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held in Brussels on 27 and 28 November 2007**

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

doc. 15664/07 OJ/CRP1 42

15693/07 OJ/CRP2 42 COMIX 1003

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

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62. IMO - European Community position to be adopted by the Council concerning the Comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code for agenda item 7 of the 39th session of the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (London from 3 to 7 March 2008)

- **Approval of the text to be submitted to IMO/STW 39**
15773/07 MAR 112

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63. Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas

15577/07 VISA 363 COEST 318

15576/07 VISA 362 COEST 317

64. Adoption of a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the readmission of persons

15563/07 MIGR 129 COEST 316

13763/07 MIGR 93 COEST 281

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

59. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 10/11 December 2007

A. General Affairs

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15777/07 ELARG 126

65. Preparations for the EU-Africa Summit

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

44. Initiative by the Republic of Portugal for a Council Decision amending Part 1 of the Schengen Consultation Network (Technical Specifications)

15204/07 VISA 347 COMIX 969

15202/07 VISA 346 COMIX 968

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

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

(h) Draft Council Conclusions on the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the role of Eurojust and the European Judicial Network in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in the European Union

15176/1/07 REV 1 EUROJUST 61 EJN 36 COPEN 159

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

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

(b) Draft Council conclusions on addressing Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risks and on Bio-preparedness

15660/07 JAI 624 PROCIV 211 ENFOPOL 201 SAN 229 AGRI 393

AGRILEG 178 CODUN 39 CONOP 89 COSDP 976 COTER 90

DENLEG 119 ENV 655 PHARM 8 RECH 396 VETER 28

15127/07 JAI 585 PROCIV 199 ENFOPOL 188 SAN 205 AGRI 376

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15662/07 JAI 625 PROCIV 212 ENVOPOL 202 SAN 230 AGRI 394

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14802/07 JAI 554 PROCIV 186 ENFOPOL 182 SAN 196 AGRI 361

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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

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

1. Third package on maritime safety

- **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**
 - **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 + COR 1

The Committee examined a new proposal by the Presidency to split the text into two separate legal instruments, a Directive and a Regulation, and agreed to refer these texts and other outstanding issues to the Council to reach a political agreement at its meeting on 29/30 November and 3 December 2007.

2. 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

The Committee settled a number of outstanding issues and decided to invite the Transport Ministers to pursue the examination of this file with a view to reaching a general approach at the forthcoming TTE Council on 29/30 November and 3 December 2007.

3. 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**
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 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 952
 15193/07 ENER 277 CODEC 1252

Les résultats des travaux du Comité figurent au document 15193/1/07 REV 1.

4. 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 + REV 1 (en)

Le Comité a pris note du document d'information 15159/07.

5. Energy Technologies

- (a) **Presidency's Vision paper on Energy Technologies (SETP)**
 = **Presentation from the Presidency**
- (b) **Communication from the Commission on a European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SETP)**
 = **Presentation from the Commission**
- **Policy debate**
 15190/1/07 ENER 276 ENV 622 RECH 372 REV 1
 15458/07 ENER 288 ENV 640 RECH 382 + ADD 2
 15057/07 ENER 274 ENV 612 RECH 367

Le Comité a marqué son accord pour la tenue d'un débat au Conseil sur la base des questions figurant au document 15057/07.

- 6. Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO) (restricted session)**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
15606/07 TRANS 385 MAR 106 AVIATION 209 RECH 392 CAB 50

The Committee examined the above draft conclusions and agreed to invite the Council to pursue the examination of this issue at its meeting on 29/30 November and 3 December 2007.

- 7. 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

The Committee agreed to submit this proposal to the Council with a view to reaching a political agreement.

- 11. 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**
15559/07 ENV 653 ENER 301 IND 120 TRANS 384 CODEC 328

The Committee gave the Presidency the mandate to seek agreement at second reading with the EP, on the basis of the position of the Council which appears in the Annex to document 15599/07.

- 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**
13678/2/07 ENV 505 MAR 75 CODEC 1051 REV 2

The Committee gave the Presidency the mandate to seek agreement at second reading with the EP, on the basis of the position of the Council which appears in the Annex to document 13678/2/07 REV 2.

13. 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 on minimum requirements for enhancing worker mobility by improving the acquisition and preservation of supplementary pension rights

- Political agreement

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

13857/07 SOC 368 CODEC 1062 + REV 1 (en) + REV 1 COR 1 (en)

14764/07 SOC 431 CODEC 1187 + ADD 1

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in 15515/07 SOC 480 ECOFIN 499 CODEC 1317 + ADD 1.

2. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Towards Common Principles of Flexicurity

- Endorsement of joint Employment Committee / Social Protection Committee opinion

- Adoption of Council conclusions

10255/07 SOC 241 ECOFIN 312

15497/07 SOC 476 ECOFIN 483

15320/07 SOC 461 ECOFIN 471

The Committee agrees to recommend the Council to adopt the draft Council Conclusions as set out in 15497/07 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (sk) + COR 3 (pt).

The Committee also agrees to recommend the Council to endorse the joint opinion of the Employment and Social Protection Committees as set out in 15320/07 + COR 1 (es).

3. Future prospects for the European Employment Strategy in the context of the new cycle of the Lisbon Strategy

- Endorsement of Employment Committee Opinion

- Adoption of Council conclusions

- Information from Social Protection Committee's Chair on the Working Group's report on mutual interaction between the common social objectives of greater economic growth and more and better jobs

15207/07 SOC 456 ECOFIN 456

15208/07 SOC 457 ECOFIN 457 + COR 1

The Committee agrees to recommend the Council to adopt the draft Council Conclusions as set out in 15813/07 + REV 1 (pt).

The Committee also agrees to recommend the Council to endorse the Opinion of the Employment Committee set out in 15207/07 + COR 1 (es).

Finally, the Committee agrees to recommend the Council to take note of the information to be provided by Social Protection Committee's Chair, Ms WILLAME, on the Working Group's report on mutual interaction between the common social objectives of greater economic growth and more and better jobs.

- 4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions accompanying the Communication on "A single market for 21st century Europe" - Services of general interest, including social services of general interest: a new European commitment**
- **Policy debate**
15650/07 COMPET 407 MI 310 SOC 492 CONSOM 140

The Committee takes note of the Presidency's intentions with regard to the organisation of the policy debate as well as of the Presidency's background note.

- 5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems**
- **Title III – Special provisions concerning the various categories of benefits:**
 - (a) **Chapter V – Unemployment benefits (Articles 54 to 56)**
 - (b) **Chapter VI – Family benefits (Articles 57 to 60)**
 - **Title IV - Financial Provisions**
 - Chapter II – Reimbursement of unemployment benefits pursuant to article 65 of the Basic Regulation (Article 69)**
 - **Partial general approach**
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]
5896/06 SOC 44 CODEC 93
15211/07 SOC 458 CODEC 1255

The outcome of the Committee's discussions is to be found in 15512/07 + COR 1.

6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems, and determining the content of Annex XI**
- **Parts of the proposal determining the content of Annex XI which relate to Title III, Chapters V and VI, of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems**
 - **Partial general approach**
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]
5672/06 SOC 28 CODEC 66
15213/07 SOC 459 CODEC 1256

The outcome of the Committee's discussions is to be found in 15514/07.

7. **Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Modernising social protection for greater social justice and economic cohesion: taking forward the active inclusion of people furthest from the labour market**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14101/07 SOC 381 ECOFIN 402
15191/07 SOC 454 ECOFIN 455 + COR 1 (lv)

The Committee agrees to recommend the Council to adopt the draft Council Conclusions as set out in 15191/07 + COR 1 (lv).

8. **Follow-up of the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All (2007)**
- **Adoption of Council Resolution**
15383/07 SOC 468
15437/07 SOC 474

The Committee agrees to recommend the Council to adopt the draft Council Resolution as set out in 15512/07 + COR 1.

9. **Commission White Paper on a strategy for Europe on nutrition, overweight and obesity related issues**
- **Exchange of views / Adoption of Council conclusions**
[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]
9838/07 SAN 110 DENLEG 44
15410/07 SAN 214 DENLEG 111

The Committee agreed to forward the item for an exchange of views and to transmit the draft conclusions as set out in the annex of document 15410/07 for adoption at the Council (EPSCO).

10. EU Health Strategy

- Policy debate / Adoption of Council conclusions

[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]

14689/07 SAN 193

15524/07 SAN 220

15527/07 SAN 221

The Committee agreed to forward the item to the Council for a policy debate on the basis of the note from the Presidency (doc. 15524/7). The Presidency invited delegations to submit written contributions beforehand.

The Committee agreed to forward the draft conclusions as set out in 15527/07 for adoption to the Council (EPSCO) and noted the Parliamentary scrutiny reservation by NL.

11. Combating HIV/AIDS within the EU and in the neighbouring countries **"Translating principles into action"**

- Progress report

[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]

15925/05 SAN 218

15338/1/07 SAN 211 REV 1

The Committee agreed to forward the item to the Council (EPSCO) to take note of the progress report as presented by the Presidency.

12. Health and Migration in the EU

- Policy debate / Adoption of Council conclusions

[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]

15520/07 SAN 217 MIGR 124 SOC 481 DEVGEN 261

15521/07 SAN 218 MIGR 125 SOC 482 DEVGEN 262 + COR 1

The Committee agreed to forward the item for a policy debate to the Council (EPSCO) on the basis of the note from the Presidency (doc. 15520/7). The Presidency invited delegations to submit written contributions beforehand.

The Committee discussed the draft conclusions (doc. 15521/07 + COR 1) and agreed to change the wording of paragraph 14, third indent, of the draft Conclusions as follows:

- "to facilitate access to health care for migrants in accordance with applicable Community, international and national instruments;"

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft conclusions as amended for adoption at the Council (EPSCO) and noted the parliamentary scrutiny reservation by NL.

13. Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

- **Adoption of a Council Decision on an addition to the negotiation directives in the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations, in the context of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention of Tobacco Control, on related protocols**

The Presidency informed of the withdrawal of this item from the agenda of the Council (EPSCO) session on 6 December 2007.

14. Preparation of the Ministerial meeting (Justice and Internal Affairs / Employment and Social Policy) on 6 December 2007

- **Migration, Employment and Lisbon Strategy**
 - = **Policy debate**
15597/07 MIGR 131 SOC 488

The Committee takes note of the information given by the Presidency with regard to the organisation of the policy debate, including the Presidency's background note.

**15. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17, 18, and (poss.) 19 December 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 17, 18 and (poss.) 19 December 2007 as set out in 16195/07.

16. Proposal for a Council Decision appointing the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) and his/her Alternate (restricted session)

- **Recommendation for a Decision**
 - 14773/07 AGRILEG 163
 - 14873/07 AGRILEG 165

On the basis of the Commission proposal containing four candidates, the Committee decided, by a large majority, to recommend to the Council the appointments of Mr Paulus van der Kooij (NL) and Mr Timothy Millet (UK/FR) respectively as Chairman and Alternate of the said Board.

The Chair concluded that the related draft Council Decision (doc. 15236/07), as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts, will be submitted to the Council of 17-19 December 2007, under an "A" Agenda Item.

17. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 20 December 2007

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 16199/07
OJ CONS 69 ENV 692.

2. 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

- Political agreement

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

13388/06 ENV 495 AGRI 305 DEVGEN 232 FORETS 32 FSTR 64

RECH 242 REGIO 53 TRANS 246 CODEC 1012

15472/07 ENV 645 AGRI 384 DEVGEN 260 FORETS 61 FSTR 37

RECH 387 REGIO 53 TRANS 376 CODEC 1309

This item was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee on 4 December 2007.

62. IMO - European Community position to be adopted by the Council concerning the Comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code for agenda item 7 of the 39th session of the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (London from 3 to 7 March 2008)

- Approval of the text to be submitted to IMO/STW 39

15773/07 MAR 112

The Committee examined the text reflecting the Community's position with a view to its submission to IMO.

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

(a) Implementation of the EU Counter-terrorism strategy

15448/07 JAI 617 ECOFIN 489 TRANS 383 RELEX 902 ECO 154 PESC 1403

COTER 89 COSDP 964 PROCIV 208 ENER 300 ATO 159

DATAPROTECT 56 TELECOM 163

15411/07 JAI 607 ECOFIN 476 TRANS 374 RELEX 889 ECO 152 PESC 1387

COTER 83 COSDP 954 PROCIV 204 ENER 287 ATO 156

DATAPROTECT 52 TELECOM 154 + ADD 1

15443/07 JAI 608 ENFOPOL 193 COPS 275 COTER 84

15445/07 ENFOPOL 194 COTER 85 CATS 130 COPS 276 RESTREINT UE

The CTC presented a discussion paper related to the Implementation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy (doc. 15448/07) which raises five issues: information sharing; radicalisation and recruitment; financing of technical assistance to third countries; organisation of work within the Council; and implementation of EU instruments.

The discussion paper is a part of a package containing his reports on Implementation of the Radicalisation and Recruitment Strategy (15443/07), Implementation of the Media Communication Strategy (15445/07 RESTREINT UE) and the Implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Terrorism (15411/1/07 REV 1) which are listed as A items for the JHA Council.

The SE, ES and AT delegations welcomed the discussion paper and expressed their support to the ideas developed in it.

The Commission welcomed the close cooperation between the Commission services and the CTC and expressed its appreciation for the discussion paper as well as for the reports. The Commission acknowledged that more coordination was needed even within the Commission as illustrated by the recent proposal made on fertilizers.

The Chairman thanked the CTC for his presentation and pointed out that the Portuguese Presidency itself had been confronted with the difficulty to find the right working groups for certain subjects. He concluded by inviting the CTC to report back to the Committee in mid 2008 on the working structures. The discussion paper will be presented to the Council (JHA) on 6 December.

- (d) **Draft Council conclusions adopting Strategic Orientations and Priorities on the security enhancement of explosives**
15618/07 CATS 135 ENFOPOL 199

The Committee agreed to invite the Council to approve the draft Council conclusions adopting Strategic Orientations and Priorities on the security enhancement of explosives as set out in document 15618/07 CATS 135 ENFOPOL 199.

- (e) **Draft Council conclusions on Mobility Partnerships and Circular Migration in the framework of the Global Approach to Migration**
15737/07 ASIM 89 RELEX 917

The Committee examined the draft Conclusions. The outcome of that examination is set out in document 15873/07 ASIM 93 RELEX 929 DEVGEN 272 which will be submitted to the JHA Council for endorsement and to GAERC for adoption.

- (f) **EUROPOL**
- **Chapters VI, VII and IX of the draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office**
15596/07 EUROPOL 124

The outcome of the discussions on this item is set out in document 15965/07 EUROPOL 127.

- (g) **E-Justice**
- **Report by the Council Working Party on Legal Data Processing (E-Justice)**
15293/07 JURINFO 72 JAI 596 JUSTCIV 308 COPEN 160

The Committee takes note that :

- a) report in document 15892/07 JURINFO 73 JAI 646 JUSTCIV 325 COPEN 170 will be submitted to the JHA Council;
- b) the Council will have an exchange of views on this taking into account the work achieved.

- (i) **Initiative presented by the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic with a view to the adoption by the Council of a Framework Decision on the recognition and supervision of suspended sentences and alternative sanctions and conditional sentences**
15553/07 COPEN 167

The JHA Counsellors would continue to work on a compromise proposal on 3 December.

- (j) **Proposal for a Council Framework Decision amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism**
14960/07 CATS 122 DROIPEN 104 + ADD 1 + ADD 2
15315/1/07 REV 1 CATS 128 DROIPEN 108

FR suggested that the discussion in the Council should focus on the compatibility of the Framework Decision with the Council of Europe Convention. A revised document will be sent out for the Council.

- (k) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**
- **Policy Debate on Migration, Employment and the Lisbon Strategy**
15597/07 MIGR 131 SOC 488

The Committee was informed about the organisation of the Meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers with Employment and Social Policy Ministers and the subjects that it will address.

57. Follow up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget), on 23 November 2007

The Committee took note of the successful outcome of the Council session of 23rd November and of the Conciliation meeting held on the same date with the European Parliament.

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

(a) Lisbon Multilateral Surveillance

= Draft Council conclusions

15432/07 ECOFIN 478 AG 27 SOC 472 COMPET 398

15435/07 ECOFIN 479 AG 28 SOC 473 COMPET 399

The Committee agreed to transmit to the Council the draft conclusions as set out in 15432/07.

(b) Globalisation: Capital and Labour Flows :

- Report by the Commission on Migration

= Draft Council conclusions

15536/07 ECOFIN 487 SOC 484 COMPET 403 MIGR 127

The Committee agreed to transmit to the Council the draft conclusions as set out in 15536/07.

(c) Financial Services

(i) Lamfalussy Review

- Draft Council conclusions

15552/07 EF 84 ECOFIN 492

13364/07 EF 59 ECOFIN 371

13913/07 EF 64 ECOFIN 396

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Council conclusions set out in 15552/07 to Council with a view to their adoption at the ECOFIN meeting of 4 December.

(ii) Risk Capital

- Draft Council conclusions

15551/07 EF 83 ECOFIN 491

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Council conclusions set out in 15551/07 to Council with a view to their adoption at the ECOFIN meeting of 4 December.

- (d) Taxation**
 - (i) VAT package**
 - **Political agreement**
15550/07 FISC 158
15817/07 FISC 166

The Spanish delegation lifted its reservation on the place of B2C supply of long-term hiring of pleasure boats. Following an exchange of views on the place of B2C supplies of telecom, radio and television broadcasting, and electronic services within the Community, the Presidency will forward to the Council a revised version of 15817/07.

- (ii) Reduced VAT rates**
 - (1) Commission communication on VAT rates other than the standard rate**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
15671/07 FISC 162

Following discussions on 15671/1/07, the Presidency will forward to the Council a revised draft version of the Council conclusions.

- (2) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EEC with regard to certain temporary provisions concerning rates of VAT**
 - General approach
14528/07 FISC 144

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

- (iii) Capital Duty Directive**
 - **General Approach**
15624/07 FISC 159

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Directive set out in 15624/07 to Council with a view to agreeing on a general approach at the ECOFIN meeting of 4 December.

- (iv) Combating Tax Fraud**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
15666/07 FISC 161
15672/07 FISC 163 + ADD 1

Following an exchange of views on the basis of 15666/1/07, the Presidency concluded that it would forward to the Council a revised version of the Council conclusions.

(v) Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation)

- **Report to the Council**
 - = **Draft Council conclusions**
15545/07 FISC 157
15721/07 FISC 164

After an exchange of views on the draft Conclusions, the Committee decided to forward the issue to the Council for debate.

(e) 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.

59. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 10/11 December 2007

A. General Affairs

- (a) Preparation of the European Council**
= **Draft conclusions**
15681/07 POLGEN 124

The Committee discussed the draft European Council conclusions proposed by the Presidency.

- (c) Enlargement**
- **Draft Council conclusions**
15777/07 ELARG 126

On the basis of a Presidency proposal on draft Council conclusions on Enlargement (doc. 15777/07) the Committee holds a thorough discussion on the issue and takes note of the statements made by delegations. The Committee agrees to revert to this item at its next meeting on the basis of a revised text.

(b) 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

- 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.

60. Anti-dumping

- **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**
14945/07 ANTIDUMPING 82 COMER 190 CHINE 46 NIS 217

The Committee continues its discussion held on 21 November. The Commission indicates that a large majority (18 MS) in the Anti-Dumping Committee agreed to a compromise: suspension of the measures after their adoption by the Council. In the light of such compromise, the Chair notes that 14 MS (DE, ES, FR, IT, CY, LT, HU, MT, AT, PL, PT, SK, BG and RO) abstain and that 13 MS (BE, CZ, DK, EE, EL, IE, LV, LU, NL, SI, FI, SE and UK) oppose the Commission proposal.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Basic Anti-Dumping Regulation of 1995, it is therefore agreed that the proposal will be submitted as an A-item to the ECOFIN Council on 4 December, so that the Regulation can be published in the Official Journal on 5 December and enter into force the next day. The Commission will take its Decision suspending the adopted measures immediately thereafter.

65. Preparations for the EU-Africa Summit

The Committee :

On the draft Lisbon declaration, all the delegations that spoke commended Presidency for the short, clear and legible text. Delegations' proposals for further refinement of the Declaration focused on issues including armed violence and development, climate change, gender, economic growth and governance, migration, rule of law and to the changed political relations in Africa following the adoption of the Joint Strategy. The Presidency promised to reflect on the proposals made but underlined the desire to stick with a short and political text.

61. Any other business

- Debriefing on EU-ASEAN Summit (Singapore, 22 November 2007)

The Presidency gave a short debrief on the EU-ASEAN Summit which was held in Singapore on 22 November.

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