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The above mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes:

The following item is **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

61. Gouvernance Economique :

- **Projet de règlement du Parlement européen et du Conseil modifiant le règlement (CE) No 1466/97 relatif au renforcement de la surveillance des positions budgétaires ainsi que de la surveillance et de la coordination des politiques économiques**
- **Projet de règlement (UE) No .../... du Conseil modifiant le règlement (CE) No 1467/97 du Conseil visant à accélérer et à clarifier la mise en œuvre de la procédure concernant les déficits excessifs**
- **Projet de règlement du Parlement européen et du Conseil sur la prévention et la correction des déséquilibres macroéconomiques**
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14418/11 ECOFIN 601 UEM 266 SOC 786 CODEC 1476
14422/11 ECOFIN 602 UEM 267 CODEC 1472
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14324/11 ECOFIN 592 UEM 262 CODEC 1460
11478/2/11 REV 2 ECOFIN 417 UEM 194
14423/11 ECOFIN 603 UEM 268 SOC 784 CODEC 1473

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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28. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Environment) on 10 October 2011

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 15058/11.

29. Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 3 October 2011

1. European Social Fund in the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy (*Non legislative activities*)

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of procedures)

- Policy debate

14224/11 SOC 772 ECOFIN 583 EDUC 235 REGIO 74

The Committee recommends the Council to hold a policy debate based on the Presidency questionnaire in document 14224/11.

2. Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit (*Non legislative activities*)

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of procedures)

- Information from the Presidency

The Committee takes note that the Presidency will inform the EPSCO Council of the state of preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit.

3. The role of voluntary work in social policy (*Non legislative activities*)

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of procedures)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

14061/11 SOC 759 JEUN 47 CULT 57

The Committee agrees to submit the draft Council conclusions contained in document 14061/1/11 REV 1 to the EPSCO Council for adoption.

4. **Managing demographic challenges: Institutional cooperation of the Member States on demographic issues and reconciliation of work and family life – towards compatibility of career and family***(Non legislative activities)*
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of procedures)
 - **Adoption of conclusions**
14064/11 SOC 760

The Committee agrees to submit the draft Council conclusions contained in document 14064/11 to the EPSCO Council for adoption.

30. Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 29-30 September 2011

1. **Commission Recommendation on the research Joint Programming Initiative (JPIs) "More Years Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change"** *(Non-legislative activity)*
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
12959/11 RECH 268 TELECOM 104 SAN 152 SOC 654
14079/11 RECH 291 TELECOM 119 SAN 174 SOC 764

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in 14205/11.

2. **Innovation Union Flagship** *(Non-legislative activity)*
 - **Information from the Commission on European Innovation Partnerships, including the assessment of the Pilot on Active and Healthy Ageing**
 - **(poss.) Information from the Commission on the Communication on Partnering in Research and Innovation**
 - **Exchange of views**
14080/11 RECH 292

The Committee took note of the questions for the exchange of views as set out in 14080/11.

3. (a) **Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the specific programme, to be carried out by means of indirect actions, implementing the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for nuclear research and training activities (2012 - 2013)** *(Legislative deliberation)*
7402/11 RECH 53 ATO 8 COMPET 84
14073/11 RECH 287 ATO 104 COMPET 380
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7404/11 RECH 54 ATO 9 COMPET 85
14075/11 RECH 288 ATO 105 COMPET 381

- (c) **Proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom) laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in indirect actions under the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community and for the dissemination of research results (2012-2013)**
(Legislative deliberation)
 - **General approach**
7418/11 RECH 55 ATO 10 COMPET 86
14077/11 RECH 289 ATO 106 COMPET 382

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in documents 14200/11, 14202/11 and 14203/11.

- 4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 521/2008 setting up the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking** *(Legislative deliberation)*
 - **Political agreement**
9641/11 RECH 93 ENER 95
14078/11 RECH 290 ENER 287

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in 14483/11.

- 5. **Draft Agreement on the creation of a Unified Patent Court** *(Non-legislative activity)*
 - **Exchange of views**
14191/11 PI 114 COUR 50
14370/11 PI 118 COUR 52

The Committee

- took note, in preparation of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (Competitiveness) on 29-30 September 2011, of the Presidency report on the state of play in the examination of the draft agreement on the creation of a Unified Patent Court (14370/11);
 - also took note of a non paper by the Commission services concerning the relationship between the envisaged agreement and the EU acquis (14191/11).
- 6. **Green Paper on the modernization of the Professional Qualifications Directive** *(Non-legislative activity)*
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
12111/11 ETS 13 MI 333
14197/11 ETS 14 MI 426

The Commission indicated its intention to present its Green Paper on the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive at the Competitiveness Council on 29-30 September 2011.

7. Standardisation package (*Legislative deliberation*)

- (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Standardisation and amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/105/EC and 2009/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council**

11300/11 COMPET 262 IND 81 MI 301 RECH 178 ENT 135 TELECOM 92
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- (b) **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee "A strategic vision for European standards: Moving forward to enhance and accelerate the sustainable growth of the European economy by 2020"**

11471/11 COMPET 320 IND 85 MI 308 RECH 236 ENT 137 TELECOM 93

- **Exchange of views**

14143/11 COMPET 385 IND 99 MI 419 RECH 293 ENT 187 TELECOM 120

The Committee takes note of the lead questions as set out in 14143/11 and agrees that the Presidency transmits it to the Council (as document 14144/11) with a view of guiding the exchange of views on the standardisation package at the meeting on 29 September 2011.

8. Competitive European Economy: Industrial competitiveness in the light of resource efficiency (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**

14180/11 IND 102 COMPET 390 RECH 296 ENER 290 REGIO 72 ECOFIN 577
MI 424

The outcome of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee is set out in 14181/11.

31. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 6 October 2011

- **Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the Union a High Level Agreement between the European Union and the European Organisation for Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL), providing a general framework for enhanced cooperation (*Non legislative activities*)**

- **Adoption**

11356/11 AVIATION 163 RESTREINT UE

14241/11 AVIATION 208 RESTREINT UE

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at working party level and decided to submit this file to the TTE Council, on 6 October 2011, for adoption of the above Council Decision.

- 32. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the first radio spectrum policy programme (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**
 - **Preparation for the next informal trialogue**
- 14298/11 TELECOM 128 AUDIO 38 MI 432 CODEC 1457

The Presidency reported on the outcome of the second informal trialogue of 20 September 2011 and explained the time-table for upcoming meetings.

On the basis of document 14298/11, as modified by the Committee, delegations, with qualified majority, agreed that the Presidency could continue the negotiations with the European Parliament.

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II

54. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Justice et Affaires intérieures) des 22/23 septembre 2011

- a) **Initiative du Royaume de Belgique, de la République de Bulgarie, du Royaume d'Espagne, de la République d'Estonie, de la République française, de la République de Hongrie, de la République italienne, de la République de Pologne, de la République du Portugal, de la Roumanie, de la République de Finlande et du Royaume de Suède en vue d'une directive du Parlement européen et du Conseil relative à la décision de protection européenne**
 - **Information sur le trilogue et l'orientation politique**
13909/11 COPEN 207 CODEC 1400 JUSTCIV 224

The Presidency reported to the Committee on the outcome of the trialogue with the European Parliament on the Directive on the European protection order, which has taken place on 20 September 2011.

The Presidency has informed delegations of the fact that the European Parliament welcomed the proposal of the Council, showing great flexibility with respect to the amendments to the text voted by the Plenary on 14 December 2010. The Commission also endorsed the proposed draft, stating its satisfaction with the compromise achieved.

Three delegations which still maintained reservations with respect to the text have lifted them in the course of the meeting.

- b) **SIS II**
 - **Etat des travaux**

The Committee took note of the outcome of the discussions in the Mixed Committee.

- c) **Système d'information sur les visas (VIS)**
 - **Etat d'avancement des travaux**
14310/11 VISA 176 COMIX 576

The Committee agreed to submit the progress report to the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level.

d) Projet de décision du Conseil relative au cadre régissant la pleine application des dispositions relevant de l'acquis de Schengen en République de Bulgarie et en Roumanie (session restreinte)

- Accord politique

14302/11 SCH-EVAL 150 SIRIS 92 COMIX 574

The Committee took note of the outcome of the discussion in the Mixed Committee. The Presidency announced its intention to table a consolidated text at the JHA Council on 22-23 September 2011, if a compromise wording could be agreed by the end of the day.

e) Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

Le Comité a fait le point sur le déroulement des travaux de la session du Conseil.

55. Information sur la réunion informelle des ministres des affaires financières et économiques les 16-17 septembre 2011 à Wrocław, Pologne

Le Comité prend note du débriefing de la Présidence sur cette réunion à une partie de laquelle Timothy Geithner, le secrétaire américain au Trésor, a participé. Il a partagé ses idées pour les européens au sujet de la gestion de la crise d'endettement. Les Ministres ont discuté de la situation économique. Ils ont abordé entre autres les sujets de l'impôt sur les transactions financières, la gouvernance économique et la situation bancaire. Les ministres ont eu un échange de vues sur la situation dans les marchés financiers ainsi que sur les travaux législatifs dans ce domaine.

Au déjeuner les ministres ont donné leur accord sur le compromis sur le 'six pack' sur lequel le Conseil (ECOFIN) du 4 octobre confirmera son accord. A ce déjeuner, la Présidence a également évoqué le 'impact assessment' en vue d'une discussion prévue à ce sujet au déjeuner de l'ECOFIN le 4 octobre.

Les ministres ont aussi approuvé les termes de référence pour les prochaines réunions du FMI et du G20 ministériel.

56. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires économiques et financières) du 4 octobre 2011

- Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

Le Comité fait le point sur l'état de préparation des différents points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil visée en objet.

57. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires étrangères/Commerce) du 26 septembre 2011

- a) **OMC/ Programme de Doha pour le développement**
- b) **Adhésion de la Russie à l'OMC**
- c) **Accord de libre-échange UE-Inde**
- d) **Accord de libre-échange global approfondi UE-Ukraine**
- e) **Relations commerciales avec les pays du Sud de la Méditerranée**
- f) **Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil**

La Présidence a suggéré d'aborder l'ordre du jour du Conseil "Affaires étrangères / Commerce" du 26 septembre 2011 dans sa globalité. La Commission a donné des brèves indications sur les intentions du Commissaire De Gucht quant aux différents sujets à l'ordre du jour.

Les délégations ont souligné l'importance de certains aspects, à savoir, les projets d'accords avec des pays latino-américains, les relations commerciales avec les pays du sud de la Méditerranée, la communication à la presse des résultats des discussions du Conseil, et l'articulation de ces discussions avec la préparation du Conseil européen du mois d'octobre.

58. Présentation de l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil (Affaires générales) du 11 octobre 2011

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil susvisée.

59. Présentation de l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil (Affaires étrangères) du 10 octobre 2011

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretary General Pierre Vimont regarding the intentions of the HR for items to be discussed at the Council:

- Middle East Peace Process - In light of the outcome of the discussion in the UNGA, exchange of views.
- Southern Neighbourhood - The HR intends to address in particular Libya, Syria, transition process in Tunisia, as well as election process in Egypt. HR will also debrief of the meeting of the Task Force Tunisia of 28-29 September 2011. Council conclusions are likely to be adopted.

- Belarus - Discussion on the state of play, as well as on possible extension of sanctions on the basis of HoMs' report. Council conclusions are likely to be adopted.
- (possible item) Horn of Africa - Adoption of Strategic framework and Council conclusions subject to the lifting of Parliamentary reserve by one delegation.
- (possible item) EU-China summit.

In the margins of the Council, a meeting of Permanent Partnership Council with Russia is envisaged for 11 October, but the date has not yet been confirmed by the Russians.

SG Vimont stated that Strategic partnerships and Human Rights Strategy will not be included in the October Council agenda, because they are not yet sufficiently mature to be discussed at Council level.

During discussion the UK, supported by FR and CZ, requested that Iran would be added to the agenda in order to discuss the human rights violations and the nuclear issue. CY, supported by FR, requested that the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean would be discussed at the Council. SG Vimont took note of the proposals to be submitted for High Representative's consideration.

For the Council meeting in November, SG Vimont indicated discussion on Afghanistan.

60. Préparation du Sommet UE-Ukraine

- Débat d'orientation

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The Committee had an exchange of views on preparations for the EU-Ukraine summit (Kyiv, December 2011) on the basis of the Orientation Note (doc. 14336/11 RESTRICTED) issued under the responsibility of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the Presidency, the Commission services and the External Action Service. In the light of the debate, it was concluded that the Committee would revert to the preparations for the summit in due course, while closely observing the developments in Ukraine.

- **Any other business**

= **Headquarter of the International Cocoa Organisation (OIC)**

The Committee was informed by France about its view on the relocation of the headquarters of the International Cocoa Organisation from London to Abidjan. The Committee noted that on 20 September 2011 the International Cocoa Council had decided to postpone the decision on relocation to its next session in March 2012.

= **External Financial Instruments**

Presidency informed on the latest developments as regards the external financial instruments conciliation on 21 September 2011. Delegations were invited to comment on the latest compromise proposal of the European Parliament.

= **ENISA**

The GR delegation raised the issue of ENISA where it considers that the procedure followed by the Presidency at the Working Party might create confusion. The Presidency, supported by the DK delegation, defended its approach as a standard practice whereas the view of the GR delegation was supported by FR, PT, CY and BU delegations. The Presidency concluded it will revert to the issue at the Working Party.

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