informe <u>le Comité</u> des résultats du trilogue du 10.10.2007.

Any other business

- Debriefing on informal meeting of Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs

The Presidency presented a brief oral information on the highlights of the informal meeting of Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs in Lisbon on 1 and 2 October 2007.

- GALILEO (request by the FI delegation)

At the request by the Finish delegation the Presidency indicates how it intends to take work forward on this dossier.

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