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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The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

10. Draft Council minutes

- **2872nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs), held in Luxembourg on 3 June 2008**
10258/08 PV CONS 35 ECOFIN 218
+ ADD 1 + COR 1 + COR 2 (lv)

The following item on the agenda of CRP2 under part II, is **transferred** under part I :

28. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 26/27 January 2009

B. External Relations

a) Zimbabwe

- **Draft Council conclusions**
5527/09 PESC 89 COAFR 22 ACP 18

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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8. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles (First reading)**
- **Information from the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee that the trialogue had been deferred to 28 January 2008.

9. **Road transport (European Parliament second reading)**
- (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international road haulage market (recast)**
 - (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator**
 - (c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services (recast)**
- **Preparation for the first informal trialogue**
5316/09 TRANS 17 CODEC 32 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3

The Committee gave the Presidency a mandate based on the text of the third column of the respective documents with a view to the informal trialogue with the European Parliament on 26 January 2009.

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25. Debriefing from the Informal Meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers, Prague 15-16 January 2009

The Presidency informed the Committee on the outcome of the Informal JHA meeting.

Several delegations referred to the discussions on the request by 10 Member States to the Commission to present a proposal in the framework of reinforced cooperation on Rome III.

The Commission informed the Committee that the College will decide on the request before its term of office ends. The Presidency informed the Committee that the issue of migration in the Mediterranean raised in Prague by 4 Member States will be discussed at the next session of the JHA Council in February.

26. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 20 January 2009

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council 20 January 2009.

27. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 10 February 2009

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

28. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 26/27 January 2009

A. General Affairs

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

b) Middle East Peace Process **- Draft Council conclusions**

The Committee took note of the state of preparation of the draft Council Conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process and agreed to forward the draft text as set out in document 5611/1/09 REV1 to Council for adoption. The Presidency informed delegations on the dinner held with the Israeli Foreign Minister (21 January) and on the dinner held with the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Turkey and Norway (25 January).

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

- 29. Expiry of the terms of office of thirteen judges (EL, FI, BE, SI, IE, ES, PL, HU, SK, EE, DK, RO, LU) and four advocates-general (UK, ES, DE, PT) of the Court of Justice of the European Communities**
- Information Point

La Présidence a invité les États membres qui n'ont pas encore envoyé leur candidature de le faire au plus vite possible vu que le délai pour les candidatures était le 15 janvier 2009.

- Any other business**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) n° 549/2004, (EC) n° 550/2004, (EC) n° 551/2004 and (EC) n° 552/2004 in order to improve the performance and sustainability of the European aviation system**
 - **Information from the Presidency**
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The Committee was informed on the state of play of the informal contacts between the Presidency and the European Parliament.

- **Internal Energy Market Package**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Chairperson informed the Committee about the provisional time table for the trialogues envisaged on the Internal Energy Market and the blocks of topics to be addressed at these trialogues. The first trialogue, limited to procedural issues and general presentation of positions, will take place on 27 January and will be reported upon at the Committee on 30 January.
