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

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5294/1/13 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 2

The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

8. Preparation of the ICAO Air Transport Conference (Montreal, 18 - 22 March 2013)

- **European Union coordination of a common position**
5300/13 AVIATION 3 RELEX 29

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

42. Draft Council conclusions on Mali

5369/13 COAFR 11 ACP 6 PESC 45 DEVGEN 11 COTER 4 COMAG 4
COHAFA 3 RELEX 36

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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6. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services (IPBES): European Union Membership

- **Establishment of the European Union position**
18037/12 ENV 965 ONU 160
5029/13 ENV 4 ONU 1

The Committee established the EU position regarding the terms of membership of Regional Economic Integration Organisations to IPBES as per paragraph 7 of the note to the Committee (doc. 5029/13).

In the light of negotiations during the first session of the IPBES Plenary (Bonn, 21-26 January 2013), EU coordination on the spot, chaired by the Presidency, will determine the course of action required, bearing in mind the twin objectives for the EU and its Member States, i.e. to achieve full EU membership to IPBES and the full operationalisation of IPBES.

7. Preparation of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 28 January 2013

1. Common Fisheries Policy Reform Package

- (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
12514/11 PECHE 187 CODEC 1166
- (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
12516/11 PECHE 188 CODEC 1167
- (c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
17870/11 PECHE 368 CADREFIN 162 CODEC 2255
- **Exchange of views**
5172/13 PECHE 3 CODEC 36 CADREFIN 3
5230/13 PECHE 8 CODEC 50 CADREFIN 8

The Committee prepared the item and forwarded it to Council for an exchange of views.

2. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain technical and control measures in the Skagerrak and amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 and Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Orientation debate**
13264/12 PECHE 315 CODEC 2029
5075/13 PECHE 1 CODEC 14

The Committee prepared the item and forwarded it to the Council.

3. **EU/Norway bilateral discussions (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **State of play**

The Committee prepared the item and forwarded it to the Council.

- **Any other business**

Share of mackerel stock (EU/Norway bilateral discussions) (at the request of Spain)

The Committee took note of the Spanish delegation's concerns which are supported by other delegations.

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11. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 17 January 2013

a) Mali

The Committee approved the draft Council conclusions without discussion and submitted them to Council for adoption.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

No items were raised under this heading.

38. VI EU-Brazil Summit (Brasília (tbc), 24 January 2013) 5236/1/13 REV 1 AMLAT 2 PESC 29

The Committee was debriefed by the EEAS and the Commission on the state of preparations or the Summit with this Strategic Partner and on the objectives of the EU. The EEAS referred to the late start of these preparations, due to the late transmission of texts by Brazil. The EEAS focussed in particular on the role of Brazil in the G20 and the discussions on the international financial architecture, Syria and the MEPP and the need to renew the Political Dialogue with Brazil while the Commission highlighted trade (and trade irritants), Mercosur negotiations (outstanding exchange of offers), climate change and the Civil Aviation Agreement with Brazil (still pending signature).

No delegation intervened. The Chair welcomed the broad consensus on EU objectives which would have to be reflected in the Joint Statement.

39. I Summit CELAC-EU / VII Summit LAC-EU (Santiago, 26-27 January 2013) 5228/1/13 REV 1 AMLAT 1 PESC 28

The Committee held an exchange of views on the state of preparations for this Summit, both on substance and on procedure.

The Council Legal Service clarified the internal procedure for reaching an EU position and endorsing the texts of the Declaration and the Action Plan.

The Committee agreed that the draft Declaration did not require Council endorsement, and it also discussed the competence question in connection with the Action Plan.

As set out in the "A" note to Council (doc. 5484/13), the Committee approved the state of preparations for this Summit and noted, regarding the draft Action Plan, the following:

- Key areas 7 and 8 are CELAC proposals which are reproduced in the text for information purposes only, since these additions cannot be agreed at this juncture. It is noted that also the Member States endorse the other areas within their sphere of competence;
- There will be coordination on the spot which is governed by the principle of sincere cooperation.

The Council was therefore invited to endorse the state of preparations of the "Action Plan" as the basis for final negotiations.

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

a) Annual Growth Survey

- **Exchange of views**
5157/13 ECOFIN 9 SOC 9 COMPET 8 EDUC 5 ENV 15 RECH 2
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The Presidency informed the Committee of its intention to use the discussion at the January ECOFIN on the Annual Growth Survey to inform the Council of its draft conclusions on the subject. These Council conclusions are to be finalised at the February ECOFIN Council.

b) Follow-up to the European Council meeting on 13/14 December 2012

- **Exchange of views**

The Presidency informed that the focus of the discussion on this topic would be on the Roadmap for the completion of the Economic and Monetary Union and the role of ECOFIN Council.

- c) **Communication: An Action Plan to strengthen the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion**
- **Presentation by the Commission**
17637/12 FISC 196 ECOFIN 1062

The Council will hear a presentation by the Commission concerning the Communication "an Action Plan to strengthen the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion".

- d) **Financial Transaction Tax (FTT)**
- **Draft Council Decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax**
5197/13 FISC 7 ECOFIN 11 OC 14
16977/12 FISC 183 ECOFIN 1000 OC 699

The Chair of the Committee requested Member States to indicate their positions with a view to reaching a qualified majority for adoption of the decision at the level of the Council. On the basis of comments received, the Presidency decided to submit the draft Decision to the Council (ECOFIN) with the aim of a formal adoption.

- e) **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.

41. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 4 February 2013

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for the forthcoming General Affairs Council on 4 February 2013. Main items on the agenda are the presentation of the Presidency's work programme and the preparation of the European Councils of February and March.

- **Any other business**

The Presidency updated the Committee on the state of play of political negotiations on the legislative files that deal with economic governance, single banking supervision mechanism and CRD IV.