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

doc. 14492/13 OJ/CRP1 35 + ADD 1

14488/1/13 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 35 + CM 4730/1/13 REV 1

The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

31. Restrictive measures against Iran:

- **Council Decision amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran**
- **Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran**
- **Letters to entities whose listings under Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 were annulled by the judgments of the EU General Court in Case T-12/11 (Iran Insurance Company), Case T-13/11 (Post Bank Iran), Joined Cases T-4/11 and T-5/11 (Export Development Bank of Iran), Case T-110/12 (Iran Offshore Engineering & Construction Co.), Case T-493/10 (Persia International Bank plc.), Case T-24/11 (Bank Refah Kargaran v. Council) and Case T-57/12 (Good Luck Shipping LLC v. Council)**

14553/13 PESC 1195 RELEX 900 CONUN 117 COMEM 223 CONOP 122
COARM 142 FIN 611

14146/13 PESC 1156 CONUN 109 COMEM 218 CONOP 117 COARM 131
FIN 574

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32. Draft minutes of Council meetings

- **3248th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 21 June and in Brussels on 26 June 2013**
11420/13 PV/CONS 34 ECOFIN 620
+ ADD 1 REV 1

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

60. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority) as regards its interaction with Council Regulation (EU) No.../... conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Adoption of the legislative act**
13766/13 CODEC 2044 EF 175 ECOFIN 799
PE-CONS 22/13 EF 81 ECOFIN 307 CODEC 909
+ REV 1 (hr)

61. Council Regulation conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions

- **Adoption**
13853/13 EF 178 ECOFIN 807
+ ADD 1
9044/13 EF 85 ECOFIN 316
+ COR 1 (de)
+ COR 2 (pl)
+ COR 3 (lt)
+ COR 4 (fr)
+ COR 5 (bg)
+ COR 6 (sl)
+ REV 3 (pt)
+ REV 4 (el)
+ REV 6 (et)
+ REV 7 (it)
+ REV 8 (nl)
+ REV 9 (hr)
+ REV 10 (es)

The following CRP2 agenda items are **transferred** from Part I to Part II as :

21. Budget 2013

- e) - **Draft amending budget No 8/2013 (item 7)**
= **Information to national Parliaments**
14474/13 FIN 604 INST 522
- **Draft amending budget No 9/2013 (item 8)**
= **Information to national Parliaments**
14475/13 FIN 605 INST 523

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

A statement is made by the UK, NL, CZ, DK and AT on the following item :

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (First reading)

- Adoption of the legislative act

14349/13 CODEC 2186 STAT 29 FIN 592

+ ADD 1

PE-CONS 60/13 STAT 22 FIN 403 CODEC 1663

"As Council votes on the Staff Regulations today, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the negotiations and the next steps. The delegations which voted against the Presidency compromise want to outline why they did so and their hopes for the future of the EU civil service.

The review of the Staff Regulations was an opportunity to modernise the EU civil service, to rein in administrative spend and to ensure that the EU Institutions will be able to afford their future commitments on pensions and salaries. This is an opportunity that only comes every few years. Unfortunately, after nearly two years of intensive work by all parties, and despite broad agreement for those objectives, our delegations felt that the compromise presented did not match the comprehensive reforms which many Member States are already delivering in their domestic civil services. All of our public services are changing and the EU civil service will be left behind at its peril. A modern, effective and dynamic civil service is vital for the EU to be able to deliver on the important issues which matter to our citizens. We should not under-estimate how strongly the public's support for the EU is linked to their perception of the EU Civil Service. In the next few years, we will continue to work constructively to ensure that EU citizens have the EU civil service they should expect, one that reflects our 21st century EU and one that the EU can afford to maintain."

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21. Budget 2013

- a) **Draft amending budget No 6/2013, including its letter of amendment (Own resources)**
14530/13 FIN 607
- b) **Draft amending budget No 8/2013 (Payment appropriations)**
14531/13 FIN 608
- c) **EU Solidarity Fund**
 - **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund**
 - **Draft amending budget No 9/2013 (EUSF for Romania, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic)**
14532/13 FIN 609
- d) **Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 26/2013 (Section III - Commission) (Global transfer)**
14533/13 FIN 610
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 - **Draft amending budget No 8/2013**
= **Information to national Parliaments**
14474/13 FIN 604 INST 522
 - **Draft amending budget No 9/2013**
= **Information to national Parliaments**
14475/13 FIN 605 INST 523

The Committee reached an agreement, by a qualified majority (DK, FI, NL, SE and UK voting against), on a global package, as proposed by the Presidency, including draft amending budgets (DABs) No 6/2013, No 8/2013, No 9/2013, DEC 26/2013 and Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund as recorded in documents 14865/13, 14866/13, 14867/13, 14868/13, 14869/13; and on the shortening of the 8 weeks period for the information of National Parliaments, as set out in documents 14474/13 and 14475/13.

22. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union (First reading)**
- **Preparation for the first informal trilogue**
14120/13 ECOFIN 839 RELEX 869 CODEC 2137
13926/1/13 REV 1 ECOFIN 813 RELEX 848 CODEC 2085

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament on the above proposal, as set out in 13926/2/13 REV 2.

23. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 15 October 2013**

- a) **Preparation of the European Council on 24-25 October 2013**
14501/13 ECOFIN 865 UEM 329
- i) **Indicators and policy areas for strengthened economic policy coordination**
 - **Exchange of views**
14550/13 ECOFIN 868 UEM 330
 - ii) **Commission-EIB SME initiative**
 - **Exchange of views**
14473/13 ECOFIN 862

The Committee took note of the Presidency note and the background documents prepared by the EFC, which will be submitted to the Council for discussion.

- b) **European Semester: Lessons from 2013 and way forward**
- **Exchange of views**
14448/13 CO EUR-PREP 39 POLGEN 183 ENV 897 ENER 451 MI 840
RECH 442 COMPET 704 IND 271 ECOFIN 858 SOC 781
EDUC 378 TELECOM 255
14465/13 ECOFIN 861 SOC 785 COMPET 706 EDUC 380 ENV 899
RECH 444 ENER 453 FISC 179

The Committee took note of the Presidency's note and the background documents, prepared by the EFC, and agreed to be submitted to the Ministers for discussion.

There was no further discussion in the Committee.

The Presidency will prepare a synthesis report for the October General Affairs Council, which will mark the end of the 2013 "lessons learnt exercise".

c) Preparation of the 19th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Warsaw from 11 to 22 November 2013

- Council conclusions

14459/13 ENV 898 SAN 379 AGRI 639 FORETS 57 ENER 452 TRANS 515
ECOFIN 860

The Committee endorsed the draft Council conclusions prepared by the EFC and will submit them to the Council for adoption.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

24. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (First reading)

- Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

14410/13 PROCIV 109 JAI 858 COHAFA 102 COCON 42 DEVGEN 248
COTER 123 ENV 891 FIN 596 PESCE 1180 CODEC 2198

The Committee was informed by the Presidency on the overall compromise package developed at the last informal trilogue between the European Parliament and the Council on the Proposal for a Decision on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Two delegations indicated that they still had difficulties in agreeing on parts of the package.

In the light of the fact that the text had received the support of a wide majority of the Member States, the Committee confirmed the final agreement on the overall compromise package, and allowed the Presidency to send a letter to the European Parliament stating that, if the European Parliament were to adopt the amended text of the draft Decision exactly in the same form as set out in the Annex to the Committee note (doc. 14410/13), the Council would adopt the Decision in the form of the position of the Council as thus amended by the European Parliament, subject to the previous revision of the text by the lawyer-linguists. The Committee also recommended that the Council, at the moment of adoption, enters in its minutes the 2 statements included in the last page of the Annex to the Committee note (doc. 14410/13).

25. Cohesion Policy legislative package (First reading)
- Preparation of trilogues

The Committee:

- was briefed on the state of play in the negotiations with the European Parliament on the four pending major political issues as resulting from the political trilogue held on 10 October 2013 in Strasbourg.
- Presidency indicated that it intended to inform the European Parliament (at the political trilogue on the same day) on the views expressed by the Committee, in particular that involving the EP formally in the decision-making process on the application of macroeconomic conditionality through OLP or delegated acts is not acceptable to the Council.

26. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 18 October 2013

- a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for managing financial responsibility linked to investor-state dispute settlement tribunals established by international agreements to which the European Union is party (First reading)**
 - **Preparation of the informal trilogue**
14404/13 WTO 236 FDI 24 CODEC 2197

The Committee reached agreement and gave a negotiating mandate to the Presidency to enter into informal trilogue with the European Parliament on the basis of the positions set out in 14404/13. The Commission expressed concern with the Presidency compromise text that departed away from the Commission's original proposal, not facilitating the handling of the informal trilogues. The Commission further informed that it would like to make a statement at the Foreign Affairs Council, warning Member States that the mandate would limit the ability of the Commission to ensure the effective uniform interpretation of EU trade and investment agreements and would undermine the ability of the Commission to manage the Union's common commercial policy.

The Committee took note of the concerns of the Commission and of the following statement of Belgium and Luxembourg :

"La Belgique et le Luxembourg remercient les différentes Présidences qui ont contribué aux discussions sur cette proposition, ainsi que la Commission pour ses commentaires. Le débat n'a pas toujours été facile dans le TPC Services & Investissements et le Parlement européen attend une position du Conseil.

La Belgique et le Luxembourg n'ont pas rompu la procédure de silence sur la proposition de compromis de la Présidence du Conseil en vue d'entamer les trilogues informels avec le Parlement européen. Ils ont souhaité faire preuve d'une attitude constructive. La Belgique et le Luxembourg souhaitent cependant rappeler à ce stade leurs inquiétudes dans ce dossier:

- = Les procédures prévues aux articles 8 et 13 de la Proposition de Règlement suscitent des interrogations. Le compromis tel que proposé à ce stade crée des procédures complexes. Il risque d'entraîner des débats sans fin, voire une politique de blocage, plus de bureaucratie et moins d'efficacité.
- = Il existe un risque grave d'incohérence dans la défense des intérêts européens, par exemple en cas de plaintes dans des affaires similaires à l'OMC ou dans le cas de différends investisseurs-Etat.

Pour la Belgique et le Luxembourg, le Règlement en sa forme résultant du compromis est à la limite de l'acceptable. L'Union européenne doit nous permettre de rationaliser le fonctionnement de notre politique commerciale en tant qu'Etats membres et, avant tout, en tant qu'Union. Elle ne doit pas avoir pour effet de créer encore plus de comités et de procédures. L'Union européenne doit parler d'une seule voix, surtout dans la politique commerciale, et le présent compromis remet en question - à nos yeux - l'unicité de notre représentation extérieure."

- b) **Preparations for the Eastern Partnership Summit (Vilnius, 28-29 November 2013)**
- **Trade aspects:**
 - **EU-Ukraine DCFTA part of the Association Agreement**
 - **EU-Republic of Moldova DCFTA part of the Association Agreement**
 - **EU-Georgia DCFTA part of the Association Agreement**
 - **EU-Republic of Armenia DCFTA part of the Association Agreement**
- = **State of play**
14582/13 WTO 241 COEST 307 NIS 63

The Chairman explained the aims of the Council discussion. The Commission recalled its issue paper on the trade aspects of the Eastern Partnership Summit (doc. 14582/13) and explained that the Commissioner's presentation would primarily focus on the Summit deliverables and possible trade measures in support of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova as well as outcome of his visit to Kyiv on 1/2 October 2013.

- c) **EU-China Negotiations on an Investment Agreement**
- **Adoption of negotiating mandate**
14469/13 WTO 237 SERVICES 50 FDI 25 COASI 150
14091/13 WTO 218 SERVICES 40 FDI 20 COASI 140
+ ADD 1 RESTREINT UE
14092/13 WTO 219 SERVICES 41 FDI 21 COASI 141

All delegations and the Commission were in a position to accept the Presidency's compromise negotiating mandate to start negotiations with China.

The Council Legal Service gave its views on the legal basis and the Commission restated its position on the competence issue.

Therefore, the Committee agreed that the Council be invited to formally adopt the negotiating mandate as circulated in documents: 14091/13, 14091/13 ADD1 RESTRICTED EU and 14092/13.

d) EU-ASEAN Negotiations on Investment

- Adoption of negotiating mandate

14546/13 WTO 240 SERVICES 52 FDI 27 COASI 152

14095/13 WTO 220 SERVICES 42 FDI 22 COASI 142

+ ADD 1 RESTREINT UE

14096/13 WTO 221 SERVICES 43 FDI 23 COASI 143

All delegations, with the exception of Hungary, and the Commission were in a position to accept the Presidency's compromise negotiating mandate to start negotiations. Hungary requested the Commission to address its concern on the implication of the ASEAN mandate on its ability to sign a bilateral investment agreement with Cambodia.

The Commission confirmed to Hungary that there was no incompatibility between the EU-ASEAN mandate on investment protection and the possibility for Hungary to sign a bilateral investment agreement with Cambodia, as the Commission was currently not negotiating a free trade agreement with Cambodia.

Therefore, the Committee agreed that the Council be invited to formally adopt the negotiating mandate as circulated in documents: 14095/13, 14095/13 ADD1 RESTRICTED EU and 14096/13, on the condition that the Commission would confirm during the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 18 October 2013 that Hungary could sign a bilateral investment agreement with Cambodia.

e) Declassification of the TTIP negotiating directives

14470/13 WTO 238 SERVICES 51 FDI 26 USA 49

The Committee discussed a French request for declassification of the directives for the negotiations on the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (doc. 14470/13). Following the Chairman's presentation on possible options and the issues to be taken into consideration when taking a decision, the Commission and some delegations outlined their views on the matter. Council Legal Service clarified the procedural aspects. The Chairman concluded that the Presidency would reflect on the most appropriate format of the Council discussion under this agenda item.

f) Preparations for the IX World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (Bali, 3-6 December 2013)

- **State of play**
14588/13 WTO 242

The Commission presented its issue paper on the preparations for the IX World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference to be held in Bali on 3-6 December 2013 (doc. 14588/13). It focused in particular on the three main possible deliverables for the Conference: trade facilitation, some limited agricultural issues and some key LDC/development-related issues. The Commission also pointed out that it expected that the discussions at the FAC (Trade) would focus on the possible balance to be achieved among the three areas of the Bali package.

g) China - anti-dumping/anti-subsidy measures on wine
- **State of play**

The Chair recalled that the French delegation, supported by others, had requested an AOB item on China- anti-dumping/anti-subsidy measures on wine. The Chair also invited the French delegation to present an explanatory document on the matter.

The French delegation noted the political importance and sensitivity of the matter, and pointed out that it would reflect on the possibility of producing an explanatory document as requested by the Chair. The Commission informed briefly the Committee on the state of play of the file.

The Chair concluded that the item would be inscribed as a full point on the agenda of the FAC (Trade) of 18 October 2013.

h) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Chair informed the Committee on how the Presidency intended to handle the Council meeting. The Commission requested the inclusion of an AOB item at lunch regarding the state of play of the EU-Japan FTA negotiations.

27. EEAS Review

13977/13 POLGEN 179 INST 495 PESC 1131 CSDP/PSDC 613
14458/13 POLGEN 185 INST 519 PESC 1182 CSDP/PSDC 645
14493/13 POLGEN 186 INST 524 PESC 1187 CSDP/PSDC 648

The Committee discussed recommendations 3, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 22 of the EEAS Review Report on the basis of the Presidency note (doc. 14493/13).

28. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 7/8 October 2013

The Committee took note of the information on the follow-up of the JHA Council provided by the Presidency. France recalled its position related to the conclusions taken by the Presidency on data protection.

29. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment (First reading)

- **Analysis of the draft final compromise text with a view to an agreement**
14150/13 MIGR 106 SOC 742 CODEC 2143

The Chair indicated that the examination of the above item had been postponed to the Committee's meeting next week in order to pursue bilateral consultations with some delegations.

30. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 22 October 2013

a) Preparation of the European Council on 24-25 October 2013

- **Draft guidelines for the conclusions**
12391/13 CO EUR-PREP 35

The Committee discussed the draft guidelines for the conclusions of the October European Council.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency reminded that the Alpine Strategy (as requested by FR, IT and AT) will be discussed at the General Affairs Council as an 'AOB'.

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51. New Legislative Framework Alignment Package (Implementation of the Goods Package) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses**
- b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres**
- c) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to making available on the market of non-automatic weighing instruments**
- d) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to making available on the market of measuring instruments**
- f) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to making available on the market of simple pressure vessels**
- e) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to making available on the market of lifts and safety components for lifts**
- g) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility**
- h) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits**

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**

10866/1/13 ENT 173 MI 529 CONSOM 112 CODEC 1434

COMPET 447 REV 1

10867/1/13 ENT 174 MI 530 CONSOM 113 CODEC 1435

COMPET 448 REV 1

10868/1/13 ENT 175 MI 531 CONSOM 114 CODEC 1436

COMPET 449 REV 1

10869/1/13 ENT 176 MI 532 CONSOM 115 CODEC 1437

COMPET 450 REV 1

10870/1/13 ENT 177 MI 533 CONSOM 116 CODEC 1438

COMPET 451 REV 1

10871/1/13 ENT 178 MI 534 CONSOM 117 CODEC 1439

COMPET 452 REV 1

10872/1/13 ENT 179 MI 535 CONSOM 118 CODEC 1440

COMPET 453 REV 1

10873/1/13 ENT 180 MI 536 CONSOM 119 CODEC 1441

COMPET 454 REV 1

The Committee approved the texts as represented in the Annexes of documents: 10866/1/13 REV 1, 10867/1/13 REV 1, 10868/1/13 REV 1, 10869/1/13 REV 1, 10870/1/13 REV 1, 10871/1/13 REV 1, 10872/1/13 REV 1 and 10873/1/13 REV 1.

The Committee agreed that letters are sent to the European Parliament with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading (Procedural decision according to Art. 19 (7) (k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

52. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum requirements for enhancing worker mobility by improving the acquisition and preservation of supplementary pension rights (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was informed of the main results of the second informal trilogue held on 7 October 2013.

53. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 15 October 2013

1. The social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) (*Non legislative activity*)

- **Policy debate**

(Public debate in accordance with article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

14103/13 EMPL 11 SOC 740 EDUC 365 ECOFIN 837

- a) **Communication from the Commission on "Strengthening the social dimension of the EMU"**

- **Presentation by the Commission**

14102/13 EMPL 10 SOC 739 EDUC 364 ECOFIN 836

- b) **Contributions of the Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee**

- **Endorsement**

14100/13 EMPL 8 SOC 737 EDUC 362 ECOFIN 834

14097/13 EMPL 7 SOC 735 EDUC 361 ECOFIN 833

14101/13 EMPL 9 SOC 738 EDUC 363 ECOFIN 835

The Committee recommended to the Council:

- to have a policy debate on the basis of the submitted documents and the Presidency background note (doc. 14103/13);
- to invite the Commission to present its Communication on Strengthening the Social Dimension of the EMU (doc. 14102/13);
- to invite the chairpersons of the EMCO and SPC to present the contributions from their committees (documents 14100/13, 14097/13 + COR1, 14101/13).

2. Evaluation of the 2013 European Semester in employment and social policies (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Exchange of views**
13906/13 EMPL 3 SOC 709 EDUC 345 ECOFIN 810
- a) **Contributions of the Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee**
 - **Endorsement**
13907/13 EMPL 4 SOC 710 EDUC 346 ECOFIN 811
+ COR 1
13957/13 EMPL 5 SOC 721 EDUC 352 ECOFIN 817
+ COR 1
+ ADD 1 REV 1
- b) **SPC report on social policy reforms for growth and cohesion: contribution to the AGS 2014 policy priorities**
 - **Adoption of the key conclusions**
13958/1/13 EMPL 6 SOC 722 EDUC 353 ECOFIN 818 REV 1
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The Committee recommended to the Council:

- to have an exchange of views on the basis of the submitted documents and the Presidency background note (doc. 13906/13);
- to endorse the EMCO and SPC contributions on the evaluation of the third European Semester and thematic surveillance in employment and social policies, as set out in documents 13907/13 + COR1 and 13957/13 + COR1;
- to endorse the key conclusions of the SPC report on social policy reforms for growth and cohesion, as set out in document 13958/2/13 REV 2.

54. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
14451/13 SOC 782 ECOFIN 859 FSTR 121 COMPET 705 AGRI 636 CODEC 2208
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The provisional compromise agreed with the European Parliament did not gather a qualified majority. After further consultations, the Committee agreed on modifications in the last sentence of Article 6(2) and of Article 13(1) and in recital 14. These modifications were also accepted by the European Parliament.

- 55. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a consumer programme 2014-2020 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation of the informal trilogue**
14432/2013 CONSOM 172 MI 839 CADREFIN 251 CODEC 2206

The Presidency got a flexible mandate from the Committee in order to finalise the negotiations with the European Parliament on the last informal trilogue on 15 October 2013.

- 56. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the results of the first informal trilogue with the European Parliament on the above-mentioned Regulation, held in Strasbourg on 7 October 2013. After tripartite technical meetings, the Presidency will seek for a revised mandate from the Committee for the second informal trilogue.

- 57. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
14215/13 ENV 873 AGRI 612 WTO 223 PI 130 DEVGEN 244 MI 815
SAN 362 CODEC 2156

The Committee examined the European Parliament amendments and the related Presidency compromise as set out in 14215/13 + COR 1 and, after introducing some modifications to the compromise text, gave the Presidency a mandate for the informal trilogue on the above proposal with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

- 58. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 October 2013**
1. Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea (*Non legislative activity*)
- **Political agreement**
13109/13 PECHE 343
14397/13 PECHE 425

The Committee decided to send the file to Council on 17 October 2013 in order to reach a political agreement. The Committee examined and endorsed a scenario for a way forward proposed by the Presidency to be used as a basis for a Council compromise.

2. EU/Norway: annual consultations for 2014 (*Non legislative activity*)

- **Exchange of views**
14399/13 PECHE 426 N 10

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

3. ICCAT annual meeting (*Non legislative activity*)

- **Exchange of views**
14407/13 PECHE 428

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

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At the request of the Irish delegation an AOB on North East Atlantic Mackerel has been added to the Council agenda.

59. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union and replacing Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 617/2010 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
14340/13 ENER 447 CODEC 2182

The Committee reached agreement on a general mandate for the first informal trilogue on 16 October 2013 on the basis of document 14340/13.

- **Any other business**
= **Proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 (2014-2020) (First reading)**

The Committee was debriefed by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue with AFET Committees of the European Parliament on 3 October 2013 and informed about the intended handling of the file.

- = **External representation issues in fisheries**

FR requested that, following recent developments, the Committee discusses, in one of its upcoming meetings, issues related to external representation in the field of fisheries.