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held in Brussels on 8 and 11 January 2013**

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

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The above-mentioned agendas are approved.

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

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4. Debriefing on the EU-Russia summit

The Committee heard a debrief by the European External Action Service and the Commission on the outcome of the EU-Russia Summit. The Committee took note of questions of clarification put forward by some Member States and the responses provided by the EEAS and Commission representatives.

5. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 31 January 2013

The Committee was informed by EEAS ESG Pierre Vimont on the state of play of the preparations of the FAC on 31 January 2013.

The FAC will start at 9h30 and finish after lunch at around 16h00. The High Representative has invited the Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud to attend the ministerial lunch.

Provisional agenda:

1. US: focus on the Foreign Policy priorities, in particular as regards MEPP, on the basis of an updated EEAS paper;
2. MEPP: to take stock of the current situation, following the UNGA vote, developments in the Gaza strip and elections in Israel;
3. Southern Neighbourhood: discussion on SYRIA (latest developments) and on EGYPT (following the referendum and the launch of a political dialogue by President Morsi);
4. Iran: update on the latest developments in the 3+3 talks;
5. The Arctic: the HR will seek support for the Joint HR/CION Communication and for the EU application for the observer status in the Arctic Council. Council conclusions will be prepared to this effect to allow for additional lobbying ahead of the decision on the status scheduled to be taken in May 2013;
6. Somalia/Horn of Africa: strategic discussion on the whole region, followed by the adoption of Council conclusions;

7. (poss.) Russia: follow up to the EU-Russia Summit on 21 December 2012;
8. (poss.) Short follow-up to summits EU-CELAC and EU-Brazil.

Foreseeable A points:

- HR Freedom of Religion Guidelines
- Conclusions on Transition Societies

Under AOB, three delegations would report on their recent visit to South Caucasus and provide forward looking reflections on the way ahead.

One delegation requested to include Eastern Partnership to the provisional agenda of the February FAC.

6. Presidency Priorities

- **Presentation by the Presidency**

The Presidency presented its priorities to the Committee. The IE Presidency programme will be officially launched on 9 January 2013. Priority files will be, inter alia, the MFF, the Banking Union, the European Semester, the EMU related files (such as SSM, CRD IV).

7. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 22 January 2013

- **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

8. Relations with the European Parliament (January 2013)

17927/12 PE 603 INST 740 POLGEN 214 CODEC 3089

The Committee held a discussion on relations with the European Parliament on the basis of the document 17927/12.

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12. Working programme of the Irish Presidency **- Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the Committee on its priorities. The IE Presidency programme will be officially launched on 9 January 2013. Some of its priority files are the MFF, the European Semester, the Single Market files (SMA I and II) and youth employment.

13. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (First reading) (Legislative deliberation) **- Guidance for future work** 18899/11 ETS 22 MI 679 COMPET 629 EDUC 297 CODEC 2507 17816/12 ETS 30 MI 833 COMPET 780 EDUC 381 CODEC 3058

The Committee noted the Presidency's intentions for the examination of the file above and agreed guidance for the Working Party on Establishment and Services.

14. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 28 January 2013 **(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 28 January 2013 as set out in 5574/13.

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- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
15059/1/12 AGRILEG 146 VETER 67 CODEC 2402 REV 1
+ ADD 1 REV 2

The Presidency compromise texts set out in 15059/12 ADD1 REV 2 received the support of a qualified majority of delegations. This will allow the Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament with a view to examining possibilities for a first reading agreement. The Chair announced that the additional written comments presented by some delegations would be circulated officially for further consideration at technical level during negotiations with EP.

16. **Impact assessment within the Council**
- **Working methods**
5007/13 POLGEN 1 ECOFIN 1 COMPET 1

The Committee mandated the Mertens group to examine the report submitted to the Competitiveness Council in December on the implementation of Impact assessment within the Council and, after consultation of other relevant Working Groups, provide its report to the Committee.

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