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14672/2/12 REV 2 OJ/CRP2 34 COMIX 555 + CM 4871/12 CM 4887/1/12 REV 1

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

76. Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against Belarus

14633/12 PESC 1201 RELEX 905 COEST 339 FIN 729

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77. Relations with Belarus

- Draft Council Conclusions

14739/12 COEST 342 PESC 1213 RELEX 918

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14628/12 PESC 1200 RELEX 904 COARM 215 FIN 727 COMEM 320

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14527/12 PESC 1186 COARM 211 FIN 715 COMEM 315 OC 539

+ ADD 1 RESTREINT UE

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14529/12 PESC 1187 RELEX 888 COARM 212 FIN 716 COMEM 316 OC 540

+ ADD 1 RESTREINT UE

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

80. Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran

14651/12 PESC 1204 CONUN 137 COMEM 321 CONOP 150 FIN 730 COARM 216

The following items are **withdrawn**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

51. Draft revised EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan - Updated Implementation Plan

14582/12 ENFOPOL 314 JAI 668 COTER 93

13524/2/12 REV 2 ENFOPOL 261 JAI 586 COTER 90 RESTREINT UE

54. Post Lisbon organisation of EU summits with groups of third countries

14631/12 POLGEN 162 FIN 728

68. Relations with Jordan

- **Adoption of the European Union's position for the Association Council's tenth meeting (Luxembourg, 16 October 2012)**

14640/12 RHJ 10 OC 547

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

61. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 25/26 October 2012

- c) **Draft Council conclusions on the protection of soft targets from terrorist activities**

14591/12 ENFOPOL 316

The following CRP2 agenda item is **transferred** from Part I to Part II :

67. Relations with Lebanon

- **Adoption of the European Union's position for the Association Council's sixth meeting (Brussels, 17 October 2012)**

14604/12 RL 1 OC 549

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

BG made a statement on the following item:

9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the marketing and use of explosives precursors

- Approval of the text of one article

14479/12 COMPET 591 CHIMIE 70 ENFOPOL 307 ENV 739 MI 592 ENT 229
UD 239 CODEC 2276

"Bulgaria fully recognises the importance of establishing a common legislative framework with harmonized rules for marketing and use of explosive precursors, which would also aim at strengthening the level of public security and reducing the risk of terrorist attacks throughout the Union.

Bulgaria will therefore support the adoption of the Regulation.

However, we would like to express our regrets that the proposed Regulation does not fully achieve its goals.

Bulgaria believes that the aim of the Regulation both as regards the functioning of the Internal market and the security issues, could best be achieved with a simpler regime.

Bulgaria therefore considers that the option which would cause least administrative burden would be not to derogate from the EU-wide restrictions at all."

RO and ES made the following statement on item 38.

38. Relations with the Western Balkans

- **Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on a framework agreement with Kosovo concerning its participation in Union programmes**
14613/12 COWEB 147

Romania/Spain agrees with the decision on mandating the Commission to negotiate a framework for the participation of Kosovo* to the EU programmes given its concern for the stability and the prosperity of the Western Balkans.

Romania's/Spain's participation to the adoption of the aforementioned decision refers solely to the act of empowering the European Commission to conduct these negotiations with the single purpose to allow Kosovo's participation to EU programmes, does not concern any future steps after the conclusion of these negotiations and cannot be interpreted as a change of Romania's/Spain's position with regard to the status of Kosovo.

- * This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

CY aligns itself with this statement.

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2. 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)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
14291/12 CONSOM 113 MI 582 JUSTCIV 291 CODEC 2245

The Committee gave the Presidency a modified negotiation mandate with a view to the second informal trilogue on 17 October 2012.

10. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 29 October 2012

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Political agreement**
13195/11 TRANS 222 CODEC 1274
13725/12 TRANS 292 CODEC 2124
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The Committee approved the text of the draft political agreement and agreed to submit it to the TTE Council on 29 October 2012 for adoption.

2. Maritime Labour Convention enforcement package (Legislative deliberation)

(a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/16/EC on port State control (First reading)

- **General approach**
8239/12 MAR 37 TRANS 105 SOC 241
13904/12 MAR 112 TRANS 297 SOC 754 CODEC 2163

The Committee agreed to submit the draft general approach to the upcoming TTE Council on 29 October 2012.

(b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning flag State responsibilities for the enforcement of Council Directive 2009/13/EC implementing the Agreement concluded by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and amending Directive 1999/63/EC (First reading)

- General approach

8241/12 MAR 38 TRANS 106 SOC 242

14489/12 MAR 118 TRANS 316 SOC 800 CODEC 2282

The Committee agreed to submit the draft general approach to the upcoming TTE Council on 29 October 2012 for further examination of the last outstanding issues.

11. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trilogue

14242/12 ENV 727 ENER 388 CADREFIN 407 CODEC 2235

The Committee confirmed agreement with entering into negotiations with the EP at first reading on the basis of the draft mandate contained in the Annex to document 14242/12, including the revisions suggested on the basis of the work carried out by the Working Group on 8 October 2012. The Committee did not object to the Presidency's recommendation to change the title of the 3rd and 4th columns to 'Council's consolidated text' and 'Possible compromise text' respectively.

A number of points were raised by Member States during the discussion, namely on indicative national allocations, co-financing rates, Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), VAT and staff costs. Other issues were also raised.

Following the 'tour de table', the Presidency decided not to open the text but indicated that it will give the suggestions made due consideration as long as they do not affect the overall balance of the text. Some delegations expressed concerns and reservations on this approach.

- 13. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on food intended for infants and young children and on food for special medical purposes (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was debriefed on the outcome of the trilogue of 9 October 2012.

The second trilogue, which took place in a positive atmosphere, gave an opportunity to further explore issues already discussed such as where to regulate gluten-free statements, the Union list of substances, the reports to be asked from the Commission and the scope of the proposed regulation.

The European Parliament specified which points of its amendments were essential for a possible compromise.

- 14. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation (PSCI) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the Presidency's oral report on the outcome of the first informal trilogue. It will continue work on this file with the aim of reaching a first-reading agreement with the European Parliament.

- 15. Preparation of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 22 and 23 October 2012**

- 1. 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 (EMFF)(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Partial general approach**
17870/11 PECHE 368 CADREFIN 162 CODEC 2255
14438/12 PECHE 383 CADREFIN 414 CODEC 2270
14439/12 PECHE 384 CADREFIN 415 CODEC 2271

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

2. Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Political agreement**
13211/12 PECHE 312
14501/12 PECHE 385

The Committee decided to send the file to Council on 22-23 October 2012 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.

3. EU/Norway: annual consultations for 2013 (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Exchange of views**
14502/12 PECHE 386 N 11

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

4. ICCAT annual meeting (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Exchange of views**
14504/12 PECHE 387
14549/12 PECHE 391

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

5. Follow up to the adoption of a standard setting maximum residual levels (MRLs) on ractopamine by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 35th session (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14558/12 AGRI 645 CODEX 25

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions contained in 14558/12 and considered some possible modifications of the text.

Some delegations having expressed scrutiny reservations, the Presidency announced that it would launch consultations in order to allow the presentation of an agreed text to the Committee on 17 October 2012 as a "I" point and its adoption at the next meeting of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 22/23 October 2012 as an "A" point.

16. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 concerning the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
14506/12 PECHE 388 CODEC 2284

The Committee agreed on the negotiating mandate for the informal trilogue.

17. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 25 October 2012

- 1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ship recycling (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
Inte rinstitutional file 2011/0055 (COD)
 - **Orientation debate**
8151/12 ENV 239 MAR 29 TRANS 99 COMER 68 CODEC 807
14540/12 ENV 743 MAR 119 TRANS 318 COMAR 12 CODEC 2295

The Committee agreed to forward the questions set out in document 14540/12 to the Council as a basis for the orientation debate on 25 October 2012.

- 2. Preparations for the 18th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 18) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 8) (Doha (Qatar), 26 November - 7 December 2012) (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14541/12 ENV 744 ONU 123 DEVGEN 267 ECOFIN 821 ENER 398
FORETS 67 MAR 120 AVIATION 147

The Committee examined the above-mentioned draft Council conclusions. The Presidency put forward a compromise proposal on the written consent requirement (paragraph 14) that would be incorporated in the text to be submitted to the Council. After an exchange of views, the Presidency concluded that the issues relating to the level of ambition of the QELRO (paragraph 14), surplus AAUs (paragraph 16) and climate financing (paragraph 29) were the main outstanding issues that would be submitted to the Council.

18. (poss.) Patent

- **Presidency report on the state of play**

This item has been withdrawn.

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55. Preparation of the EU-Russia Summit

- Orientation debate

14354/12 COEST 328 PESC 1177 POLGEN 157 RESTREINT UE

The Committee had an exchange of views on preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (to be held in Brussels in late December) on the basis of a Summit orientation note issued under the responsibility of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the Presidency of the Council, the Commission services and the European External Action Service (doc. 14354/12 RESTREINT UE). Delegations expressed broad support for the Summit orientation note and the approach proposed.

The Committee tasked the COEST Working Party to proceed with the preparations for the Summit, taking into account the discussion in the Committee and to report back to it in a timely manner.

56. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 9 October 2012

The Ambassadors were debriefed on the ECOFIN Council and the informal meetings in its margins:

- At the breakfast Ministers were debriefed from the Eurogroup the day before. They also had an exchange of views on the economic situation.
- Regarding the format of the future breakfast meetings, the Ministers agreed to keep the 1+1 format, where there will be the Eurogroup debrief and the discussion on the economic situation only. If there is a need for other discussions, the Presidency will organise an informal session in 1+2 format.
- The informal session after the breakfast was on the follow-up to the June 2012 European Council. Ministers had an exchange of views on the roadmap for achieving genuine Monetary Union. There was a rich debate where the focus was mainly on the institutional aspects of EMU as well as on the banking union.

The ECOFIN President announced that he would send in his own capacity a letter to the GAC President, copying the European Council President, reflecting the ECOFIN discussion.

- At the Council itself, Ministers were first updated on the state of play as regards the Financial Transaction Tax issue. There were seven letters and four oral indications in favour of enhanced cooperation. The Commission indicated that they would follow up in November. The Presidency said they would put this item on the November ECOFIN.
- After receiving an update on the state of play regarding the revised capital requirements rules (CRD IV), Ministers confirmed their commitment to agree on these rules as soon as possible.
- The Council was debriefed on the Informal ECOFIN meeting in Nicosia, with a focus on the state of play on the Commission proposals on Banking Supervision. The Presidency committed to work intensively on the supervision file.
- The Council then had a discussion on the lessons learnt from the 2012 European semester, including possible improvements for 2013. The Presidency indicated that they would take the comments into account when preparing the synthesis report.
- The Council adopted a Recommendation extending the deadline for correcting the excessive deficit in Portugal by one year, and updated the Implementing Decision granting financial assistance to Portugal.
- Ministers were then debriefed on the G20 Finance Deputies. The Council mandated the EFC to endorse the final Terms of reference.
- Finally, Ministers had an exchange of views on the upcoming IMF and WB annual meetings in Tokyo and endorsed the draft IMFC Statement.

57. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget) on 9 November 2012

The Committee approved the draft provisional agenda and took note of practical arrangements for the conduct of proceedings during the upcoming conciliation procedure.

- 58. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (First reading)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue with regard to comitology- related issues**
14520/12 ASILE 121 CODEC 2294

The Committee agreed on the approach suggested by the Presidency in 14520/12 and authorised the Presidency to engage in informal trilogues with the European Parliament concerning this item.

- 59. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of "EURODAC" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of Regulation (EU) No [.../...] (establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person) and to request comparisons with EURODAC data by Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol for law enforcement purposes and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (Recast version) (First reading)**
- **Preparation for the first informal trilogue**
14519/12 EURODAC 28 CODEC 2293 ENFOPOL 310

The results of the Committee's work on this item are set out in 14847/12.

- 60. Revised Draft Council conclusions on the new EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012–2016**
11838/5/12 REV 5 GENVAL 46 DROIPEN 91 JAI 473 JAIEX 52 MIGR 68
RELEX 601 COSI 65

Due to one delegation's objections to the draft text, there was no agreement on the fifth revised version of the draft Council conclusions on the new EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016; consequently, it will be on the agenda of the Committee on 24 October 2012 (as an I-item).

61. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 25/26 October 2012

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

- State of play / orientation debate

14445/12 PROCIV 151 COHAFA 119 COCON 32 JAI 662 FIN 710

CODEC 2272 PESC 1180

The Committee took note of document 14445/12 containing the state of play and the questions to be discussed by the JHA Council on 25 October 2012, concerning the Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

b) Draft Council Decision on the framework for the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania

- State of play

The Committee took note of the outcome of the discussion on this item as set out in 15000/12.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency informed the Committee on their aims relating to the other items which are going to be dealt with in the Council, in particular:

- Common European Asylum System : The Presidency will report to Council concerning the state of play and will circulate a note including updated information in advance of Council.
- Syria : The intention is to have an update from the Commission on the state of play in relation to the Regional Protection Programme.
- Implementation report on the Council conclusions on enhancing the links between internal and external aspects of counter-terrorism : The Council will be invited to take note of the progress achieved in implementation of those Council conclusions. The latest report also outlines recommendations regarding possible actions to further enhance links between internal and external aspects.
- Draft revised EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan - Updated Implementation Plan and draft Council conclusions on the protection of soft targets from terrorist attacks: Following the last minute amendments, the Committee decided to revert to these issues at a later meeting.

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on criminal sanctions for insider dealing and market manipulation (MAD) : Some issues of political importance which were dealt with in a recent CLS opinion could be addressed by the Council (among them the question of sanctions).
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the financial interests of the European Union by criminal law : Ministers will be invited to have a first exchange of views on the proposal by the Commission, after having heard the presentation by Mrs Reding.
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free flow of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) : The Presidency will give an oral state of play and ask Ministers to instruct their collaborators to seek viable solutions to problems identified so far.
- 2012 Annual Report on the state of the drug problem in Europe : The EMCDDA Director will present its annual report; Ministers will be invited to react.
- The Commission requested an AOB related to Illicit Trafficking of firearms.

62. Enlargement package 2012

- Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of a presentation by the Commission of its 2012 Enlargement Communication (doc. 14853/12) and Progress Reports on Turkey (doc. 14857/12), Iceland (doc. 14855/12), Montenegro (doc. 14856/12), former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (doc. 14860/12), Serbia (doc. 14861/12), Albania (doc. 14862/12), and Bosnia and Herzegovina (doc. 14863/12), as well as the Feasibility Study for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Kosovo (doc. 14864/12) and the comprehensive monitoring report on Croatia's preparations for accession (doc. 14854/12).

These documents will be discussed in detail in the competent Council Working Parties and the results reflected in draft Council conclusions, which will be examined by the Committee in view of the General Affairs Council on 11 December 2012.

67. Relations with Lebanon

- **Adoption of the European Union's position for the Association Council's sixth meeting (Brussels, 17 October 2012)**
14604/12 RL 1 OC 549

The Committee examined the draft European Union's position for the Association Council's sixth meeting (Brussels, 17 October 2012) as set out in 14604/12, and agreed the EU's position as set out in 14924/12 RL 2 OC 557 and submitted it to the Council for adoption under "A" items.

73. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 16 October 2012

- a) **Preparation of the European Council on 18/19 October 2012**
 - **Draft conclusions**
13389/12 CO EUR-PREP 30

The Committee examined the draft EC conclusions, focusing on the implementation of the Compact for Growth and Jobs and the part on the EMU (Economic and Monetary Union).

- b) **Preparation of the European Council on 22/23 November 2012**
 - **Annotated draft agenda**
14500/12 CO EUR-PREP 36

The Committee took note of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the President of the European Council. The special European Council in November will examine the new MFF.

- c) **EC follow-up**
 - **Report for the GAC on the implementation of EC conclusions**
14658/1/12 REV 1 CO EUR-PREP 37 POLGEN 163

The Committee took note of the Presidency report presenting the state of play on the implementation of priority orientations set out in the conclusions of the EC, with a particular focus on the main tasks which are due to be completed by the end of the year.

d) Cohesion Policy legislative package (First reading)

- Elements of a partial general approach

14287/1/12 REV 1 FSTR 64 FC 42 REGIO 162 SOC 780 AGRISTR 128

PECHE 372 CADREFIN 408 CODEC 2242

+ ADD 1 REV 1

+ ADD 5

+ ADD 6

+ ADD 7

+ ADD 8

The Committee:

- examined the elements of a partial general approach on the Cohesion Policy legislative package as set out in ADD 1 REV 1 (subject to technical adjustments) and ADD 5 to 8 to document 14287/1/12 REV 1 and invited the Council to agree on these elements, subject to the principle that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed ;
- suggested to the Council to enter into its minutes the statements set out in ADD 8 REV 1 to document 14287/2/12 REV 2 ;
- decided to enter into its minutes the following statement by Poland :

**Declaration by Poland on separation of functions between and within institutions when
Art. 113(3) is applied**

"Referring to criterion 1(i) of Annex XX Designation criteria for the managing authority and for the certifying authority, Poland understands that when a Member State decides to apply Art. 113(3), the merger of functions of management and control and certification within a managing authority under a single director who supervises both functions does not infringe the principle of separation of functions."

e) 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 16 octobre 2012.

74. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 15 October 2012

a) Southern Neighbourhood

- Draft Council conclusions on Syria

14619/12 COMAG 97 PESC 1198 COHAFA 123 SY 24

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee of the way in which the High Representative intends to conduct the exchange of views on Southern Neighbourhood.

The 15 October 2012, the Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on Syria as set out in 14619/12, and agreed the conclusions as set out in 14927/12 and submitted them to the Council for adoption.

b) MEPP

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee of the intention of the High Representative to conduct the exchange of views on Middle East Peace Process in restricted session.

c) Iran

- Draft Council conclusions on Iran

14794/12 COMEM 322 PESC 1223 CONOP 152

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee of the intention of the High Representative to conduct the exchange of views on Iran in restricted session.

The 15 October 2012, the Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on Iran as set out in 14794/12, and agreed to submit the draft conclusions to the Council for the examination of the outstanding questions, and adoption, as set out in document 14929/1/12 REV 1.

d) Draft Council Conclusions on Mali/Sahel

14566/12 COAFR 307 ACP 191 PESC 1193 DEVGEN 268 COTER 92
COMAG 96 COHAFA 121 RELEX 895

The Committee approved the draft Council conclusions and submitted them to the Council for adoption.

e) Eastern Neighbourhood

The Committee took note of information provided by the EEAS on the handling of this item at the Council over lunch, which would focus on Belarus and Georgia.

The Committee also approved draft Council conclusions on Belarus (doc. 14739/12) and Georgia (doc. 14741/12) as "I" items on its agenda.

f) (poss.) ASEM Summit

The point was taken off the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting and replaced by "Follow-up to the EU-China Summit".

g) Preparing the post MDGs/2015 Framework - Rio + 20 Follow-up

The EEAS and the Presidency confirmed that the debate would be expected to focus on how to ensure coherence and coordination of work regarding the Rio + 20 Follow-up and Post MDGs/Post 2015 development agenda and framework.

h) EU support for sustainable Change in Transition Societies
- Orientation debate

The EEAS and the Presidency indicated that Ministers would be expected to exchange views on the basis of the Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on "EU Support for Sustainable Change in Transition Societies and accompanying Staff working document" (doc. 14662/12 + ADD 1).

i) The EU Approach to Resilience
- Orientation debate

The EEAS and the Presidency indicated that Ministers would be expected to exchange views on the basis of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on "the EU approach to resilience : learning from food security crises" (doc. 14616/12).

j) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

There was no discussion or conclusions under this item.

75. New Multiannual Financial Framework

The Committee discussed the Presidency's non-paper on the new Multiannual Financial Framework.

80. Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran

14651/12 PESC 1204 CONUN 137 COMEM 321 CONOP 150 FIN 730 COARM 216

Committee discussion on outstanding issues referred to it by RELEX Counsellors' Working Party. The Committee requested RELEX Counsellors to continue work on the file and to revert to the Committee as soon as possible with a finalised text in order to have agreement on the sanctions package for the Foreign Affairs Council of 15 October 2012. The Committee re-examined a new proposal from RELEX Counsellors on 12 October 2012 and agreed upon the text of the draft Council Decision.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the FAC adopt the draft Council Decision.

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