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

doc. 14978/07 OJ/CRP1 40 + CM 3797/07
14972/07 OJ/CRP2 40 COMIX 954

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

18. 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)

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

(Coreper Part 1, under AOB)

- **GALILEO (requested by the FR delegation)**

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

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

B. External Relations

- e) **European Defence Agency**
 - **2008 Budget**

- o) **SG/HR Report on the EUMS ability to conduct planning at the strategic level for EU-led operations**
14834/07 COSDP 899 PESC 1299

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

9. Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 29-30 November and 3 December 2007

- 3. Review of the EU Regulatory Framework for electronic communications networks and services**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

51. Operation ALTHEA

- **Six-Monthly Review**

The following items on the agenda of CRP2, under part II, are **transferred**, under part I :

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

B. External Relations

- h) Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States within the Council on Security and Development**
14903/07 DEVGEN 229 POLMIL 12 ACP 219 RELEX 831
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14965/07 ACP 224 COAFR 338 RELEX 842 DEVGEN 238 MIGR 118

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

40. Preparations for the EU-ASEAN Summit, Singapore, 22 November 2007

14900/07 PESC 1319 COASI 167 ASIE 111 RELEX 824 ENER 266
JAI 571 ENV 597 POLGEN 111
14901/07 PESC 1320 COASI 168 ASIE 112 RELEX 825 ENERG 267
JAI 572 ENV 598 POLGEN 112

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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II

9. Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 29-30 November and 3 December 2007

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as is set out in 15529/07.

2. European e-Inclusion

(a) Communication from the Commission on Ageing well in the Information Society - An i2010 initiative - Action Plan on Information and Communication Technologies and Ageing

- Adoption of Council conclusions

10971/07 TELECOM 90 SOC 258 RECH 194 SAN 137

14278/1/07 TELECOM 124 SOC 395 RECH 276 SAN 183 REV 1

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 15192/07.

(b) Communication from the Commission on European i2010 initiative on e-Inclusion : "To be part of the Information Society"/Ministerial Debate on European e-Inclusion

- Presentation by the Commission / Information from the Presidency

14872/07 TELECOM 134 SOC 439 EDUC 207 RECH 350 REGIO 46

+ADD 2

The Committee confirmed this point for the Agenda of the Council.

4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Strengthening the Internal Market for Mobile TV

- Adoption of Council conclusions

12028/07 TELECOM 99 AUDIO 30 MI 188 COMPET 227

14398/07 TELECOM 127 AUDIO 36 MI 257 COMPET 309 + COR 1

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 15201/07.

5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 87/372/EEC on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community

- General approach

(Public deliberation pursuant Article 8(1)(a) CRP)

12273/07 TELECOM 100 CODEC 850 + COR 1

14182/07 TELECOM 122 CODEC 1102

The results of the work of the Committee are set out in the document 15194/07.

6. Renewed EU Sustainable Development Strategy

- Policy debate

14583/07 TRANS 335 ENV 574 AGRI 354 ECO 136 ECOFIN 431 ENER 257

DEVGEN 217 MI 267 PECHE 319 RELEX 786 SAN 191 SOC 423 RECH

312 POLGEN 102 EDUC 190

The Committee endorsed the two questions concerning the progress report on the renewed Sustainable Development Strategy which will be submitted to the TTE Council (Transport) on 29/30 November and 3 December 2007 as a basis for a policy debate.

7. External Relations

(a) Draft Decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Kingdom of Jordan for establishing an Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement

- Adoption

6258/04 AVIATION 39 RELEX 66

RESTREINT EU

14874/07 AVIATION 192 RELEX 817

RESTREINT EU

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at the Aviation Working Party on the text of the above draft Decision and agreed to invite the Council to adopt it at its meeting on 29/30 November 2007.

(b) Draft Decision of the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement regarding aviation security audits/inspections and related matters between the European Community and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

- Adoption

11789/07 AVIATION 128 RELEX 560

RESTREINT EU

14380/07 AVIATION 179 RELEX 764

RESTREINT EU

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at the Aviation Working Party on the text of the above draft Decision and agreed to invite the Council to adopt it at its meeting on 29/30 November 2007.

10. Siberian overflights

- Preparation of the draft reply

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft letter from Vice-President Barrot to be sent in response to the letter sent by the Russian Minister of Transport Levitin on 6 November 2007.

11. Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 2320/2002 (Second reading) (restricted session)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
- Preparation for the conciliation**

La Présidence informe le Comité des résultats du trilogue du 13.11.2007.

Le Comité prépare la réunion du comité de conciliation du 20.11.2007 et établit un nouveau mandat de négociation.

12. 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)

- Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
13678/1/07 ENV 505 MAR 75 CODEC 1051 REV 1

The Committee gave the Presidency a mandate to continue negotiations with the European Parliament in the context of a second informal trilogue on 19 November 2007, with a view to a possible second reading agreement. The Presidency will report on 21 November.

- 13. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (Second reading)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
14869/07 ENV 591 ENER 261 IND 108 TRANS 346 CODEC 1199

The Committee mandated the Presidency to present the Council's position at the next trilogue on 20 November 2007.

- 14. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals (First reading)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
14843/07 ENV 589 WTO 233 MI 282 CODEC 1195

The Committee agreed, on the basis of document 14843/07, on a mandate for the Presidency to negotiate a first reading agreement.

- 15. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 26 and 27 November 2007**

- 1. EC/Norway: annual consultations for 2008**
- **Information from the Commission**
14923/07 PECHE 333 N 64 RESTREINT EU

The Committee discusses this item. The Commission gives an oral report on the first round of negotiations in Bergen highlighting the main outstanding issues.

The item is maintained on the Council agenda.

- 2. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a multi-annual recovery Plan for Bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean**
- **Political agreement**
8308/07 PECHE 100
13844/07 PECHE 290 + COR 1

The Committee reaches a consensus on most of the text supported by all with the exception of the Italian and Spanish delegations. The item remains on the agenda of Council.

- 3. Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - 2006-2008 Action Plan for simplifying and improving the Common Fisheries Policy**
- **Information from the Commission**
14801/07 PECHE 330

The Committee prepares the item for the Council. The item remains on the agenda.

- 4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a new strategy for the Community to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing**

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

- **Information from the Commission**
- **Information from the Presidency (Report from the Lisbon Conference)**
14237/07 PECHE 306
14236/07 PECHE 305
14410/1/07 PECHE 315 REV 1

The Committee prepares the item for the Council. The item remains on the agenda.

16. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 5 and 6 December 2007

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) as set out in document 15757/07 OJ/CONS 64 SOC 499 SAN 235 CONSOM 143.

- 2. Communication from the Commission on organ donation and transplantation**
- **Adoption of Council Conclusions**
[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]
9834/07 SAN 108
14403/07 SAN 189

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft conclusions as set out in the annex of document 14403/07 for adoption during the Council (EPSCO) session on 6 December 2007.

3. Draft Council conclusions on Balanced roles of women and men for jobs, growth and social cohesion

- Adoption
14136/07 SOC 385

The Committee confirms the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party on Social Questions on the draft Council conclusions contained in document 14136/07 SOC 385 + COR 1 + REV 1 (fi) and submits them to the Council for adoption.

4. Draft Council conclusions on the Review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action

- **Indicators in respect of Women and Poverty**
- **Adoption**
13947/07 SOC 377 + ADD 1

The Committee confirms the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party on Social Questions on the draft Council conclusions contained in document 13947/07 SOC 377 + REV 1 (fi) and submits them to the Council for adoption. The Committee also forwards the report contained in document 13947/07 SOC 377 ADD 1 to the Council, so that note can be taken of it.

17. Preparation for the Council meeting Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research) on 22 and 23 November 2007

1. Competitiveness/Integrated Approach

- (a) **Communication from the Commission - "Mid-Term review of Industrial Policy - a contribution to the EU's growth and jobs strategy"**
- (b) **Communication from the Commission - "E-skills for the 21st Century, fostering Competitiveness, Growth and Jobs (E-skills strategy)"**
- (c) **Communication from the Commission - "Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises - Key for delivering more growth and jobs. A mid-term review of Modern SME Policy"**
- (d) **Communication from the Commission - "The European Interest: Succeeding in the age of globalisation"**
- (e) **Communication from the Commission - "European Competitiveness Report 2007"**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Exchange of views**
14674/07 COMPET 336 IND 101 EDUC 193 MI 269 ECO 137 SOC 428

The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is reflected in document 14774/07 COMPET 364 IND 104 EDUC 201 MI 276 ECO 140 SOC 433. The Committee recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November to adopt the conclusions set out in document 14774/07 after resolving the last outstanding issues.

2. **Communication from the Commission - "Simplified business environment for companies in the areas of company law, accounting and auditing"**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
11771/07 DRS 34
14908/07 DRS 43

The Committee reached unanimous agreement on a draft set of conclusions, on the basis of the Presidency proposal (14908/07) as modified during the discussion, and agreed that it be submitted to the Competitiveness Council for adoption at its forthcoming meeting.

3. **Communication from the Commission - "Enhancing the patent system in Europe"**
- **Progress report**
 - **Exchange of views**
8302/07 PI 11
14492/07 PI 42
14912/07 PI 44

The Committee took note of the progress report prepared by the Presidency, as contained in 14912/07, and agreed that this be submitted to the Council.

4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday products, resale and exchange**
- **Progress report**
 - **Exchange of views**
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]
14392/07 CONSOM 122 JUSTCIV 280 CODEC 1140

The Committee agreed to forward to the (Competitiveness) Council of 22-23 November 2007 the progress report as set out in document 15277/07 CONSOM 130 JUSTCIV 307 CODEC 1269. This progress report summarizes the progress made and will serve as a basis for the exchange of views to be held on 22 November 2007.

5. **Communication from the Commission - "Agenda for a sustainable and competitive European tourism"**
- **Presentation by the Commission**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14676/07 COMPET 339 TOUR 7

The Committee reached agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 14676/07 and recommended their adoption to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2007.

6. Modernising universities for Europe's competitiveness in a global knowledge economy

- Adoption of Council Resolution

14863/07 RECH 349 EDUC 206 COMPET 375

The Committee reached agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 14863/07 and recommended their adoption to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2007.

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Institute of Technology (EIT)

- Political agreement

[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP]

14860/07 EIT 22 EDUC 205 RECH 348 COMPET 374

The Committee agreed on the compromise text of the draft EIT Regulation as set out in document 14860/07, with the exception of the formulation of the fields of activities in recital 24.

The Committee gave a mandate to the Presidency to negotiate a compromise on this recital with the European Parliament in informal consultations, with a view to enabling the Competitiveness Council to agree on a General Approach on 22 and 23 November 2007.

8. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), undertaken by several Member States (Ambient Assisted Living)

- General approach

[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]

10959/07 RECH 193 COMPET 200 TELECOM 89 SOC 257 MI 164

14684/07 RECH 321 COMPET 346 TELECOM 132 SOC 430 MI 271

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The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is reflected in document 14772/07 RECH 341 COMPET 363 TELECOM 133 SOC 432 MI 275 CODEC 1188.

The Committee recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2007 to adopt the general approach on the Decision as set out in this document after resolving the last outstanding issues.

9. 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**
- (b) Proposal for a Council Regulation - Setting up the "ENIAC Joint Undertaking"**
- (c) Proposal for a Council Regulation - Setting up The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking**
- (d) Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI)**
 - General approach**
 - 9685/07 RECH 141 COMPET 148
 - 10149/07 RECH 168 COMPET 179
 - 10148/07 RECH 167 COMPET 178
 - 9686/07 RECH 142 COMPET 149 + REV 1 (en)
 - 14767/07 RECH 336 COMPET 358
 - 14768/07 RECH 337 COMPET 359
 - 14769/07 RECH 338 COMPET 360
 - 14789/07 RECH 346 COMPET 369
 - 14771/07 RECH 340 COMPET 362

The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is reflected in documents 14767/07 RECH 336 COMPET 358, 14768/07 RECH 337 COMPET 359, 14769/07 RECH 338 COMPET 360, 14789/07 RECH 346 COMPET 369 and 15018/07 RECH 362 COMPET 382. The Committee recommended to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 22 and 23 November to adopt the general approaches on the four Decisions as set out in these documents, after resolving the last outstanding issues.

18. 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)

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

The Committee noted the outcome of the informal trilogue held on 13 November and approved the Presidency's proposals as circulated to delegations, subject to any final comments which delegations were invited to forward to the Presidency by 16 November.

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40. Preparations for the EU-ASEAN Summit, Singapore, 22 November 2007

14900/07 PESC 1319 COASI 167 ASIE 111 RELEX 824 ENER 266

JAI 571 ENV 597 POLGEN 111

14901/07 PESC 1320 COASI 168 ASIE 112 RELEX 825 ENERG 267

JAI 572 ENV 598 POLGEN 112

The Committee discussed the state of preparations for the EU-ASEAN Summit, as presented in document 14900/1/07 REV 1. The Committee recommended the Council to take note of this information and in particular of the draft Joint Declaration and the draft Plan of Action in view of their finalisation before the Summit.

53. Follow up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 8/9 November 2007

With reference to SIS II, the Presidency asked the Commission if they envisage to examine the possibility of a gradual migration to SIS II. The Commission expressed its readiness to explore such an alternative scenario.

Data protection: the JHA Counsellors are to finalise the work on recitals.

54. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6/7 December 2007

The Presidency presented the Council agenda.

AT proposes that the Council discusses under AOB the procedure with non-adopted 3rd pillar acts at the time of enforcement of the new treaty.

55. Follow up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 13 November 2007

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council of 13 November 2007.

56. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 4 December 2007

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

57. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget), on 23 November 2007

- a) **Establishment by the Council of the 2008 Draft Budget as amended and accompanied by proposals for modifications by the European Parliament**
14755/07 FIN 499 + ADD 1 + ADD 2
- b) **Letter of Amendment n° 2 to the 2008 Preliminary Draft Budget**
14754/07 FIN 498
- c) **Preparation for conciliation with the European Parliament**
- d) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee endorsed the proceedings of the Budget Committee as constituting the basis for the work of the Council on 23rd November 2007, having taken note of the positions expressed by several delegations on the Galileo financing aspect on the one hand, and on the question of the resources devoted to translation, on the other hand. It also noted objections voiced by the Commission regarding the reduction envisaged to its own administrative budget.

The Committee furthermore noted the procedural details regarding the forthcoming conciliation with the European Parliament, and the trialogue that precedes this, and was informed by the Presidency as to the main issues most likely to be discussed in these fora.

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

A. General Affairs

- a) **Preparation of the European Council on 13/14 December 2007**
= **Annotated draft agenda**
14761/07 POLGEN 106

The Committee took note of the Annotated Draft Agenda to be submitted to the General Affairs and External Relations Council on 19 November. The Chair took note of delegations' comments.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

a) Draft Council conclusions on the Western Balkans

14898/07 COWEB 243 COSDP 910 PESC 1318

The Committee adopted Council conclusions on Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina (14898/3/07, REV 3 COWEB 243 COSDP 910 PESC 1318). The RO delegation lifted its reserve on the text on Kosovo and announced that its Foreign Minister will make a statement in the Council on this issue.

b) EU-China Summit preparations

14880/07 PESC 1313 COASI 162 ASIE 106 RELEX 820 ECOFIN 438
ENER 262 TRANS 347 JAI 567 ENV 592 POLGEN 107

The Committee recommended that the Council take note, at its meeting on 19/20 November 2007, of the state of preparation of the EU-China Summit.

c) EU-India Summit preparations

14882/07 PESC 1314 COASI 163 ASIE 107 RELEX 821 ECOFIN 439
ENER 263 TRANS 348 JAI 568 ENV 593 POLGEN 108

The Committee took note of the state of preparations for the EU-India Summit, as presented in document 14882/07. The Committee recommended the Council to take note of this information.

d) ESDP

- Draft Council conclusions

15168/07 COSDP 930 PESC 1353 CIVCOM 579 COPOL 43 RELEX 865

The Committee :

- endorsed the text of the draft Council conclusions on ESDP as set out in document 15168/1/07 REV 1 and agreed to submit it to the Council for approval, on the understanding that :

- the last sentence of paragraph 20 is subject to the outcome of SG/HRs visit to the Middle East ;
- the texts of paragraphs 38, third indent, and 40, fifth indent, are subject to the outcome of the EDA Steering Board on 19 December.

e) European Defence Agency

- **Report by the Head of the Agency to the Council**
14937/07 COSDP 914 POLARM 7 IND 111 RECH 355 ECO 145
- **Council Guidelines for the EDA's work in 2008**
= **Approval of guidelines for the Agency's agenda in 2008**
15085/07 COSDP 925 POLARM 8 IND 113 RECH 368 ECO 148
- **Three-year financial framework 2008-2010**
15092/07 COSDP 926 POLARM 9 IND 114 RECH 369 ECO 149
14551/07 COSDP 857 POLARM 6 IND 100 RECH 299 ECO 135
- **2008 Budget**

The Committee agreed to recommend that Council :

- note the Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency to the Council ;
- approve the Draft Council Guidelines for the EDA's work in 2008, on the understanding that, subject to the outcome of the Council and the Agency Steering Board. The Secretariat will maintain or remove the text between technical brackets in the third paragraph of the chapeau and in paragraph 1 third indent.

The outcome of the discussion regarding the three-year financial framework 2008-2010 and the 2008 budget is set out in document 15270/07 COSDP 940 POLARM 10 IND 117 RECH 377 ECO 151.

f) Iraq

- **Draft Council conclusions**
15160/07 COMEM 183 PESC 1350

Le Comité a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur l'Irak (doc. 15160/1/07 REV 1 COMEM 183 PESC 1350) et l'a transmis au Conseil pour adoption.

g) Middle East

- **Draft Council conclusions on Peace Process**
15161/07 COMEP 43 PESC 1351
- **Draft Council conclusions on Lebanon**
15184/07 COMAG 43 COMEP 44 PESC 1358

Le Comité a approuvé les projets de Conclusions du Conseil sur le Processus de Paix au Moyen-Orient (doc. 15161/1/07 REV 1 COMEP 43 PESC 1351) et sur le Liban (doc. 15184/07 COMAG 43 COMEP 44 PESC 1358) et les a transmis au Conseil pour adoption.

i) Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the Economic Partnership Agreements
15012/07 ACP 226 WTO 239 PTOM 53

The work of the Committee is set out in the report to the Council (doc. 15091/07).

k) Draft Council Conclusions on Advancing Agriculture in Africa
14836/07 ACP 214 FIN 506 COAFR 331 DEVGEN 227 AGRI 363
RELEX 811 ENV 588 WTO 232

The Committee agreed the text of the draft conclusions and agreed to submit them to Council for formal adoption.

m) Preparation of the EU-Africa Summit

- **Draft Joint Africa-EU Strategy and its First Action Plan (2008-2010)**
14799/07 COAFR 330 ACP 213 RELEX 806 COPOL 37 MIGR 111
COMAG 41 COSDP 892 PESC 1294 DEVGEN 226

The Committee :

- agreed the draft Joint EU-Africa Strategy and its First Action Plan (2008-2010) as set out in 14799/07 and recommended that Council agrees them at its meeting on 19 November;
- noted the reservation by Ireland concerning the draft Joint EU-Africa Strategy and its First Action Plan (2008-2010) as set out in 14799/07;

- agreed to recommend to the Council to seek, during the EU-Africa Ministerial meeting in Sharm-el-Sheik on 4-5 December, to add the following part of a sentence: "within the context of established EU positions." twice on p. 71 of document 14799/07 as set out below:

Priority Action 3 -ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HEALTH TARGETS OF THE MDGs , Expected Outcomes, bullet point two:

“Progress towards the Abuja commitments, including 15% of African national budgets devoted to the health sector, and towards the Maputo commitments (Maputo Action Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights) within the context of established EU positions.

Priority Action 3 - ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HEALTH TARGETS OF THE MDGs, Activities, bullet point seven:

“Support the implementation of the Maputo Action Plan for the operationalisation of the continental policy framework for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights 2007-2010 within the context of established EU positions.

- noted the unilateral declaration to the Protocol of the Committee by Austria stating:

"Austria is of the view that concerning legal migration the Joint EU-Africa Strategy and First Action Plan do not oblige the Member States to participate in mobility partnership or migration partnership agreements. Participating in such projects or agreements can only be on a voluntary basis. The national competences of the member states (e.g. rules concerning labour market access) shall not be affected by the Joint EU-Africa Strategy and First Action Plan."
- discussed the Lisbon declaration on the basis of an oral presentation by the Presidency based on five points: 1) Background to the Joint Strategy, 2) Current political context, 3) Objectives/principles of the partnership, 4) Partnership of results and 5) How the partnership will be implemented and agreed that Ministers will continue to discuss the declaration at the GAERC on 19 November with a view to its finalisation at the EU-Africa Ministerial meeting in Sharm-el-Sheik;
- discussed the organisation of the EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon on 8-9 December, in particular the participation of President Mugabe and agreed that everything should be done in order to prevent that it turned into a Summit dominated by his presence.

The work of the Committee is contained in 14799/07.

- o) **SG/HR Report on the EUMS ability to conduct planning at the strategic level for EU-led operations**
14834/07 COSDP 899 PESC 1299

The Committee agreed to submit to the Council the SG/HR report on the EU Military Staff's ability to conduct planning at the strategic level for EU-led operations, so that Council :

- welcome it and approve its recommendations to implement, as a package, the four measures, together with the actions identified;
- be invited to revert to this issue as soon as practicable during the course of 2008, including the need for any additional personnel, on the basis of an evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of the measures and actions in responding to the Council request to the SG/HR.

n) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

- **Any other business**
= **GALILEO (requested by the FR delegation)**

The Presidency informs the Committee on the outcome of the ECOFIN discussions and on the next steps.

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