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

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The above mentioned agenda is approved.

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

A statement was made by UK/NL/DK delegations on the following item :

9. Implementation of the provisions of Point 44 second paragraph of the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management of 17 May 2006

- **Approval of a draft letter to the Commission's services**
16282/07 FIN 598 REGIO 60

"Annual summaries are an integral part of the action plan towards an internal control framework agreed at ECOFIN in November 2005. The UK, NL and DK strongly support the production of full and detailed summaries in order to improve the assurance of EU expenditure in accordance with the legal obligations as set out in Article 53 (b)(3) of the Financial Regulation (EC 1995/2006)."

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24. **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**
 - **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
16229/07 ENV 696 WTO 266 MI 336 CODEC 1428

The Committee confirmed that the outcome of the last trilogue constituted an acceptable basis for a first-reading agreement. It therefore mandated its President to write to the European Parliament to formalise the agreement.

25. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation security (Third reading)**
- **Analysis of the result of the Trilogue with a view to agreement**

La Présidence informe le Comité des résultats du trilogue du 10.12.2007 ainsi que de la proposition du Parlement européen, résultante de la réunion de sa Délégation le 11.12.2007. Le Comité fixe les termes du dernier compromis du Conseil à offrir au PE.

26. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 and 18 December 2007**

1. **Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2008 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required**
- **Political agreement**
15874/07 PECHE 356
15997/07 PECHE 362 + ADD 1 (en)

The Committee took note of the progress achieved in the preparation of the Council.

Furthermore, the Chairman of the Committee undertook to reflect such progress in the framework of the Presidency compromise to be tabled at the beginning of the Council.

2. Plant Protection products

(a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market

- Progress report

11755/06 AGRILEG 127 ENV 411 CODEC 773

15776/07 AGRILEG 180 ENV 662 CODEC 1350 + ADD 1

(b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides

- Political agreement

11896/06 ENV 419 AGRI 263 CODEC 792

+ REV 1 (cs,sk)

15743/07 AGRI 398 ENV 659 CODEC 1344

+ ADD 1

+ ADD 1 REV 1 (en)

The results of the Committee can be found in documents 15776/07 + ADD 1 and 16451/07 + COR 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 2.

27. Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy

- Political agreement

8650/07 PECHE 116

15946/07 PECHE 360

Le Comité discute de ce dossier et fait des progrès sur les points en suspens. Il poursuivra la discussion lors de sa réunion du 19 décembre.

28. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation No 11 concerning the abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions, in implementation of Article 79(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs

• Splitting of the proposal

- Decision on procedure to follow

15854/07 JUR 426 TRANS 392 AGRILEG 184 DENLEG 122

COMPET 414 CODEC 1365

Le Comité a décidé à l'unanimité le "splitting" de la proposition ci-dessus.

29. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 84/539/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electro-medical equipment used in veterinary medicine (First reading)

- **Analysis of the result of the vote in the European Parliament with a view to agreement**
13035/07 MI 215 SAN 176 AGRILEG 152 ECO 122 ENT 109 CODEC 947
+ COR 1
16196/07 MI 331 SAN 257 AGRILEG 194 ECO 163 ENT 149 CODEC 1420

The Committee examined the outstanding reservations on the Proposal and agreed to a package consisting of the following elements:

- the Council is invited to adopt the Directive as proposed by the Commission following legal-linguistic finalization;
- and
- the Council statement set out in document DS 1091/07 will be included in the minutes of the Council adopting the Directive.

The Spanish and Maltese delegations declared that they would abstain from voting at the adoption and that they would issue statements for the Council minutes.

30. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (First reading)

- **Analysis of the result of the vote in the European Parliament in preparation for political agreement**
16198/07 MI 332 ENT 150 CONSOM 149 CODEC 1421

The Committee reached agreement on the draft Presidency Compromise set out in document 16198/07 as amended by document DS 1096/1/07 REV 1 and mandated the Presidency to contact the European Parliament with the aim of preparing the ground for an early second reading agreement on this basis.

- **Any other business**
 - . **Goods Package**
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 - **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products**
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 - 6313/07 COMPET 51 ECO 25 ENT 24 MI 40 + REV 1 (fr, de, en)
 - 6377/07 COMPET 52 ECO 26 ENT 25 MI 41
 - 6378/07 COMPET 53 ECO 27 ENT 26 MI 42
 - 16213/07 COMPET 429 ECO 164 ENT 151 MI 333 CODEC 1423

The Committee takes note of the information given by the Presidency on the state of play of the discussions in the Working Parties and the contacts with the European Parliament on the Goods Package.
