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Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the People's Republic of China, on the other hand, to take into account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania; the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union

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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 **added** :

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32. Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chad on the status of the European Union-led forces in the Republic of Chad - Adoption

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34. Council Decision on the launching of the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic (likely to become "I" item)

- Adoption

5328/08 COSDP 26 COAFR 7 CONUN 3 PESC 41 CHAD 1

15880/07 COSDP 996 PESC 1434 COAFR 361 CONUN 75 CHAD 16

35. a) Approval of the draft OPLAN for EUFOR Chad/CAR

b) Approval of the draft ROEAUTH for EUFOR Chad/CAR

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

16. 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) + REV 4 (de)

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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17. Follow up of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 22 January 2008

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council of 22 January 2008.

18. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 February 2008

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

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

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

a) Middle East

- **Draft Council conclusions on Middle East Peace Process**
5607/08 COMEP 6 PESC 92
- **Draft Council conclusions on Lebanon**
5610/08 COMAG 4 COMEP 7 PESC 93

Le Comité a approuvé les projets de Conclusions du Conseil sur le Processus de Paix au Moyen-Orient (doc. 5607/08 COMEP 5 PESC 92) et sur le Liban (doc. 5610/08 COMAG 4 COMEP 7 PESC 93).

Conformément à l'accord préalable du Comité, le Comité Politique et de Sécurité s'est ensuite réuni le 28 janvier 2008 et, à la lumière des derniers événements, a mis à jour les Conclusions sur le Processus de Paix au Moyen-Orient (doc. 5607/1/08 REV 1 COMEP 5 PESC 92) ainsi que celles sur le Liban (doc. 5610/1/08 REV 1 COMAG 4 COMEP 7 PESC 93).

- b) **Africa**
 - **Sudan/Chad/CAR**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
5568/08 COSDP 59 COAFR 23 CHAD 10 PESC 85

The work of the Committee is contained in 5568/08.

- **Kenya**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
5570/08 COAFR 24 PESC 86 COPOL 2

The work of the Committee is contained in 5570/08.

- c) **Western Balkans**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
5511/08 COWEB 26 COSDP 49 PESC 68

The Committee discussed draft Council conclusions on the Western Balkans and agreed to send a revised text, as contained in document 5511/2/08 REV 2 COWEB 26 COSDP 49 PESC 68, and on which one delegation still had a scrutiny reserve on the first paragraph of the text on Serbia, to the Council with view to adoption.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

34. Council Decision on the launching of the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic

- **Adoption**
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- 35. a) **Approval of the draft OPLAN for EUFOR Chad/CAR**
b) **Approval of the draft ROEAUTH for EUFOR Chad/CAR**

The Committee agreed without discussion to recommend that the Council approve the OPLAN and the ROEAUTH and adopt the Decision to launch operation.

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29. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Education, Youth and Culture) on 14 February 2008**

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Education, Youth and Culture) as set out in document 5994/08.

30. **Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania** **- Information from the Commission**

The Commission representative informs the Committee that during the visit of the Commission services to Mauritania that same week satisfactory progress had been made on a Memorandum of Understanding on the review of the protocol to the agreement, and that, on 29 January 2008, the Mauritanian Minister responsible for fisheries will be in Brussels for a meeting with Commissioner Borg in order to discuss further the guiding principles for the envisaged review of the protocol to the fisheries agreement. The Commission representative expresses guarded optimism that the Memorandum of Understanding will be signed during that meeting.

He recalls that the principal reason for the review is the need to reduce the fishing opportunities to the levels actually utilised and that such reductions will be combined with the introduction of a flexibility clause allowing for more fishing opportunities should the need arise. The financial contribution will also be gradually, but significantly, reduced. This reduction will be offset to some extent by more support for development of the Mauritanian fisheries sector from the EDF. In order to obtain more stability, a 4 year protocol is also envisaged. The Commission wishes to complete the review process by the end of February, but underlines the complexity of this dossier. The preparations of the review will take place in the Working Party and, if necessary, the Commission will organise technical meetings. The Presidency confirms that preparations will begin shortly in the Working Party.

31. Climate-energy package
- Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee on their intentions concerning the handling of the Climate-energy package.
