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held in Brussels on 16 and 17 January 2008**

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

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The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

**9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (First reading)**

- **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**  
5226/08 UD 5 AGRI 8 ENFOCUSTOM 10 CODEC 25

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

**26. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 (First reading)**

- **Adoption of the legislative act**  
PE-CONS 3639/07 STATIS 95 CODEC 852  
+ REV 1 (fr) + REV 2 (mt) + REV 3 (pt)  
16849/07 CODEC 1505 STATIS 173

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

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### 14. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 21 January 2008

- **Proposal for a Council Decision on the termination of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution under the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania**  
(This item will be discussed in restricted session, Permanent Representatives only )  
16570/07 PECHE 382  
16658/07 PECHE 388  
5138/08 PECHE 4

The Commission representative updates the Committee on the state of play in its contacts with Mauritania.

Most delegations explicitly support the Commission in its endeavours.

The item is maintained on the agenda of the Council as "Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania" with a view to enabling Commissioner Borg to report to the Council on the latest developments. The Commission will report further to the Committee next week.

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#### 28. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 22 January 2008

##### (a) Preparation of the European Council (13-14 March 2008)

###### - Single Market Review

###### = Draft Council conclusions

5184/08 ECOFIN 10 MI 8 SOC 26 CONSOM 7 COMPET 16 FISC 4

The Committee discussed and accepted two amendments - one proposed by Luxembourg, the other by Poland. The Committee agreed to the text of the draft Council conclusions set out in 5184/08 REV 1. The Irish delegation suggested that the text on taxation, agreed for the draft conclusions on the Single Market Review, also be included in the ECOFIN Key Issues Paper. The French delegation noted that the Commission work on the common corporate tax base was ongoing, even if this fact was not mentioned in the draft conclusions.

##### (b) Financial services

###### - SEPA

###### = Draft Council conclusions

5195/08 EF 2 ECOFIN 11

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Council conclusions set out in 5195/08 EF 2 ECOFIN 11 to Council with a view to their adoption at the ECOFIN meeting of 22 January.

##### (c) 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.

In reply to the request from some delegations on the format of the breakfast before the Council, the Presidency reconfirmed that each delegation should comprise Minister + 1. The Presidency will reflect on the positions expressed for the future.



**29. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 28/29 January 2008**

**A. General Affairs**

**- 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.

**B. External Relations**

**- 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 Relations extérieures.

**30. General adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny (Comitology)**

5222/08 JUR 9 INST 5 CODEC 24 AGRI 7 AGRIFIN 3 AGRILEG 4  
AGRIORG 2 ASIM 4 AVIATION 8 CODIF 2 CONSOM 4  
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ECOFIN 14 EDUC 10 EEE 2 ENER 9 ENT 5 ENV 16 ETS 1  
IND 6 INF 2 JUSTCIV 6 MAP 3 MAR 6 MI 11 ONU 1  
PECHE 13 RECH 11 RELEX 11 SAN 4 SOC 18 STATIS 6  
TELECOM 5 TRANS 8 TOUR 1 UD 4 UEM 17 WTO 4

The Committee agreed to the working method proposed by the Presidency and established a Friends of the Presidency Group to examine the different questions related to the treatment of the general adaptation proposals.

The DE, FR, IT and UK delegations wondered whether it was worth embarking on a large-scale adaptation exercise at this point, considering that a similar exercise will be due anyway upon the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

**31. Draft EU position on the United Nations Convention against Corruption**  
- **Technical assistance**  
= **Preparation of the 2nd Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption on 28 January - 1 February 2008**

The position of the Council of the EU and of the representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council on the United Nations Convention against corruption - Technical assistance - as contained in the revised version of the working document of 16 January 2008 proposed by the Presidency was approved to be forwarded to the Council.

- **Any other business**  
= **Modified proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on credit agreements for consumers amending Council Directive 93/13/EC (European Parliament second reading)**  
- **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the Committee that the European Parliament at its morning session on 16 January adopted its second reading opinion that reflected the position of the Council as agreed by the Committee on 9 January 2008, with modification included in possible compromise package agreed on 11 January. The Presidency informed that the second reading amendments of the European Parliament would be submitted to the Council for approval at the later stage.

= **Letter to the President of the EP**

The Committee approved the letter (5476/08) to be sent by the Presidency to the European Parliament on the way in which the European Parliament will be informed of the preparatory work regarding the External Action Service.

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