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

doc. 14428/1/07 REV 1 OJ/CRP1 38

14377/07 OJ/CRP2 38 COMIX 923

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

5. Involvement of a candidate country (FYROM) and of a potential candidate country (Serbia) as observer in CREST (Comité de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique)

- **Information note from the Research Working Party**

14194/07 RECH 271 ELARG 103

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

20. Adoption of a Council Decision approving the conclusion of the renewal, by the Commission, of an Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (KEDO)

13885/07 ATO 126 CONOP 78

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35. Modified draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals

13602/07 VISA 305 COMIX 845

13502/07 VISA 303 COMIX 838

43. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules for the provision of basic information on Purchasing Power Parities and for their calculation and dissemination (First Reading)

- **Adoption of the legislative act**

PE-CONS 3615/07 STATIS 55 ECOFIN 167 CODEC 430

+ REV 1 (de, en, fr, it, lt, mt, ro, fi)

14239/07 CODEC 1116 STATIS 129 ECOFIN 409

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

44. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs), on 8/9 November 2007

d) Initiative of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the French Republic with a view to adopting a Council Framework Decision on the recognition and supervision of suspended sentences, alternative sanctions and conditional sentences

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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- 14. Setting of the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 22 and 23 November 2007**

The Committee approved the provisional agenda (doc. 15122/07) for the forthcoming Council meeting.

- 15. Preparation of the Council meeting (Education, Youth Affairs and Culture) on 15 and 16 November 2007**

- 1. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries (Erasmus Mundus) (2009 - 2014)**
- **General approach**
[Public deliberation pursuant to article 8(1) (c) CRP]
11708/07 EDUC 118 RELEX 565 CODEC 813
14206/07 EDUC 173 RELEX 748 CODEC 1112

Les résultats de l'examen de cette Décision sont repris dans le nouveau document 14454/07, qui servira comme base pour le débat au Conseil.

- 2. Student mobility: broadening the social dimension of Erasmus**
- **Exchange of views**
[Public debate pursuant to article 8(3) of the CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]
13939/07 EDUC 167

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil en vue d'un échange de vues sur la base du document 13939/07.

- 3. Draft Resolution on modernising universities for Europe's competitiveness in a global knowledge economy**
- **Exchange of views in relation to draft Council Resolution**
[Public debate pursuant to article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]
14378/07 EDUC 179 RECH 282 COMPET 305

Les résultats de l'examen par le Comité sont repris dans le nouveau document 14455/07, qui servira comme base pour le débat au Conseil.

- 16. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community (First reading)**
- **Consideration of draft European Parliament's amendments in preparation for an informal trilogue**
14224/07 ENV 544 AVIATION 176 MI 248 IND 92 ENER 249 CODEC 1114

The Committee discussed key political issues (the starting date of the scheme for aviation and the percentage of allowances to be auctioned) relating to the proposal to include aviation activities in the EU emission trading scheme, with a view to giving a mandate to the Presidency to negotiate with the European Parliament a first reading agreement. The Committee could not agree on such a mandate. The Presidency will continue the work at the Working Party level in order to reach a political agreement on this proposal in the (Environment) Council, on 20 December 2007.

- 17. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Framework for Community Action in the field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (Second reading)**
- **Consideration of draft European Parliament's amendments in preparation for an informal trilogue**
13678/07 ENV 505 MAR 75 CODEC 1050

The Committee mandated the Portuguese Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament with a view to a possible second reading agreement.

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44. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs), on 8/9 November 2007

a) EUROPOL

- **Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police Office**
= **Finalisation of Chapters II and III**
14318/07 EUROPOL 109
- **Implementation Plan**
14363/07 EUROPOL 110

The Committee agreed on the text of Chapters II and III of the abovementioned draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office, pending a Czech Parliamentary reservation and an Irish scrutiny reservation. It also took note of an Italian suggestion to amend Article 10 (2), as set out in document 14593/07 EUROPOL 113.

The Committee reached agreement on the Implementation Plan as set out in document 14590/07 EUROPOL 112 and agreed to submit it for endorsement to the Council.

b) **Draft Council Decision on the implementation of Decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime**

- **Outstanding issues**
14310/07 CRIMORG 163 ENFOPOL 177

The German and French delegation lifted their reservation on Article 11 and 12, subject to the addition of a new recital. Also, a political declaration would be proposed by these delegations concerning the systematic comparison of DNA profiles, to be added to the Council minutes.

The Austrian delegation welcomed this addition but could not lift its reservation (AT informed the Presidency on 5 November that it withdrew its reservation).

Following some discussion, the Netherlands delegation lifted its reservation on Article 16(5), subject to an amendment in Article 19(1) so that the actual use of Article 16(5) be closely monitored.

The Committee agreed on an amendment proposed by the Polish delegation for Article 17a (1) and (2).

Finally, the Hungarian and Czech delegations lifted their reservation on Article 17a(3) and Article 18b respectively.

The document would therefore be submitted to the Council, requesting the Council to endorse the general approach.

- c) **Draft Council Decision on the improvement of cooperation between the special intervention units of the Member States of the European Union in crisis situations**
 - **General Approach**
14312/07 ENFOPOL 178

The Committee agreed on the general approach for the above-mentioned Council Decision, subject to a study reservation of the Finnish delegation.

This delegation would endeavour to lift its reservation as soon as possible and would inform the Presidency thereof (this was done on 8 November 2007).

The document would therefore be submitted to the Council, requesting the Council to endorse the general approach.

- e) **Draft Council conclusions on Cybercrime**
13893/2/07 REV 2 CRIMORG 148 CATS 110 + REV 2 COR 1

The Council Conclusions on combating Cybercrime, document 13893/2/07 REV2 CRIMORG 148 CATS 110, were adopted by the Committee with a change requested by the Spanish delegation. The wording of conclusion No 4 on page 5 has been changed in order to state that implementation of the measures of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime is supported and encouraged (document 13893/2/07 REV 2 COR 2).

- f) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

Nothing was raised under this item.

- 45. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 13 November 2007**
- **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

- 46. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 19/20 November 2007**

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer aux ordres du jour provisoires des sessions du Conseil susvisées.

- 47. Information point on Transatlantic Economic Council (Washington, 9 November 2007)**

The Commission updated the Committee on preparations for the Transatlantic Economic Council first meeting, to be held on 9 November in Washington DC.

- **Any other business**
- **Debriefing on the EU-Russia Summit (26 October 2007, Mafra)**

The Committee heard a debrief by Presidency and Commission on the outcome of the EU-Russia Summit held in Mafra on 26 October 2007.

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