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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for: 2916th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS)

date: Tuesday 16 (10.00) and Wednesday 17 (10.00) December 2008

MEETING ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008 (10.00)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
16975/08 PTS A 66

HEALTH

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (LA)
 - Progress report
 - Policy debate
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
 - 11307/08 SAN 136 SOC 389 MI 234 CODEC 904 (x)
 - + REV 1 (sv) (x)
 - 16514/1/08 SAN 302 SOC 760 MI 505 CODEC 1736 REV 1
 - 16534/08 SAN 313 SOC 761 MI 508 CODEC 1816

4. Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European action in the field of rare diseases
 - Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
 - 15775/08 SAN 265 RECH 368 MI 449
 - 15776/1/08 SAN 266 RECH 369 MI 450 REV 1

5. Health security
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
 - 16515/08 SAN 303
 - + COR 1

6. Public health strategies to combat neurodegenerative diseases associated with ageing and in particular Alzheimer's disease
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
 - 16516/08 SAN 304 SOC 741 RECH 398
 - + REV 1 (hu)

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2008 (10.00)

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

7. Social impact of the crisis, employment situation and monitoring of implementation of the social agenda
 - Exchange of views
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
16780/08 SOC 763 ECOFIN 594
 - (a) EMCO opinion on the "European Economic Recovery Plan" and the impact of the financial crisis on EU labour markets
 - Approval of the opinion
16506/08 SOC 740 ECOFIN 584
 - (b) Joint SPC-EMCO opinion on the Renewed Social Agenda
 - Approval of the joint opinion
16495/08 SOC 738 ECOFIN 583 EDUC 279 SAN 301 MIGR 123 MI 501
 - (c) Implementation of the common principles of flexicurity within the framework of the 2008-2010 round of the Lisbon Strategy
 - Report by the Flexicurity mission
17047/08 SOC 776 ECOFIN 606
+ REV 1 (en)
 - (d) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A renewed commitment to social Europe: Reinforcing the Open Method of Coordination for Social Protection and Social Inclusion
 - Approval of the opinion of the Social Protection Committee
11560/08 SOC 414 ECOFIN 292
15308/08 SOC 674 ECOFIN 483

- (e) Application of Community rules to social services of general interest: Operational conclusions of the Social Protection Committee
 - Approval of the conclusions of the Social Protection Committee
16062/08 SOC 704 COMPET 511 MI 470 CONSOM 189

- (f) Commission initiatives
 - (i) Communication from the Commission to the European Council
 - A European Economic Recovery Plan

16097/08 ECOFIN 541 UEM 205 EF 116 COMPET 514 SOC 722
ENER 418 AG 39

 - (ii) New skills for new jobs: Anticipating and satisfying the labour market's skills requirements

 - (iii) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 on the European Social Fund, so as to extend the types of expenditure eligible for ESF assistance (LA)
16543/08 FSTR 34 SOC 744 REGIO 41 CADREFIN 19 CODEC 1696
 - Presentation by the Commission

- 8. Common Position adopted by the Council on 15 September 2008 with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (LA)
 - Information from the Presidency
10597/2/08 SOC 359 SAN 123 TRANS 201 MAR 83 CODEC 763 REV 2

- 9. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Works Council or a procedure in Community-scale undertakings and Community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees (Recast) (LA) (*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : Article 137 of the Treaty)
 - (poss.) Political agreement
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
 - 11555/08 SOC 413 CODEC 936 (x)
 - + REV 1 (nl) (x)
 - + REV 2 (en) (x)
 - 17084/08 SOC 777 CODEC 1794

10. Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the Agreement concluded by the European Community Shipowners' Association (ECSA) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and amending Directive 1999/63/EC (LA) (*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 139 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
 - 11588/08 SOC 415 TRANS 234 MAR 100 (x)
 - 16991/08 SOC 775 TRANS 465 MAR 245
 - + COR 1
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 1 COR 1
 - + ADD 2
11. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The impact of free movement of workers in the context of EU enlargement
- Report on the first phase (1 January 2007 – 31 December 2008) of the Transitional Arrangements set out in the 2005 Accession Treaty and as requested according to the Transitional Arrangement set out in the 2003 Accession Treaty
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - 16162/08 SOC 715 MI 481
12. Amended 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 (LA) (*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : Articles 42 and 308 of the Treaty)
- Adoption of the common position
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
 - 14414/08 SOC 612 CODEC 1349
 - 14516/08 SOC 620 CODEC 1362
 - + COR 1
 - + REV 2 (de)
 - + REV 3 (bg)
 - + ADD 1 REV 1
 - + ADD 1 REV 1 COR 1
 - 16554/08 SOC 746 CODEC 1694
 - + COR 1
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 1 COR 1

13. Amended proposals 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 the Annexes (LA) (*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission : Articles 42 and 308 of the Treaty)
- Adoption of the common position
(Public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
 - 14412/08 SOC 611 CODEC 1348
 - 14518/08 SOC 621 CODEC 1363
 - + ADD 1 REV
 - 16555/08 SOC 747 CODEC 1695
 - + COR 1
 - + ADD 1
14. Commission Recommendation on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market
- Adoption of the Council conclusions
 - 13987/08 SOC 576
 - + REV 1 (it,nl,da,el,es,pt,fi,sv,cs,et,lv,lt,hu,mt,pl,sk,sl,bg,ro)
 - 15984/08 SOC 701
 - + COR 1
 - + REV 1 (hu)
 - + REV 2 (lv)
15. Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation (LA)
- Progress report
 - 11531/08 SOC 411 JAI 368 MI 246 (x)
 - 16769/1/08 SOC 762 JAI 690 MI 519 REV 1
16. Review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing platform for action
- (a) Indicators concerning women and armed conflicts
 - Adoption of the Conclusions of the Council of the European Union and the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council
 - 17099/08 SOC 780 COHOM 162 JAI 705
 - + REV 1 (fr)
 - (b) Women and the Economy: Reconciliation of work and family life
 - Adoption of the Council conclusions
 - 17098/08 SOC 779

17. Other business

HEALTH

- (a) Council high-level working party on public health on the health strategy
 - Information from the Presidency
- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers (LA)
 - Presidency progress report
16519/08 DENLEG 153 CODEC 1690
- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) No XXX/XXXX [common procedure] (LA)
 - Presidency progress report
17100/08 DENLEG 159 CODEC 1797
- (d) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/82/EC and Directive 2001/83/EC as regards variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products (LA)
 - Oral Presidency briefing
- (e) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality and safety of organ donations and transplants (LA)
 - Information from the Commission
16521/08 SAN 306 CODEC 1691
16545/08 SAN 315
- (f) Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the safety of patients and the quality of health services including the prevention and control of nosocomial infections
 - Information from the Commission
- (g) Commission Green Paper on health professionals
 - Information from the Commission
- (h) Information on events organised during the French Presidency
 - (i) Third conference of the parties to the WHO Framework Convention on tobacco control
 - (ii) Euromed health
 - (iii) European health at the service of patients
 - (iv) Sport and Health

- (i) Commission's High Level Group on Health services and Medical care
 - Information from the Commission
14582/08 SAN 232

- (j) New proposals on pharmaceutical legislation:
 - (1) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use and proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on rules for informing the public on prescription medicines (LA)
 - (2) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, with regard to the rules for informing the public on prescription medicines, Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (LA)
 - (3) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use and proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament on pharmacovigilance (LA)
 - (4) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on pharmacovigilance, amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (LA)
 - (5) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing the introduction into the supply chain of illegal pharmaceutical products as a result of false identification, history or provenance, amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (LA)
 - (6) Commission communication on the safety, innovation and accessibility of pharmaceutical products: a new view of the pharmaceutical sector
 - Oral presentation by the Commission

- (k) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directives 92/79/EEC, 92/80/EEC and 95/59/EC on the structure and rates of excise duty applied on manufactured tobacco
 - Information from the Commission (LA)
12583/08 FISC 109
17004/08 FISC 184 SAN 333
- (l) Strengthening of cooperation between Member States in the field of e-health
 - Information from the Austrian delegation
16532/08 SAN 312 TELECOM 217
+ COR 1
- (m) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
 - Information from the Czech delegation

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

- (n) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/85/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breast-feeding (LA)
 - Presidency progress report
13983/08 SOC 575 SAN 217 CODEC 1285
+ COR 1
16599/08 SOC 752 SAN 317 CODEC 1701
+ COR 1
- (o) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 (LA)
 - Presidency progress report
13981/08 SOC 574 CODEC 1284
16822/08 SOC 767 CODEC 1740
- (p) Follow-up to the Forum on workers' rights and economic freedoms of 9 October 2008 organised by the Commission
 - Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- (q) "Eurosills" - Evaluation and future perspectives
 - Information from the Commission
17162/08 SOC 783 EDUC 283 COMPET 574

- (r) Commission communication to the Council on the economic and social impact of the Agreement annexed to Directive 2005/47/EC, concluded on 27 January 2004, between the social partners, on certain aspects of the working conditions of mobile workers engaged in interoperable cross-border services in the railway sector
 - Information from the Commission
17163/08 SOC 784 TRANS 474
- (s) International Labour Organization: 8th European Regional Meeting (Lisbon, 9-13 February 2009)
 - Information from the Portuguese delegation
- (t) Information on events organised during the French Presidency:
 - (i) 7th Round Table on poverty and social exclusion and meeting of ministers responsible for poverty reduction (Marseilles, 15 and 16 October 2008)
 - (ii) Forum on social services of general interest (Paris, 28 and 29 October 2008)
 - (iii) Euro-Mediterranean ministerial Conference of ministers for employment and labour (Marrakech, 9/10 November 2008)
 - (iv) Conference on new social issues in a changing Europe (Paris, 12 November 2008)
 - (v) Conference on gender equality at work and ministerial meeting on equality between men and women (Lille, 13 and 14 November 2008)
 - (vi) Conference on employing senior citizens (Le Puy-en-Velay, 25 November 2008)

(LA) Legislative act.

(*) Item on which a vote may be requested.

(x) Out of stock.