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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.

Commission made statements on the following item :

50. Preparation of the OTIF General Assembly (Geneva, 19-20 September 2012)

- **European Union coordination of a common position**
13568/12 TRANS 285

"1. The Commission considers that the absence of a reference to competence for certain agenda items shall not be interpreted as recognition by the Commission of the competence of the Member States for that item. When the EU is party, with the Member States, to one organisation, it also has the right to make statements in relation to its organisational issues, as this is an element of the participation in the functioning of the organisation".

"2. As regards item 12 of the OTIF General Assembly on the election of the Secretary General for the period 2013-2015, and concerning EU coordination, the Commission prefers that a single EU candidate is supported who would engage in a constructive approach towards the EU."

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27. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 24 September 2012

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité a mis au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales du 24 septembre 2012.

28. 5th EU-South Africa Summit (18 September 2012)

- Preparatory discussion

13622/12 COAFR 263 PESC 1077 ACP 169 ENV 697 ATO 123

The Committee has been informed by the European External Action Service on the state of preparations for the fifth EU-South Africa Summit planned for 18 September 2012 in Brussels. On the basis of document 13622/12 it discussed and provided input to the draft Joint Communiqué.

29. EU-China Summit (20 September 2012)

- State of play of preparations

13455/12 COASI 150 ASIE 87 PESC 1053 RELEX 775 POLGEN 145 WTO 289
ECOFIN 759 ENV 687

The Committee discussed the state of play of preparations for the 15th EU-China Summit on 20 September 2012 in Brussels on the basis of document 13445/12 LIMITE and the information given by the EEAS and the Commission services.

The Committee took note of the draft Summit agenda and the draft Summit communiqué.

30. Banking union - Proposals for a single supervisory mechanism
- Presentation by the Commission

The Commission presented its proposals for Banking Union, which include a new regulation for the supervision of all banks in the euro area from the ECB, amendments on the existing regulation on the EBA and a communication outlining the Commission's overall vision for the banking union, covering the singles rulebook and the single supervisory mechanism, as well as the next steps involving a single bank resolution mechanism.

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52. Preparation for the Council meeting on (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 and 25 September 2012

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Orientation debate**
17870/11 PECHE 368 CADREFIN 162 CODEC 2255
12833/1/12 PECHE 291 CADREFIN 364 CODEC 1965 REV 1

The Committee prepared the item. The item is retained on the Council agenda.

53. Improvements of Competitiveness Council's working methods

- **Exchange of views**

After presentation by the Presidency of its non-paper, delegations discussed the proposals and generally welcomed the effort to improve the working methods of the Competitiveness Council. Several delegations proposed to enlarge the scope and called for a discussion on substance and the role of the Competitiveness Council in the overall EU governance of growth initiatives. The Presidency, taking note of these interventions, announced that it will submit a revised version of the non-paper for the lunch debate of Ministers at the Competitiveness Council on 11 October 2012.

54. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 4 October 2012

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) as set out in 14125/12.

55. (a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC (Directive on consumer ADR) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes (Regulation on consumer ODR) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
13399/12 CONSOM 104 MI 538 JUSTCIV 271 CODEC 2049

The Committee endorsed the Presidency proposal as set out in the 4th column of the Annexes of document 13399/12, with the exception of :

- Articles 3 and 6 where the text of the General Approach agreed at the Competitiveness Council of 30 May 2012 is kept,
- the deletion of "minimum" in recitals 3b, 17a and 23b, and
- Article 18 which refers to the whole Directive instead of to Article 10 only as in the General Approach.

On this basis, a mandate was given to the Presidency to enter into informal negotiations with representatives of the European Parliament and the Commission.

- **Any other business**
 - **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Information from the Presidency on the state of play**

The Committee was debriefed by the Presidency on the outcome of the latest informal contacts with the European Parliament on this file. It was agreed to revert to this issue after the European Parliament's Legal Service has finalised its position.

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