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

doc. 15373/07 OJ/CRP1 41

15434/07 OJ/CRP2 41

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

14. Review of the security rules governing EU classified information

14762/07 CSC 33 CSCI 18

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

33. EU-China Summit preparations

15359/07 PESC 1376 COASI 184 ASIE 120 RELEX 884 ECOFIN 474

ENER 283 TRANS 368 JAI 603 ENV 634 POLGEN 119

34. EU-India Summit

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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9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals (First reading)**
- **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**

The Committee encouraged the Presidency to make another attempt to reach a compromise with the European Parliament.

10. **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 second informal trilogue on air quality, held in the European Parliament on 20 November 2007, and highlighted the outstanding issues to be discussed by the Committee when preparing the third trilogue on 28 November 2007.

11. **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**

The Presidency reported briefly on the outcome of the second informal trilogue, which took place on 19 November, and informed the Committee about further work, including a third informal trilogue on 29 November.

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

- 1. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 93/104/EC on the Organisation of Working Time**
 - **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
9554/05 SOC 244 SAN 94 TRANS 108 MAR 84 CODEC 441
15358/07 SOC 465 SAN 213 TRANS 367 MAR 101 CODEC 1290

La contribution du point susvisé fera l'objet d'un addendum au présent document.

- 2. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Working Conditions for Temporary Workers**
 - **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
15098/02 SOC 576 CODEC 1588
15086/07 SOC 452 CODEC 1243 + ADD 1

La contribution du point susvisé fera l'objet d'un addendum au présent document.

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

- 1. Communication from the Commission - Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14266/07 TRANS 317 ENV 550 EDUC 175 + ADD 2
14928/07 TRANS 355 ENV 602 EDUC 208

The Committee examined the draft conclusions on the Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan as annexed to document 14928/07 and agreed to submit them for adoption to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

The outcome of the examination is reflected in the annex to document 15409/07.

2. **Third package on maritime safety**
- (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea and inland waterways in the event of accidents ("Athens Convention")**
- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
6827/06 MAR 22 ENV 127 CODEC 195
15187/1/07 MAR 98 ENV 621 CODEC 1251 REV 1

The Committee examined the text as set out in document 15187/07 and agreed to submit it to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007 for political agreement.

The outcome of this examination is reflected in the annex to document 15587/1/07 REV 1.

- (b) **Proposal for a Directive .../.../EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of [...] on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organisations and for the relevant activities of maritime administrations (recast)**
- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
5912/06 MAR 11 ENV 50 CODEC 95
15186/07 MAR 97 ENV 620 CODEC 1250 + ADD 1

This item was postponed to the 2207th meeting of the Committee on 27-28 November 2007.

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international road haulage market (recast)**
- **(poss.)General approach / Progress report / Policy debate**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
10092/07 TRANS 189 CODEC 599 + REV 2 (en, fr, de)
15363/07 TRANS 369 CODEC 1293

The Committee took note of the above mentioned progress report and agreed to forward it to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator**
- **Progress report**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
10114/07 TRANS 194 CODEC 602 + REV 1 (en,fr,de)
15041/07 TRANS 360 CODEC 1236

The Committee agreed to transmit the above mentioned progress report to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the Community rail system

- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
17038/06 TRANS 348 CODEC 1598
15030/07 TRANS 359 CODEC 1235

The Committee gave its endorsement to the draft text for a Rail Interoperability Directive as it appears in annex to document 15030/07 with a view to reaching a final agreement between Council and the European Parliament at first reading. In this light, the Chair of the Committee confirmed in a letter to the Chair of the EP's TRAN Committee that, subject to legal-linguist revision, Council would approve the final text including the amendments of Parliament at a forthcoming Council.

As a result, the adoption of a political agreement on the Rail Interoperability Directive was taken off the agenda of the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

6. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/49/EC on safety of the Community's railways

- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
17039/06 TRANS 349 CODEC 1599
14927/07 TRANS 354 CODEC 1208

The Committee gave its endorsement to the draft text for a political agreement on the Rail Safety Directive as it appears in annex to document 14927/07. This text will be submitted for adoption to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 establishing a European Railway Agency

- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
17040/06 TRANS 350 CODEC 1600
14926/07 TRANS 359 CODEC 1207

The Committee gave its endorsement to the draft text for a political agreement on the European Railway Agency Regulation as it appears in annex to document 14926/07, so that it now can be submitted for adoption to the TTE Council on 29-30 November 2007.

- 8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Airport Charges**
- **General approach**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
5887/07 AVIATION 27
15169/07 AVIATION 197 CODEC 1249

This item was postponed to the 2207th meeting of the Committee on 27-28 November 2007.

- 9. 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)**
- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
11829/06 AVIATION 109 CODEC 784
14494/07 AVIATION 184 CODEC 1154

This item was postponed to the 2207th meeting of the Committee on 27-28 November 2007.

- 10. Review of the EU Regulatory Framework for electronic communications networks and services**
- **Presentation by the Commission**
15365/07 TELECOM 148 MI 295 COMPET 389 AUDIO 40
15371/07 TELECOM 149 MI 296 COMPET 390 CONOSM 131 SOC 466
DATAPROTECT 55
15379/07 TELECOM 150 MI 297 COMPET 391 CONSOM 132 CODEC 1294
15387/07 TELECOM 151 MI 298 COMPET 392 DATAPROTECT 50
CONSOM 133 CODEC 1297
15408/07 TELECOM 153 MI 299 COMPET 393 DATAPROTECT 51
CONSOM 134 CAB 46 CODEC 1298
15422/07 TELECOM 156 COMPET 395 CONSOM 136 DATAPROTECT 54
CAB 48

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

- 11. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS)**
- **Progress report**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
12413/07 TELECOM 102 MI 193 CODEC 863
15052/07 TELECOM 139 MI 289 CODEC 1240 + COR 1

The Committee agreed to submit to the Council the progress report set out in document 15531/07.

12. Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO) (restricted session)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

15384/07 TRANS 371 MAR 102 AVIATION 202 RECH 379 CAB 45

The Committee examined the above draft conclusions and agreed to continue its examination at its next meeting on 27 November 2007.

13. Internal Market

- (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/54 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity**
- (b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/55 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas**
- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators**
- (d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1228/03 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity**
- (e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1775/05 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks**
- Presentation from the Commission**
- Progress report**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(a) CRP)
13043/07 ENER 221 CODEC 948
13045/07 ENER 222 CODEC 949
13046/07 ENER 223 CODEC 950
13048/07 ENER 224 CODEC 951
13049/07 ENER 225 CODEC 956
15193/07 ENER 277 CODEC 1252

This item is postponed until the next meeting of the Committee on 27 November 2007.

14. International relations in the field of energy

- (a) EU-Brazil**
- (b) EU-Africa, including EU-Africa Energy Partnership**
- (c) EU-Russia relations**
- (d) Energy Community**
- (e) International Platform on Energy Efficiency**
- (f) Other initiatives**
- Information from the Presidency/Commission**
15159/07 ENER 275 ENV 619 RELEX 864

This item is postponed until the next meeting of the Committee on 27 November 2007.

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- 28. Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of silico-manganese originating in the People's Republic of China and Kazakhstan and terminating the proceeding on imports of silico-manganese originating in Ukraine**
14944/07 ANTIDUMPING 81 COMER 189 CHINE 45 NIS 216
14945/07 ANTIDUMPING 82 COMER 190 CHINE 46 NIS 217

The Committee discussed the Commission proposal in the light of the discussions held in the Trade Questions Working Party.

A compromise solution tabled by a number of delegations was favourably received by delegations.

The Presidency and the Commission will reflect on the way forward and the Committee may revert to this issue at its next meeting scheduled for 28 November.

- 29. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 19/20 November 2007**

Le Comité est informé par la Présidence des suites que celle-ci entend donner à certains points ayant fait l'objet des délibérations du Conseil.

- 30. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 10/11 December 2007**

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

31. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6/7 December 2007

(a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)

- **Compromise package**
15316/07 JUSTCIV 309 CODEC 1279
15325/07 JUSTCIV 310 CODEC 1282

The Committee :

- a) reaches general agreement on the package submitted by the Presidency;
- b) takes note of the technical amendments suggested by the Hungarian delegation on Article 5(3)(d) and of the declaration submitted by France on Article 5;
- c) gives the Chairman of the Committee a mandate to inform the Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Legal Affairs, by letter that, should the European Parliament adopt the amendments to the Commission proposal in the exact form as set out in the compromise package, the Council would adopt the proposal thus amended (after revision by the legal-linguistic experts of both Institutions) in order to reach agreement at first reading.

(b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

No issues were raised under this item.

32. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 4 December 2007

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

Any other business

- **Maritime Policy**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informs the Committee on the debate in the GAERC on the Commission Communication and indicates that the Presidency would draft conclusions on the maritime policy for the December European Council.

- **Debriefing on Transatlantic Economic Council (Washington, 9 November 2007)**

The Committee heard a debrief by the Commission on the first meeting of the Transatlantic Economic Council held on 9 November in Washington DC.

- **EU candidate for the office of Director General of the IOM**

The issue of an EU candidate for the forthcoming election of the Director General of IOM was discussed.
