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

doc. 14629/1/07 REV 1 OJ/CRP1 39

14595/07 OJ/CRP2 39

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

**33. Draft Council Common Position concerning restrictive measures against Uzbekistan**

14474/07 PESC 1256 COEST 296 COARM 64

14104/07 PESC 1217 COEST 289 COARM 59

**47. Approval of the election of President of the College of Eurojust**

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= **Siberian overflights**

- **Information from the Commission**

= **Helsinki Convention on the Baltic Sea**

- **Information from the Presidency**

= **Linguistic issue (requested by the IT delegation)**

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

**31. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 19/20 November 2007**

**B. External Relations**

**(c) Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on Coherence between EU Migration and Development Policies**

= **Adoption**

14558/07 DEVGEN 215 RELEX 787 JAI 535 MIGR 108 ACP 208

The following item on the agenda of CRP2, under part II, is **transferred**, under part I :

**31. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 19/20 November 2007**

**B. External Relations**

**(b) Draft Council conclusions on a Global Climate Change Alliance**

14556/07 DEVGEN 213 ACP 205 ENV 572 RELEX 781

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

A statement was made by the DK delegation, on the following item :

**37. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies (First reading)**

**- Approval of the final compromise text**

"Denmark has entered a parliamentary scrutiny reserve that is expected to be lifted on Friday 16.11.2007. Denmark therefore cannot indicate its voting intentions before that date.

However, Denmark will in this case accept that the Presidency, in a letter to the European Parliament, indicates that the Council is ready to accept the negotiated compromise proposal."

## Coreper Part 2

### II

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

- (a) **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**  
14594/07 COPEN 151

The Committee discussed three outstanding issues of the draft Framework Decision, concerning Article 4 (competent authorities), Article 12 (division of competences) and Article 18 (languages) and decided to refer these issues to the Council (Justice and Home Affairs, meeting on 8/9 November 2007) with a view to reaching agreement thereon.

- (b) **Draft Council conclusions on Trafficking in Human Beings**  
14186/1/07 REV 1 CRIMORG 156 MIGR 106 + ADD 1

The Committee briefly discussed the draft Council conclusions. One delegation referred to the task of the Expert Group to assist the Commission in its monitoring and evaluating role. Further to that intervention, one minor change was agreed upon, as set out in 14186/2/07 REV 2 CRIMORG 156 MIGR 106. The file is to be forwarded to the Council.

- (c) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

No issue was raised under this item.

#### 29. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 13 November 2007

- (a) **Lisbon Strategy: The new three-year cycle**  
- **Council conclusions**  
14518/07 ECOFIN 427 UEM 175 AG 24 COMPET 314 MI 261  
14584/07 ECOFIN 432 UEM 176 AG 25 COMPET 332 MI 268

The Committee agreed the draft Council conclusions on the new three-year cycle of the Lisbon Strategy as set out in 14518/07.

**(b) Statistics**

- **2007 Status Report; Reduction of the Statistical Burden; EU Statistical Governance**
  - = **Council conclusions**
    - 14475/07 ECOFIN 422 UEM 173 STATIS 134
    - 14476/07 ECOFIN 423 UEM 174 STATIS 135

The Committee agreed the draft Council conclusions on the EFC Status Report and on other EU statistical issues as set out in 14476/07.

**c) Reduced VAT rates**

- **General approach**
  - 14528/07 FISC 144

Following the discussion, the Presidency confirmed that the Council would discuss this issue on the basis of the Presidency's introductory note contained in 14528/07.

**(d) Green taxation : Passenger car-related taxes**

- **Political agreement**
  - 14666/07 FISC 151

After an exchange of views, the Presidency concluded that the Council would hold an orientation debate on this issue, on the basis of document 14666/07.

**(e) VAT Package**

- **Orientation debate**
  - 14568/07 FISC 145

After the discussion on the dossier, the issue was forwarded to the Council for deliberation on the basis of document 14568/07.

**(f) Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO) : Financing aspects**

- **Exchange of views (restricted session)**
  - 14488/07 FIN 487 CADREFIN 46 TRANS 329 MAR 87
  - AVIATION 181 RECH 293

The outcome of proceedings of the meeting of the Committee are recorded in 14732/07.

**(g) Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

**30. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget), on 23 November 2007**

The Committee approves the draft agenda and takes note of the practical arrangements for the proceedings.

**31. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 19/20 November 2007**

**A. General Affairs**

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

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

**B. External Relations**

**(a) Economic Partnership Agreements**

The Committee held an exchange of views about the implications of the Communication on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), adopted by the Commission on 23 October 2007.

The Committee agreed to revert to this subject at its next meeting on 15 November 2007 for a discussion on draft Conclusions on the EPAs.

**(d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

**32. 2007 Enlargement Package**  
**- Presentation by the Commission**

The Committee takes note of the presentation by the Commission of its Communication on the Enlargement Strategy and Main challenges 2007-2008, Progress Reports on Turkey, Croatia, FYROM, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Albania, proposals for Council decisions establishing revised Accession - and European Partnerships, and of first comments from delegations. Further deliberations will be carried out by the relevant Working Parties, in preparation of draft Council Conclusions with a view to the GAERC in December.

# Coreper Part 1

## II

- 38. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 26 and 27 November 2007  
(For the items within the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)**

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 26 and 27 November 2007 as set out in 15446/07.

- 39. Preparation for the meeting of the Council "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 22 and 23 November 2007**

**1. Better Regulation**

- **Progress report**
- **Exchange of views**  
5924/07 COMPET 34  
14279/07 COMPET 298

The Committee agrees to forward the progress report to the Council.

**2. The Future of Science and Technology in Europe**

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**  
8322/07 RECH 99  
14685/07 RECH 322

The Committee reached agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 14687/07 RECH 323 and recommended their adoption to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2007.

**3. Communication from the Commission on scientific information in the digital age: access, dissemination and preservation**

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**  
5748/07 RECH 26 ATO 36 COMPET 25 REGIO 6  
14564/07 RECH 303 ATO 141 COMPET 324 REGIO 41

The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is reflected in document 14690/07 RECH 325 ATO 145 COMPET 348 REGIO 43. The Committee recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November to adopt the conclusions set out in document 14690/07 after resolving the last outstanding issues.

- 4. Communication from the Commission on the progress made with the implementation of the nanosciences and nanotechnologies Action Plan for Europe**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**  
14529/07 RECH 295 COMPET 319  
14688/07 RECH 324 ATO 144 COMPET 347 REGIO 44

The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is reflected in document 14692/07 RECH 327 COMPET 350. The Committee recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November to adopt the conclusions set out in document 14692/07 after resolving the last outstanding issues.

**5. Joint Technology Initiatives**

- (a) **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the "ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking" to implement a Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems**
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- (d) **Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI)**
  - **General approach**  
9685/07 RECH 141 COMPET 148  
14678/07 RECH 316 COMPET 341  
10149/07 RECH 168 COMPET 179  
14679/07 RECH 317 COMPET 342  
10148/07 RECH 167 COMPET 178  
14680/07 RECH 318 COMPET 343  
9686/07 RECH 142 COMPET 149 + REV 1 (pl)  
14771/07 RECH 340 COMPET 362

The Committee mandated the Research Working Party to address the last remaining open technical issues set out on page 3 of document 14771/07 RECH 340 COMPET 362, with a view to returning to these issues on 14 November 2007.

40. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation security (Second reading) (restricted session)**
- **Extension of the time-limit for the convocation of the conciliation Committee**
  - **Preparation for trilogue**
- 14502/07 CODEC 1156 AVIATION 185

Le Comité décide d'élargir de deux semaines le délai pour la Conciliation.

Le Comité examine, sur base du document 14502/07, des propositions de compromis de la Présidence en vue du trilogue du 13.11.2007.

41. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the operation of air transport services in the Community (recast) (Second reading)**
- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
- 14493/07 AVIATION 183 CODEC 1153

The Committee examined the report and approved the compromise text reached with the Parliament with a view to reaching an early second reading agreement on this file.

42. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation(EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (Second reading)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
- 14372/07 AVIATION 178 CODEC 1138 + COR 1 (en)

The Committee examined the report and granted the mandate for the Presidency to negotiate with the Parliament with a view to reaching a second reading agreement on this file.

43. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the protection of soil and amending Directive 2004/35/EC (First reading)**
- **Orientation debate on key issues**
- 14396/07 ENV 563 AGRI 349 DEVGEN 205 FORETS 55 FSTR 30 RECH 287  
REGIO 38 TRANS 325 CODEC 1141 + ADD 1

The Committee had an exchange of views on the outstanding issues as set out in document 14396/07 and gives guidance for the further work of the working party.

44. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (Second reading)**  
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency presented a summary of the results of the first informal trilogue on air quality, held in the European Parliament on 6 November 2007.

45. **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)**  
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**  
13678/07 ENV 505 MAR 75 CODEC 1051

**The Presidency** reported briefly on the outcome of the first informal trilogue, which took place on 5 November, and informed **the Committee** about further work.

46. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Institute of Technology (EIT) (First reading)**  
- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**  
14718/07 EIT 21 EDUC 199 RECH 332 COMPET 356

**The Committee** gave a mandate to the Presidency, on the basis of document 14718/07, to negotiate a compromise with the European Parliament at the informal trialogue taking place on 13 November 2007, with a view to reaching an agreement on the Regulation after a short second reading.

- **Any other business**  
  
= **Siberian overflights**  
- **Information from the Commission**

**The Committee:**

- took note of the information provided by the Commission on the current situation of the EU-Russia Agreement concerning Siberian overflights;
- expressed its opinion on the requests presented by the Russian side in the letter of Transport Minister Levitin;
- tasked the Aviation Working Party to pursue the examination of the above Russian letter at its meeting on 7 November 2007 in order to reach an agreement on a letter to be sent by Vice-President Barrot in response to that letter.

= **Helsinki Convention on the Baltic Sea**  
- **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the Committee about the arrangements for EU coordination on the spot at the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in Krakow (Poland) on 14-15 November 2007.

= **Linguistic issue (requested by the IT delegation)**

IT, supported by ES, complained about the fact that the Commission submitted the working calendar for Culture 2008 to the Management Committee only in 3 languages. The Commission took note.

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