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

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The above mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes:

The following item is **added** :

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

- 83. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards information to the general public on medicinal products for human use subject to medical prescription and as regards pharmacovigilance and**

Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council Amending Directive 2001/83/EC, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription and as regards pharmacovigilance

- **Guidance for future works**

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The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

- 48. (évent.) Relations avec l'Iraq - Proposition de décision du Conseil relative à la signature, au nom de l'Union européenne, et à l'application provisoire de certaines dispositions de l'accord de partenariat et de coopération entre l'Union européenne et ses Etats membres, d'une part, et la République d'Iraq, d'autre part**

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- 82. Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 5 and 6 December 2011**

- 5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (*Legislative deliberation*)**

- **Policy debate**

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6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the Council implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection with regard to the applicable translation arrangements (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Policy debate**
9226/11 PI 32

7. **Draft Agreement on a Unified Patent Court and draft Statute (*Non-legislative activity*)**
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17145/11 PI 159 COUR 68

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

ES, FR, EL, LU, IT made a declaration on the following item :

72. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 78/660/EEC on the annual accounts of certain types of companies as regards micro-entities (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
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"L'Espagne, la France, la Grèce, le Luxembourg et l'Italie souscrivent à l'objectif de réduction des charges administratives non nécessaires afin de contribuer au développement des micro-entités.

Ces Etats membres se sont ralliés à la position commune relative au projet de directive portant sur l'élaboration d'un régime comptable simplifié pour les micro-entités lors du Conseil Compétitivité des 30 et 31 mai 2011. Même si certaines préoccupations demeurent, ils ne s'opposent pas au texte qui a fait l'objet d'un accord avec le Parlement européen afin de permettre l'adoption du projet de directive et réaffirment que cet accord ne constitue en aucun cas un précédent pour d'éventuelles futures législations et/ou régimes allégés en matière de micro-entités.

L'Espagne, la France, la Grèce, le Luxembourg et l'Italie examineront notamment les récentes propositions concernant la révision des 4^{ème} et 7^{ème} directives comptables ainsi que les initiatives à venir visant à mettre en place des exonérations ou des régimes simplifiés pour les micro-entités à la lumière des principes suivants :

- leur impact sur le fonctionnement du marché intérieur : l'harmonisation constitue en effet un facteur de simplification pour les entreprises et d'équité dans les échanges. Cet objectif ne doit pas être affecté et doit, au contraire, être poursuivi et approfondi. Toute désharmonisation sur le marché intérieur devra être évitée.
- le respect d'objectifs fondamentaux tels que notamment le respect de la santé humaine, la préservation de l'environnement et le respect des droits sociaux.
- le respect du principe de transparence, des principes du droit comptable européen et, de manière plus générale, des objectifs poursuivis par la réglementation dans le domaine financier. "

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6. **Suivi de la session du Conseil (Affaires économiques et financières/Budget) du 18 novembre 2011**

The Committee took note of the agreement on a joint text reached at the meeting of the Conciliation Committee on 18/19 November 2011. The joint text (doc. 17470/11 FIN 958 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 + ADD 4 + ADD 5) will be submitted for approval, as an "A" item, to the ECOFIN Council on 30 November 2011.

7. **Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires économiques et financières) du 30 novembre 2011**

a) **Incidences économiques et financières de la législation de l'UE**

- **Projet de conclusions du Conseil**

doc. 17169/11 ECOFIN 798 COMPET 532 POLGEN 197

Le Comité a discuté le projet de conclusions du Conseil sur les incidences économiques et financières de la législation de l'UE. Le Président du Comité a conclu que le projet de conclusions sera transmis au Conseil ECOFIN.

b) **Statistiques de l'UE**

- **Projet de conclusions du Conseil**

doc. 17117/11 ECOFIN 788 UEM 329 STATIS 90

Le Comité a décidé de soumettre le projet de conclusions sur les statistiques de l'UE au Conseil ECOFIN sur la base du document 17117/11.

c) **Code de conduite (Fiscalité des entreprises)**

- **Projet de conclusions du Conseil**

- **Rapport au Conseil**

doc. 17081/11 FISC 144

17090/11 FISC 147

Le Comité a décidé de soumettre le projet de conclusions et le rapport au Conseil ECOFIN.

d) Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

Le Comité a mis au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil visée en objet et a fait le point sur l'état de préparation des différents points y figurant. Suite à un bref échange de vues, le Président a conclu que le rapport sur l'état d'avancement des travaux (paquet législatif sur les exigences de fonds propres et la surveillance prudentielle "CRD4"; doc. 17166/11) serait maintenu dans la liste des points "A".

8. Proposition de Directive du Parlement européen et du Conseil modifiant la directive 97/9/CE du Parlement européen et du Conseil relative aux systèmes d'indemnisation des investisseurs

- Orientation générale

doc. 17165/11 EF 160 ECOFIN 796 CODEC 2102
17164/11 EF 159 ECOFIN 795 CODEC 2101
+ COR 1

Suite à un échange de vues, le Comité a marqué son accord sur l'orientation générale (doc. 17164/11 + COR 1).

9. Cadre financier pluriannuel (2014-2020)

- Débat d'orientation sur le système des ressources propres de l'Union européenne
doc. 16104/11 CADREFIN 112 POLGEN 167 RESPR 17 FIN 900

The Committee held an orientation debate on the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020. It discussed, in particular, the system of own resources of the European Union on the basis of a questionnaire elaborated by the Presidency.

10. Préparation du sommet UE - Etats-Unis

- Etat des lieux

doc. 17343/11 USA 79 COTRA 17 PESC 1507 RELEX 1227 POLGEN 206
ECOFIN 817 WTO 449 ENV 894

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretary-General Pierre Vimont concerning this Summit.

- The EU will be represented by President Van Rompuy and President Barroso together with High Representative Ashton.
- The US will be represented by President Obama, who will be accompanied by Secretary of State Clinton and Treasury Secretary Geithner.

- The EU-US Summit will take place on Monday 28 November, hosted by the United States. Two further meetings will be held back to back to the Summit: the Energy Council and the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC). The Energy Council will take place at the State Department, just before the EU-US Summit, with the participation of Secretary of State Clinton and Energy Secretary Chu on the US side and HR/VP Ashton, Commissioner Oettinger and Polish Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs Beata Stelmach on the EU side. The Transatlantic Economic Council will take place in Washington on Tuesday 29 November.
- The EEAS (SG Vimont) presented the draft agenda of the meeting and an overall view of the Joint Statement which is still under negotiation with the American side (cf. 17343/11). The main issues will be economic cooperation and the economic situation, the transatlantic agenda and the major global challenges, which include climate change and energy, development and foreign policy - Arab Spring, Afghanistan, Russia and Eastern Partnership. No major or dramatic changes are expected in the Joint Statement and a final version will be circulated to the Member States before the Summit.
- The Commission highlighted the creation of the High Level Working Group for Jobs and Growth, under the TEC, and with the mission to identify and assess options for strengthening the EU-US economic relationship, especially those that have the highest potential to support jobs and growth. The inclusion of aviation in the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) is still an irritant due to the pressure from US airlines and Congress, however the EU is open to investing for the long term in building a multilateral approach via international fora (i.e. ICAO). On the PNR agreement, the Commission will ensure that the language on adoption and ratification would be reciprocal and not directed only at the EU. The final Report on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime will circulate soon through the COTRA network.
- Several delegations intervened on specific points (economy, cyber security, Asia-Pacific and China, EU-NATO relations, Eastern Partnership, North Africa and Arab Spring, MEPP, fighting terrorism) and some drafting suggestions were made. Delegations broadly find the text very good and thanked the EEAS for the good work.

11. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires étrangères) des 30 novembre et 1er décembre 2011

- Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

The Commission took note of information provided by EEAS SG Vimont on preparations for the Council meeting. EEAS SG added that it is the intention of the HR to invite, for the lunch on 1 December, the SG of the League of Arab States El Arabi. Finally, he added that the HR would like to briefly address the issue on Camp Ashraf.

On the possible invitation of the Turkish FM, it was noted that this would be handled separately. Furthermore, ES underlined the need to discuss the issue of Morocco elections.

EEAS SG Vimont took note of the positions expressed by delegations.

12. Elargissement et processus de stabilisation et d'association

- Projet de conclusions du Conseil

doc. 17220/11 ELARG 134 COWEB 266

The Committee examined in detail draft Council conclusions submitted by the Presidency on Enlargement and by the EEAS on Western Balkans (doc. 17220/11). The outcome of this debate is enshrined in 17220/1/11 REV1 to be examined by the Committee at its next meeting scheduled for 29 November 2011.

13. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires générales) du 5 décembre 2011

- Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

Le Comité a mis au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales du 5 décembre 2011.

14. Projet de décision du Conseil créant un mécanisme de gestion du financement des coûts communs des opérations de l'Union européenne ayant des implications militaires ou dans le domaine de la défense (ATHENA)

doc. 17247/11 PESC 1497 RELEX 1218 FIN 908 COSDP 1101

Le Comité a décidé d'en discuter à nouveau lors de sa prochaine réunion.

- 49. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Justice et Affaires intérieures) des 13/14 décembre 2011**
- **Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil**

La Présidence a indiqué que l'ordre du jour pourrait être simplifié et a référé à la manière que la Présidence procèdera pour les points législatifs en ce qui concerne la Migration légale.

- 50. Projet de décision du Conseil relative au cadre régissant la pleine application des dispositions relevant de l'acquis de Schengen en République de Bulgarie et en Roumanie**
doc. 14302/2/11 REV 2 SCH-EVAL 150 SIRIS 92 COMIX 574

Le Comité a pris note des résultats des discussions du COMIX (doc. 18481/11).

- 51. Examen annuel de la croissance et Paquet "Gouvernance économique"**
- **Présentation par la Commission**

The Commission presented its Annual Growth Survey and the new package on economic governance, which included two draft Regulations to enhance budgetary surveillance and a Green Paper on Stability Bonds. The group had an exchange of views.

- 52. Présentation de l'ordre du jour de la session du Conseil (Affaires étrangères/Commerce) du 14 décembre 2011**

La Présidence a présenté l'ordre du jour de la session du Conseil (Affaires étrangères/Commerce) du 14 décembre 2011 et a indiqué que sous points "A", le Conseil sera appelé à adopter les décisions relatives à l'adhésion de la Russie et de Samoa à l'OMC, ainsi que les quatre décisions portant sur les accords bilatéraux à signer avec la Russie en relation à son adhésion à l'OMC.

La Présidence a aussi rappelé l'importance d'une présence ministérielle appropriée lors du Conseil à Genève, pour assurer le quorum, nécessaire à la prise de décisions.

La Commission a donné de brèves indications, notamment sur deux points:

- les quatre décisions portant sur les accords bilatéraux à signer avec la Russie en relation à son adhésion à l'OMC;
- les recommandations pour la négociation d'accords de libre-échange complets et approfondis avec l'Egypte, la Jordanie, le Maroc et la Tunisie.

La Commission a aussi noté que des discussions sur ces sujets sont prévues lors de la réunion de Comité de la Politique Commerciale du 25 novembre 2011.

53. Présentation de l'ordre du jour de la session du Conseil (Affaires générales) du 16 décembre 2011

Le Comité a marqué son accord sur l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil susvisée.

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73. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 12 and 13 December 2011

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting.

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers (Recast) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach

14830/11 MAR 121 ENV 718 CODEC 1548

17025/11 MAR 145 ENV 875 CODEC 2060

The Committee approved the text of the draft general approach and agreed to submit it to the TTE Council on 12 December 2011 for adoption.

74. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 15 and 16 December 2011

1. Setting of the provisional agenda (For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representative Committee)

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 15 and 16 December 2011 as set out in 18409/11.

2. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton 281-24-236x3006-210-23 (DAS-24236-5xDAS-21Ø23-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

- Adoption

15969/11 AGRILEG 117 SEMENCES 13

3. **Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize Bt11xMIR604xGA21 (SYN-BTØ11-1xSYN-IR6Ø4-5xMON-ØØØ21-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council**
 - **Adoption**
15970/11 AGRILEG 118 SEMENCES 14
4. **Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize Bt11xMIR604 (SYN-BTØ11-1xSYN-IR6Ø4-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council**
 - **Adoption**
15971/11 AGRILEG 119 SEMENCES 15
5. **Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MIR604xGA21 (SYN-IR6Ø4-5xMON-ØØØ21-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council**
 - **Adoption**
15972/11 AGRILEG 116 SEMENCES 16

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in documents 17411/1/11 REV1, 17412/1/11 REV1, 17413/1/11 REV1 and 17414/1/11 REV1.

75. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
17197/11 ENV 885 MI 587 AGRI 792 CHIMIE 86 CODEC 2107

The Committee approved the final text of the Regulation on biocides, in accordance with the outcome of the negotiations in second reading with the European Parliament finalized on 17 November 2011. It agreed to inform the European Parliament accordingly, based on the consolidated text annexed to document 17197/11.

76. **Proposal for a Regulation of the Council and the European Parliament establishing a multi-annual plan for the western stock of Atlantic horse mackerel and the fisheries exploiting that stock**
 - **Examination of the outstanding issues and guidance for future work**
9003/09 PECHE 103
17242/11 PECHE 347 CODEC 2116

The Committee endorsed by a large majority the approach proposed by the Presidency in its note (doc. 17242/11), and the proposal from the French delegation for an extra recital (DS 1772/11).

The UK and the NL delegations expressed some doubts on the proposed approach. The Commission, supported by DK, considered the Presidency proposed approach a good basis on which to work.

77. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 1 and 2 December 2011

1. 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 Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach

5063/11 SOC 7 CODEC 8
17043/11 SOC 1007 CODEC 2067
+ ADD 1

The outcome of the Committee's discussions is to be found in 17421/1/11 REV 1.

2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (XXth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- (poss.) General approach / Progress report

11951/11 SOC 598 CODEC 1075
17019/11 SOC 1001 CODEC 2059

The Committee took note of the request by the Italian delegation to insert, on page 4, first sentence of second paragraph, after "the principle of equal treatment", the words "and that supporting scientific evidence was missing" in order to complete the reasons which had led the delegations concerned to oppose the derogation for magnetic resonance imaging sector.

The Committee agreed to submit the progress Report without any amendment to the EPSCO Council (doc. 17019/11).

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **(poss.) Progress report / Political agreement**
12122/11 SOC 609 ECOFIN 463 FSTR 25 COMPET 343 CODEC 111
16706/3/11 SOC 979 ECOFIN 758 FSTR 72 COMPET 501 CODEC 1980 REV 3

The Committee agreed to submit the dossier on the basis of the report contained in 16706/4/11 REV 4 to the EPSCO Council and recommends the Council to further examine the existing proposals with a view to finding a possible agreement.

4. **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 breastfeeding (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Progress report**
13983/08 SOC 575 SAN 217 CODEC 1285
17029/11 SOC 1002 SAN 246 CODEC 2061

The Committee agreed to submit the progress Report (doc. 17029/11) to the EPSCO Council.

5. **Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Progress report**
11531/08 SOC 411 JAI 368 MI 246
16525/11 SOC 963 JAI 806 MI 553 FEMP 102

The Committee agreed to submit the Progress report (doc. 16525/11) to the EPSCO Council.

6. **Contribution to the European Council (9 December 2011): Implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the field of employment and social policy (Non-legislative activity)**
- **Policy debate**
17039/11 SOC 1004 ECOFIN 777
 - (a) **Annual Growth Survey 2012 and Joint Employment Report (Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
 - (b) **Follow-up of the first European Semester and thematic surveillance in employment and social policies**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
17040/11 SOC 1005 ECOFIN 778
17239/11 SOC 1018 ECOFIN 808

(c) **The Europe 2020 social dimension: delivering on the EU commitment to poverty reduction and inclusion (2011)**

- **Endorsement of the opinion of the Social Protection Committee**
17050/11 SOC 1008 CODEC 781

The Committee

- took note that the Commission will present the Annual Growth Survey to the Council;
- recommended to the Council to have a policy debate on the basis of the submitted documents and the Presidency background note 17039/11;
- recommended to the Council to adopt the draft conclusions set out in 17040/11;
- recommended to the Council to endorse the Opinion by the Social Protection Committee set out in 17050/11.

7. Ageing as an opportunity for the labour market and for the development of social services and community activities (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
16474/11 SOC 958
+ ADD 1

The Committee confirmed the agreement on the draft conclusions as set out in 16474/11 and agreed to submit them to the EPSCO Council for adoption. It also took note of the Statement of Cyprus to the Council minutes as set out in ADD 1 to document 16474/11.

8. Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action -Women and the Economy: Reconciliation of work and family life as a precondition for equal participation in the labour market (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
16835/11 SOC 988
+ ADD 1

The outcome of the Committee's work is set out in 17420/11.

9. Report from the Commission to the Council on the functioning of the transitional arrangements on the free movement of workers from Bulgaria and Romania (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Presentation by the Commission

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

16923/11 SOC 995 MI 566 ECOFIN 769 EDUC 272 ETS 20

+ ADD 1

The Committee agreed that the report (doc. 16923/11), will be presented by the Commission to the Council followed by an exchange of views.

10. Prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of chronic respiratory diseases in children (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

16709/11 SAN 239

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

11. Early detection and treatment of communication disorders in children, including the use of e-Health tools and innovative solutions (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

16620/11 SAN 234

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

12. Closing health gaps within the EU through concerted action to promote healthy lifestyle behaviours (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

16708/11 SAN 238

The Committee decided to transmit the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

13. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Health for Growth Programme 2014-2020 (*Legislative deliberation*)

= Exchange of views

16796/11 SAN 241 PHARM 4 MI 562 CADREFIN 128 CODEC 2002

17263/11 SAN 252 PHARM 5 MI 600 CADREFIN 150 CODEC 2144

The Committee took note of the proposal for a Regulation and of the background paper with questions prepared by the Presidency for the exchange of views.

78. Proposal for a Regulation of the Council and the European Parliament implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

The Committee was debriefed by the Presidency on the outcome of the latest informal trilogue on this dossier, held on 21 November 2011.

79. Draft Agreement on the creation of a Unified Patent Court

= Guidance for future works

17317/11 PI 165 COUR 70

17539/11 PI 168 COUR 71

On the basis of the Presidency proposals contained in 17317 and 17539/11 respectively, the Committee continued the examination of the key outstanding issues concerning the draft Agreement on the creation of a Unified Patent Court and draft Statute and agreed to revert to this issue at its next meeting.

80. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the marketing and use of explosives precursors (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

- Preparation for the next informal trilogue

17326/11 COMPET 547 CHIMIE 87 ENFOPOL 410 ENV 893 MI 601 ENT 261

UD 331 CODEC 2146

The Committee heard the Presidency briefing on the informal trilogue that was held on 21 November 2011 and was informed that the Presidency would ask for an amended mandate in the meeting of the Committee on 25 November 2011.

The Committee discussed changes to the mandate for the Presidency agreed on 4 November (doc. 16493/11). It was not possible to find a qualified majority supporting the proposed changes, and the Presidency undertook to inform the European Parliament accordingly in the forthcoming informal trilogue scheduled for 30 November 2011.

81. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) - (recast) (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue**
17158/11 ENV 882 MI 584 CODEC 2099
+ COR 1

The Committee agreed a number of modifications to the Presidency mandate in view of the third trilogue foreseen on 29 November 2011.

82. Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 5 and 6 December 2011

1. Framework Programme for research and Innovation - Horizon 2020

- **Presentation of the proposal by the Commission**
- **Exchange of views**

The Presidency informed the Committee that the Commission proposals would be subject to an exchange of views at the Council (COMPET) on 6 December 2011.

2. Launching of Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans", "The microbial challenge - An emerging threat to human health", "Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU)", "Urban Europe - Global Challenges, Local Solutions", "Water Challenges for a Changing world" (Non-legislative activity)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
14454/11 RECH 307 COMPET 405 ENV 694 TRANS 242 PECHE 242
16314/11 RECH 357 COMPET 482 ENV 838 AGRI 746 SAN 224
16037/11 RECH 346 COMPET 464 ENV 818 AGRI 734 ESPACE 61 ENER 338
TELECOM 155
16035/11 RECH 345 COMPET 462 REGIO 107 ENER 337 CULT 87 SOC 914
SAN 213
16313/11 RECH 356 COMPET 481 ENV 837 AGRI 745 REGIO 113
17060/11 RECH 373 COMPET 521 REGIO 129 ENER 373 CULT 104
SOC 1011 SAN 249 ENV 879 AGRI 790 ESPACE 73 TELECOM 178

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in 17424/11.

3. Partnering in Research and Innovation (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

14555/11 RECH 310 COMPET 409 IND 113 REGIO 76 ECOFIN 615 ENER 298
SAN 186 SOC 806 TELECOM 133
16736/11 RECH 369 COMPET 510

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in 17427/11.

4. (a) Preparation of the Eighth Space Council (*Non-legislative activity*)

17238/11 ESPACE 75 COMPET 535 IND 149 TRANS 323 COSDP 1100
CSC 79 PESC 1496 CIVCOM 539 CSDP/PSDC 687 RECH 381

The Committee approved the procedure for the preparation of the Eighth Space Council as set out in 17238/1/11 REV 1.

(b) Draft Space Council Orientations on "Value and Benefits of Space for the Security of European Citizens" (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of European Union position

17074/11 ESPACE 74 COMPET 526 IND 145 TRANS 319 COSDP 1082
CSC 77 PESC 1472 CIVCOM 532 CSDP/PSDC 678 RECH 374

The Committee agreed to a written procedure that resulted in the text set out in 17074/4/11 REV 4.

8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 89/666/EEC, 2005/56/EC and 2009/101/EC as regards the interconnection of central, commercial and companies registers (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- General approach

7145/11 DRS 23 EJUSTICE 13 CODEC 329
16963/11 DRS 119 EJUSTICE 86 CODEC 2035

The Committee discussed the main outstanding issues as reflected in 16963/11 and took note of the Presidency's intention to submit a Presidency compromise text to the Competitiveness Council on 5-6 December 2011 with a view to reaching an agreement on a general approach.

9. Business Competitiveness and SME Programme
- Presentation by the Commission

The Committee approved the Presidency's approach concerning the presentation of the Business Competitiveness and SME Programme proposal by the Commission at the Competitiveness Council on 5-6 December 2011.

10. Impact Assessment in the Council (*Non-legislative activity*)
- Adoption of Council conclusions
17079/11 COMPET 527 MI 579 POLGEN 196

The Committee discussed the draft Council Conclusions on the basis of document 17079/11 and agreed to submit them for adoption by the Council of 5-6 December after a number of drafting changes to paragraphs 11 and 13.

11. Results of the Single Market Forum (*Non-legislative activity*)
- Exchange of views
- Adoption of Council conclusions
16970/11 COMPET 511 MI 568

The Committee has solved the one outstanding issue and forwarded the Council conclusions in the Annex of document 16970/11 (as amended by the Committee) to the Council (Competitiveness) on 5-6 December 2011 for adoption.

12. Customs cooperation with Eastern neighbouring countries (*Non-legislative activity*)
- Adoption of Council conclusions
16881/11 UD 317

The Committee agreed on the text of the Council conclusions on customs cooperation with neighbouring Eastern countries, as set out in 16881/11, in view of their adoption by the Competitiveness Council on 5-6 December 2011.

13. Industrial Policy Flagship Initiative - Reinforcing Implementation of Industrial Policy across the EU (*Non-legislative activity*)
- Adoption of the Council conclusions
17042/11 COMPET 519 IND 144 MI 578 REGIO 127

The Committee reached agreement on the text set out in 17851/11.

83. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards information to the general public on medicinal products for human use subject to medical prescription and as regards pharmacovigilance and

Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council Amending Directive 2001/83/EC, as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription and as regards pharmacovigilance

- Guidance for future works

17444/11 MI 604 PHARM 6 SAN 255 ECO 140 ENT 262 CODEC 2170

The Committee was informed by the Commission representative that the procedure had been launched for splitting each of the two proposals into two, one on pharmacovigilance, one on information to the general public concerning medicinal products subject to medical prescription and that the Commissioner would come back to this subject in the Council (EPSCO) on 2 December 2011.

- Any other business

• Sectoral proposals on Education, Training, Youth, Sport and Media

- Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission regarding the proposals for new programmes (2014-2020) on Education, Training, Youth and Sport and on Media and Culture.

• Coordination UE en relation avec la réunion ministérielle du HCR des 7/8 décembre 2011 à Genève

Le Représentant de la Commission a demandé une coordination plus étroite afin d'établir une liste consolidée des desiderata par l'Union et ses EM.

La Présidence a rappelé qu'elle a invité les délégations à communiquer leurs souhaits en vue d'assurer cette coordination. Plusieurs délégations sont en faveur de cette approche.
