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doc. 16464/09 OJ/CRP1 41 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3
16476/09 OJ/CRP2 41 COMIX 881 + CM 5027/09

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

- 109. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the 'Terms of Reference for the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation' (IPEEC) and the 'Memorandum concerning the hosting by the International Energy Agency of the Secretariat to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation' by the European Community**
- **Adoption**
16564/09 ENER 410 ENV 835 RELEX 1123

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- 33. Preparation of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 3 and 4 December 2009**
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16559/09 JAIEX 90 RELEX 1121 ASIM 135 CATS 128 JUSTCIV 246
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16503/09 JUR 491 STAT 37 POLGEN 200

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

- 84. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the lists of insolvency proceedings and liquidators in Annexes A and C to Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 on insolvency proceedings and codifying Annexes A, B and C to that Regulation**
 - **Adoption**
15182/09 JUSTCIV 223
16385/09 JUSTCIV 243
- 93. (poss.) Council Decision on the ceiling for the annual amount of the contribution by Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2011**
16421/09 ACP 272 FIN 514 PTOM 45
16422/09 ACP 273 FIN 515 PTOM 46

The following items are **replaced** by item **95**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

57. Single Euro Payment Area
- **Council conclusions**

58. Derivatives markets - future policy action
- **Council conclusions**

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

45. Enlargement

- **Accession negotiations with Croatia**
 - = **Chapter 15: Energy**

The following statements are made by Slovenia on the above mentioned item :

"STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN THE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

On the basis of the commitments made by the Republic of Croatia in the letter by the Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor of 11 September 2009 addressed to the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and with the understanding that negotiations on the border dispute between Slovenia and Croatia will continue simultaneously with the Intergovernmental Conference, as derives from the letter of the Presidency of the EU Council of 15 September, Slovenia consents to the provisional closing of Chapter 15 – Energy.

The above commitments refer to Croatia's declaration that no document in its accession negotiations with the European Union can prejudice the final resolution of the border dispute between Slovenia and Croatia. This applies to all documents and positions either written or submitted orally, including, *inter alia*, maps, negotiating positions, legal acts and other documents in whatever form, produced, presented or referred to by the Republic of Croatia in the framework of the EU accession negotiations. It also applies to all EU documents and positions which refer to or summarise the mentioned documents and positions. With regard to the border dispute, Croatia has agreed that 25 June 1991 presents the basis for the resolution of the border dispute and that no document or action undertaken unilaterally after that date shall be accorded legal significance for the tasks of any arbitral tribunal, which will be entitled by Slovenia and Croatia to resolve the border dispute between the two countries, or any other procedure relating to the settlement of this dispute, and cannot, in any way, prejudice the outcome of the process.

The resolution or the way of resolution of the border dispute will be pursued through the continuation of the talks between Slovenia and Croatia facilitated by the European Union, with the understanding that the dispute must be settled with the entry into force of a border agreement or arbitration agreement before the accession of Croatia to the European Union. In this way, Croatia would fulfil one of the key priorities expressed in the Accession Partnership (Council Decision 2008/119/EC).

Slovenia will monitor the implementation of the agreement between the Slovenian and Croatian Prime Ministers reached on 11 September in Ljubljana, in negotiations on chapter 31 – Foreign, security and defence policy, with respect to Croatia's commitment to the principle of good neighbourly relations. Slovenia's further positions in the accession negotiations with Croatia will be based on Croatia's fulfilling its commitments."

"UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF SLOVENIA

Slovenia expects Croatia to establish a satisfactory and coherent legislative framework in order to ensure a correct implementation of its international obligations as a matter of urgency, before the end of the accession negotiations. The establishment of this framework includes a change to the article 39 of the Act on Protection against Ionising Radiation and Safety of the Ionising Radiation Sources.

Slovenia will monitor the implementation of Croatia's international obligations also in the negotiations on chapter 31 - Foreign, Security and Defence policy, with respect to Croatia's commitment to the principle of good neighbourly relations. "

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II

31. Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 30 November and 1 December 2009

1. **Recovering from the crisis and preparing for the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy**
 - **Policy debate**
[Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency)]
15923/09 SOC 689 ECOFIN 790
 - (a) **Commission working document: "The Employment Crisis: Trends, Policy Responses and Key Actions"**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
15995/09 SOC 700 ECOFIN 797
 - (b) **Promoting labour market inclusion - Recovering from the crisis and preparing for the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
16214/09 SOC 717 ECOFIN 813
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 - (d) **The post-2010 Lisbon Strategy**
 - **Endorsement of Social Protection Committee opinion**
15850/09 SOC 683 ECOFIN 785
 - (e) **Second joint assessment by the Social Protection Committee and the European Commission of the social impact of the economic crisis and of policy responses: Main Findings**
 - **Presentation**
16169/09 SOC 715 ECOFIN 808

The Committee agrees that the Council should hold a policy debate on the basis of the Presidency questionnaire in document 15923/09 SOC 689 ECOFIN 790. The Committee also:

- (a) takes note of the Commission's Working Document addressed to the EPSCO Council "The Employment Crisis: Trends, Policy Responses and Key Actions" in document 15995/09 SOC 700 ECOFIN 797, and agrees to forward it to the Council;

- (b) agrees to submit the draft Conclusions "Promoting labour market inclusion - Recovering from the crisis and preparing for the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy", as set out in document 16214/09 SOC 717 ECOFIN 813, to the Council, with a view to their adoption;
- (c) agrees to recommend the Council to endorse the Employment Committee's Opinion "The European Employment Strategy within the post-2010 Lisbon Agenda", as set out in document 15529/09 SOC 664 ECOFIN 708. The Committee takes note of the German delegation's intention to submit a minutes statement on the setting of the national targets mentioned in the Opinion;
- (d) agrees to recommend the Council to endorse the Social Protection Committee's Opinion on the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy, as set out in document 15850/09 SOC 683 ECOFIN 785;
- (e) takes note that the Social Protection Committee's Chair will present the main findings of the Second joint assessment by the Social Protection Committee and the European Commission of the social impact of the economic crisis and of policy responses.

2. Proposal for a Directive on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity and repealing Directive 86/613/EEC

- **Political agreement**
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP]
13981/08 SOC 574 CODEC 1284

The outcome of the Committee's discussions is to be found in document 16526/09 SOC 734 CODEC 1358 + ADD 1.

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
- Political agreement
16395/09 SAN 334 SOC 728 MI 441 CODEC 1341

The Presidency presented new compromise proposals aimed at solving the outstanding issues in relation to non-contractual healthcare providers (Recital 9 and new Recital 9aa) and the definition of Member State of affiliation (Recital 10ab and new Article 17.4). Additional proposals were made for Recital 10a (Insured person), Recital 23 (Prior authorisation), Article 5.2(b), 5.3 and 5.4 (Responsibilities of the Member State of treatment), and Article 12.2(c) (Recognition of prescriptions).

In addition to this, IT proposed changes to Article 4 (Definitions), DE to Article 5 and NL to Article 17.4 (Reports).

CZ and LU reminded other outstanding issues of concern for them. ES, EL, HU, IE, LT, MT, PL, PT, RO, SI and SK kept their reservations in different parts of the Presidency's compromise.

The Commission expressed its support to the text although asking for changes in the new Article 17.4 and Article 5.2(b).

The Presidency concluded that all reservations were noted and that the text of the draft directive will be revised, in particular Article 17.4, and presented to the Council during its meeting on 1st December 2009.

32. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 , 15 and 16 December 2009
(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 14, 15 and 16 December 2009 as set out in 17292/09.

33. Preparation of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 3 and 4 December 2009

1. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent (Legislative deliberation)

- **General approach**
15695/09 PI 115 COUR 70 ADD 2

2. Enhanced patent system in Europe (Non-legislative activity)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
16313/09 PI 131 COUR 82

The Committee examined the revised draft Council conclusions contained in 16313/09 and noted that they would be submitted to the Council (Competitiveness) on 4 December 2009 for adoption.

The Committee also noted that the draft Council Regulation on the Community patent (15695/09 ADD 2) would be submitted to the same Council for adoption of a general approach.

3. Proposal for a Council Regulation on a European private company (Legislative deliberation)

- **Political agreement**
16155/09 DRS 72 SOC 713 + ADD 1

The Committee examined the Presidency compromise text on the main outstanding issues as reflected in documents 16155/09 ADD1 and 16606/09, and took note of delegations' positions and comments with a view to reaching political agreement at the Competitiveness Council on 3-4 December 2009.

4. Towards a competitive, innovative and eco-efficient Europe - a contribution by the Competitiveness Council to the post-2010 Lisbon agenda (Non-legislative activity)

- **Policy debate**
- **Adoption of integrated Council conclusions**
16124/09 COMPET 484 ENV 806 IND 165 MI 436 RECH 422 ECO 144
ENER 398 ECOFIN 806 CONSOM 220
16268/09 COMPET 491 ENV 813 IND 169 MI 440 RECH 428 ECO 146
ENER 402 ECOFIN 816 CONSOM 222

The Committee agreed on the text as set out in 16125/09 COMPET 485 ENV 807 IND 166 MI 437 RECH 423 ECO 145 ENER 399 ECOFIN 807 CONSOM 221.

The Committee also took note of the questions for the policy debate as set out in 16268/09 COMPET 491 ENV 813 IND 169 MI 440 RECH 428 ECO 146 ENER 402 ECOFIN 816 CONSOM 222.

5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer rights (Legislative deliberation)

- Policy debate

14183/08 CONSOM 140 JUSTCIV 220 CODEC 1315
16121/09 CONSOM 219 JUSTCIV 238 CODEC 1326
16276/09 CONSOM 223 JUSTCIV 240 CODEC 1333

The Committee took note of the Presidency's note containing four questions to ministers and agreed to forward it to the (Competitiveness) Council of 3 December 2009 with a view to holding a policy debate.

6. Better Regulation

- Adoption of Council conclusions

15353/1/09 COMPET 456 REV 1

The Committee endorsed the conclusions, with one reservation from the Commission, and forwarded the text to the Council (Competitiveness) on 3-4 December 2009 for resolution of the outstanding issue and adoption of the conclusions.

34. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 17 and 18 December 2009

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in document 17297/09.

35. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transport modes (First reading)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the first informal trialogue

- Preparation for the next informal trialogue

15922/09 TRANS 457 TELECOM 244 IND 163 CODEC 1304

The Presidency informed the Committee on the outcome of the first informal trialogue and was mandated to continue negotiations with a view to reaching an agreement with the European Parliament.

- 36. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Microfinance Facility for Employment and Social Inclusion (Progress Microfinance Facility) (First reading)**
and
Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - Progress (First reading)
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

The Committee takes note of the Presidency's oral report on the outcome of the second informal Trialogue and will continue its work with the aim of reaching a first-reading agreement with the European Parliament on this file.

- 111. Follow-up of the "Environment" Council on 23 November 2009**
= Information from the Presidency

With a view to continued coordination in the run-up to the Copenhagen Conference, the Chair informed the Committee about the follow-up of the Council meeting on 23 November.

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38/98. Multi-annual strategic work programme for 2010-2014 in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice (Stockholm Programme)

On the basis of the last discussion of the Committee on the draft "Stockholm programme", the Presidency has proposed a revised text as set out in document 16484/1/09 REV 1 JAI 866.

Most delegations could agree on the text as proposed by the Presidency, although a few modifications were suggested.

It was agreed that the Presidency would take as much as possible into account all the comments made during the meeting, in order to present a revised text acceptable to all, apart from, if necessary, a very limited list of points of very high political importance that could be taken up in further discussions, including at the level of the JHA Council/European Council.

39. Implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon

- **Draft European Council Decision adopting its Rules of Procedure**
16557/1/09 REV 1 INST 177 POLGEN 209

After a presentation by the Presidency and a brief exchange of views, the Committee reached final understanding on the text of the above mentioned draft Decision.

- **Draft notification to third parties before the entry in into force of the Treaty of Lisbon**
16654/09 POLGEN 211

The Presidency presented the text as set out in 16654/09 to delegations. Discussions concentrated on the questions of the Union's delegations. The main points raised by delegations concerned the way in which the consequences of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on Delegations could be spelled out in the note addressed to third parties. After discussion, the text was finalised as set out in 16654/1/09 REV 1. Following some questions from delegations, the Presidency indicated also that further work on the Union's Delegations would be conducted still this year.

**99. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 30 November/
1 December 2009**

a) Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

- Adoption

16355/09 VISA 403 COWEB 277 COMIX 871

15521/09 VISA 384 COWEB 252 COMIX 824

The Committee confirmed agreement on the text of the draft Regulation as set out in 15221/09 and of the Joint Statement by the European Parliament and the Council as set out in 16355/09, and agreed to submit them to Council for adoption.

b) e-Justice

- State of play

16460/09 JURINFO 144 JAI 865 JUSTCIV 244 COPEN 235

The outcome of proceedings is set out in 16460/09.

c) Draft Council conclusions on model provisions, guiding the Council Criminal Law deliberations

16542/1/09 REV 1 JAI 868 DROIPEN 160

The Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on the basis of document 16542/1/09 REV 1 JAI 868 DROIPEN 160 and room document DS 744/09 and concluded that the discussion will continue on 27.11.09 .

On 27.11.09 the Committee continued the examination of the draft Council conclusions on the basis of document 16542/2/09 REV 2 JAI 868 DROIPEN 160 and reached agreement on the text as set out in this document, in view of the adoption of the draft Council conclusions as an "A" point during the session of JHA Council on 30 November/1st December 2009.

d) Proposal for a Council framework decision on the Transfer of Proceedings in criminal matters

16437/09 COPEN 231

The Committee examined the outstanding questions set out in the document 16437/09 and decided to transmit the file for Orientation Debate on the substance of the proposal to the Council on 30 November/1st December.

- e) **Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program ("SWIFT" Agreement)**

15671/2/09 REV 2 JAI 813 USA 99 RELEX 1043 DATAPROTECT 71

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The Committee further discussed the draft Agreement. The Presidency's announcement that the maximum duration of the Agreement could be conceivably limited to 9 months, was welcomed by several delegations.

The Committee agreed that the Presidency would reply to the letter sent by the President of the European Parliament to the Swedish Prime Minister with regard to this draft Agreement.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency confirmed that the AOB items requested by the Commission (Implementation of the Lisbon treaty, Follow-up of the June European Council conclusions on the Immigration in the Mediterranean and the situation of the Frontex operations budget) will be on the JHA Council agenda.

100. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 2 December 2009

A) Financial services

a) Financial stability arrangements

= **Council conclusions**

16434/09 EF 178 ECOFIN 829

The Committee agreed to forward the draft Council conclusions set out in the document in reference to Council for possible adoption at the 2 December ECOFIN meeting.

b) Regulations establishing a European Banking Authority, a European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and a European Securities and Markets Authority

= General approach

16069/1/09 REV 1 EF 169 ECOFIN 800 SURE 46 CODEC 1319

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16073/1/09 REV 1 EF 170 ECOFIN 801 SURE 47 CODEC 1320

+ ADD 1

16077/1/09 REV 1 EF 171 ECOFIN 802 SURE 48 CODEC 1321

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Whilst noting that some delegations were still not in a position to accept the compromise set out in the documents in reference, the Committee agreed to submit the Presidency compromise to the Council with a view to possible agreement on a general approach at the 2 December ECOFIN meeting.

B) Taxation

a) VAT treatment of postal services

= Political guidelines

16474/1/09 REV 1 FISC 171

Following an exchange of views, the Committee agreed to submit the issue to the Council. The Presidency informed the Committee that the issue would be submitted to the Council on the basis of a revised document.

b) VAT : Draft Directive on Reverse Charge on Emission Allowances and Certain Goods

= General approach

16143/1/09 REV 1 FISC 162

Following an exchange of views the Committee took note of the BE, FR and IT reservations on the Presidency compromise.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Presidency would reflect on possible amendments to the Presidency compromise to be submitted to the Council.

- c) **Savings Tax Directive**
 = **Political agreement**
 16473/1/09 REV 1 FISC 170
- d) **Recovery Directive**
 = **General approach**
 16466/1/09 REV 1 FISC 169 UD 254 AGRIFIN 108 SOC 730
- e) **Administrative Cooperation Directive**
 = **General approach**
 16304/09 FISC 166
- f) **Anti-fraud agreements with third countries**
 - i) **Draft anti-fraud agreement with Liechtenstein**
 = **General approach**
 14409/09 AELE 32 FL 22 FISC 128 GAF 9 JAI 677 UD 223
 - ii) **Negotiating mandate for anti-fraud agreements with other third countries**
 = **Adoption**
 16308/09 FISC 167 AND 5 CH 46 MC 5 SM 8 RESTREINT UE

The Committee examined the texts of the Savings Tax Directive, Recovery Directive, Administrative Cooperation Directive, Anti-Fraud agreement with Liechtenstein and mandate for anti-fraud agreements with other third countries and agreed to submit them to the Council, with a view to possible agreement at the 2 December ECOFIN meeting.

- 101/C) **Preparations for the European Council 10/11 December 2009**
 - a) **Contribution from the ECOFIN to the discussion on the post-2010 Lisbon agenda**
 = **Council conclusions**
 16196/09 ECOFIN 810 SOC 716 AG 55 COMPET 489 ENV 809

The Committee revised the draft Council conclusions on proposal of the French delegation and agreed to submit the revised version to Council for agreement.

- b) **Exit strategies**
 = **Council conclusions**
 16198/09 ECOFIN 811 UEM 308

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Council conclusions to Council for agreement.

D) 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.

102. Debriefing from the EU-Russia summit on 18 November 2009

The Committee took note of a debriefing by the Presidency and the Commission on the EU-Russia Summit held on 18 November 2009 in Stockholm.

103. EU-China Summit, Nanjing, 30 November 2009

- Further preparations

16452/09 ASIE 89 COASI 208 PESC 1596 ECOFIN 833 ENER 409
ENV 832 WTO 251 POLGEN 197

The Committee discussed the state of play of preparations of the EU-China Summit, particularly the negotiations regarding the Joint Statement. Presidency briefed on the agenda, priorities for discussion and the difficulties to be expected. Member states offered their suggestions for EU-positions to be formulated during discussions, or in the Joint Statement. Presidency promised to take delegations' comments on board.

104. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 7 December 2009

a) Enlargement

= **Council conclusions**

Les résultats des travaux du Comité sont repris dans la note portant la cote 17001/09.

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.

105. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 7/8 December 2009

- 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 étrangères.

106. Presentation and preparation of the extraordinary meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs and External Relations) with the topic Seventh WTO Ministerial Conference, Geneva, 30 November 2009

The Presidency recalled that the Committee in its meeting on 11 November authorised the meeting of the Council, as well as of the 133 Committee, in Geneva, to coordinate and establish positions for the WTO Ministerial Conference.

The Committee took note of the state of play in the preparations of the 7th WTO Ministerial Conference (30 November - 2 December 2009), and the preparations for the extraordinary GAERC in Geneva.

In the context of the preparations for the extraordinary session of the GAERC in Geneva, the Presidency suggested that, following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December, the "Article 133 Committee" should henceforth be called the "Trade Policy Committee". The Presidency noted the agreement of all delegations and the Commission, and concluded that the Committee would formalise its decision at its meeting on 3 December 2009.
