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SUMMARY RECORD

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

27 November 2024

I. Adoption of the agenda

16100/24 OJ CRP1 41

16141/24 OJ CRP2 40 COMIX 481

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex with the exception of item 50.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

Competitiveness

2. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 28 and 29 November 2024: preparation

Conclusions on the future of European competitiveness

15909/24

Approval

The Committee finalised the preparation of this item for the Council meeting and decided to take it in public session. A statement by Austria is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

Internal Market and Industry

3. Regulation on the safety of toys
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue




The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 20 November 2024.


Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

4. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 5 and 6 December 2024: preparation


The Committee took note of an AOB requested by ES on “Resilience of EU transport infrastructure to extreme climate-related and geophysical events” and decided to take it in public session.

1. Directive on driving disqualifications  15262/24
General approach

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Regulation on enforcement of passenger rights in the Union  15760/24
General approach


The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Regulation on passenger rights in the context of multimodal journeys  15766/24
General approach

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

4. Air passenger rights  15399/24
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and decided to hold it in public session.

5. Directive amending Council Directive 92/106/EEC on combined transport  15143/24
Progress report

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and decided to hold it in public session.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

5. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
on 2 and 3 December 2024: preparation

The Committee took note of the AOBs requested by PT on “Porto Social Forum 2025” and by the Commission on “EU survey on gender-based violence” and decided to hold them in public session.

1. Conclusions on strengthening women’s and girls’ mental health by promoting gender equality 15209/24 + COR 1
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting. A statement by Bulgaria is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

2. Comprehensive solutions to demographic challenges: 15569/24
Supporting parents and unlocking the untapped potential
of young and older generations
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Directive on traineeships 15664/24
General approach

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting. Statements by Estonia and by the Commission are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

4. European Semester 2025

Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States 15724/24
15095/24
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. Conclusions on labour and skills shortages in the EU: 15463/24
Mobilising untapped labour potential in the European
Union
Approval

The Committee finalised the preparation of this item for the Council meeting.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

6. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 16 December 2024: agenda


The Committee took note of the draft agenda and of the AOBs requested by AT, supported by CZ and SK, on “The impact of the gas storage neutrality charge and the need for better coordination at European level”, and by the Commission on winter preparedness and on international energy relations. The Committee decided to hold the items on “Geothermal energy” and “the Future of energy policy”, as well as the Presidency and Commission AOB on the “Action Plan on Grids”, in public session. It also approved the attendance of external guests for the presentation of the “Report on the future on geothermal energy” and for the informal lunch.

Environment

7. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 17 December 2024: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda and decided that all items except for the adoption of the agenda, the non-legislative A items and the presentation of the work programme of the incoming Presidency will be held in public session. It also took note of two AOBs requested by SE on “Key issues in the targeted revision of REACH” and by the Commission on “Update on progress of Horizon Europe EU missions as a tool for local climate action”, and decided to hold them in public session.

Agriculture

8. Regulation on a monitoring framework for resilient European forests  15504/24
Guidance for further work

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

COREPER (PART 2)


General Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 17 December 2024:
Agenda and preparation

The Committee took note of the draft agenda.

- a) Preparation of the European Council on 19-20 December 14801/24
2024: Guidelines
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views on the guidelines and will revert at one of its next meetings for an exchange of views on the draft conclusions.

22. Regulation on Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction  15942/24
(RESTORE)
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee agreed to a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

Foreign Affairs

23. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on
21 November 2024: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

24. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 16 December 2024:
Agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda. Lithuania requested a discussion item on hybrid threats.

25. Coherence between internal legislation and its impact on the 15967/24
EU's trade policy and global competitiveness
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

26. European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) Regulation  16009/1/24 REV 1
State of play and guidance for further work

The Committee took note of the state of play and provided guidance for further work. It agreed to revert to this item at one of its next meetings.

27. Russian aggression against Ukraine




- a) Council Decision, Implementing Regulation and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
Exchange of views 15427/24
15429/24
15431/24
- b) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine
Exchange of views 15714/24
15715/24 + ADD 1

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission and the EEAS and held an exchange of views.

Justice and Home Affairs

28. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 12 and 13 December 2024: Preparation

- a) Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling  15916/24
General approach

The Committee agreed to revert the following week for approval following technical adjustments. An oral intervention by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

- b) Enhancing the European Investigation Order: results from the final report on mutual evaluations (10th round)
State of play 15834/24 + COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Council Decision on setting the date for the lifting of checks on persons at internal land borders with and between the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania
Adoption 16090/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

29. Strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning 15932/24
within the area of freedom, security and justice
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and reached agreement on the draft guidelines as amended during the meeting (doc. 16343/24 + COR 1). The revised text will be submitted to the Council for approval as an A item.

30. The external dimension of migration - MOCADDEM:
implementation report on the updated Action file to follow up
on the EU Action Plan for the Western Balkans
Exchange of views

The Committee welcomed the implementation report.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

Appointment of the Commission as a body

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

Non-discussion items "I"**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs**9. **Minutes of Council meetings**
Approval

TTE (Energy) Council of 15 October 2024

14524/24 + ADD 1
PV CONS**Appointments**10. One member (SK) of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of
Movement for Workers
*Adoption*15448/24
15450/24
SOC**Other**11. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Animals and
Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on
2 December 2024
*Approval*15927/24
VETER12. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Plants and
Plant Health Questions (Chief Plant Health Officers) on
4 and 5 December 2024
*Approval*15945/24
PHYTOSAN**Telecommunications**13. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/881 (Cybersecurity
Act) as regards managed security services
Adoption of the legislative act15878/24 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 93/24
CYBER14. Regulation laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and
capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to
cybersecurity threats and incidents (Cyber Solidarity Act)
Adoption of the legislative act15879/24 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 94/24
CYBER15. AI Action Summit in Paris – intention to endorse possible
summit declarations
*Authorisation to negotiate an NBI*15688/24
TELECOM16. GPAI Summit in Belgrade – intention to negotiate and endorse
summit declaration
*Authorisation to negotiate an NBI*15993/24
TELECOM

Agriculture

17. 176th session of the FAO Council (Rome, 2-6 December 2024):
Declaration of competences and Voting Rights
Approval 16003/24
AGRI


A statement by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

Energy

18. Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union
and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Energy Transitions and
Clean Technology Cooperation
Approval of an NBI 15882/24
+ ADD 1-2
ENER

A statement by Germany and Austria and a statement by Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Finland, France, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden are set out in documents 15882/24 ADD 1 and 15882/24 ADD 2, respectively.


Environment

19. Political Declaration of the Conference of the Parties to the
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification at its 16th
Session
Approval of an NBI 15821/24
DEVGEN
20. Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the
revision of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range
Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification,
Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012
Adoption  15926/24
15348/24 + ADD 1
ENV

Statements by the Commission are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

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| 31. | Case T-532/24, plea of illegality, Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013 (SSM Regulation)
<i>Information note</i> | 15460/24
JUR |
| 32. | Submission of the Council in Case C-136/23 P(I)
<i>Authorisation to produce a copy of or an extract from a Council document for use in legal proceedings</i> |  15903/1/24 REV 1
JUR |


Institutional Affairs

Other


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| 33. | Attendance of third party at the informal meeting of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) on 28 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15985/24
COPS |
| 34. | Attendance of third party at the informal meeting of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) on 28 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15988/24
COPS |
| 35. | Attendance of third parties at the meetings of the Mashreq/Maghreb Working Party (MAMA) on 2 and 5 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15995/24
MAMA |
| 36. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT) on 3 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 16040/24
HYBRID
DISINFO |
| 37. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030) on 4 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15959/24
SUSTDEV |
| 38. | Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Trade Policy Committee - Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) on 4 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15952/24
POLCOM |
| 39. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Terrorism (International Aspects) (COTER) on 4 and 5 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15978/1/24 REV 1
COTER |

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| 40. | Attendance of third parties at the Council Security Committee meeting on 9 and 10 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15929/24
CSC |
| 41. | Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Trade Policy Committee - Experts (Services and Investment) on 11 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15958/24
POLCOM |

Transparency

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| 42. | Public access to documents: request 24/2698
<i>Decision to make the statements public</i> |  15817/24
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Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 43. | Inter-institutional exchange of views pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013: Mandate for the meeting on 3 December 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15991/2/24 REV 2
GAF |
| 44. | Council Implementing Decision authorising Austria to extend a VAT derogation
<i>Adoption</i> |  15894/24
15267/24
FISC |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 45. | Appointment of the European Data Protection Supervisor: process within the Council
<i>Approval</i> | 15950/24
DATAPROTECT |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 46. | List of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2025 and amended lists of Global Gateway flagships for 2023 and 2024
<i>Endorsement</i> | 15281/24 + COR 1
GLOBAL
GATEWAY |
| 47. | PSC Decision EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/6/2024: authorisation of the reconfirmation of the EUNAVFOR MED IRINI
<i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i> |  15992/24
15119/24
PSC DEC |
| 48. | Council Decision in support of SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South-East Europe reducing the threat of illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their ammunition
<i>Adoption</i> | 14396/24
14395/24 + ADD 1
+ ADD 1 COR 1
CORLX |
| 49. | Council Decision on the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia)
<i>Adoption</i> | 14968/24
14967/24
CORLX |

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| 50. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali
<i>Adoption</i> | 15360/24 + COR 1
15355/24
15358/24
CORLX |
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The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

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| 51. | Council Decision in support of strengthening capacities of Ukrainian authorities in preventing and combating illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE
<i>Adoption</i> | 15456/24
15455/24 + ADD 1
CORLX |
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| 52. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses
<i>Adoption</i> | 15249/24
15246/24
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CORLX |
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 53. | Council Decision on the EU position within the Association Council with Israel as regards the amendment of Protocol No 4
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">C</div> 14997/24
14798/24 + ADD 1
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| 54. | Council Decision on the EU position within the Association Council with Israel with regard to the general requirements for proofs of origin issued electronically
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">C</div> 15002/24
14808/24 + ADD 1
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| 55. | Council Decision on the EU position within the Association Council with Tunisia as regards the amendment of Protocol No 4
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">C</div> 15034/24
14814/24 + ADD 1
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Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
Restricted item
Item based on a Commission proposal |
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