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held in Brussels on 20 and 21 January 2011**

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 - Agreed practical arrangements for INC-2 (Chiba, Japan, 24-28 January 2011)
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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"

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The above mentioned agendas are approved.

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. European Neighbourhood Policy

The Committee discussed preparations for the ENP Ministerial Conference envisaged for 1st February 2011 in Brussels on the basis of a joint non-paper presented by the EEAS and the Commission.

15. Preparation for the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 31 January 2011

- Other items relating to 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 étrangères.

16. Preparation for the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 31 January 2011

a) European Council meeting on 4 February 2011

- Draft conclusions 5333/11 CO EUR-PREP 2

The Committee examined the draft of the European Council conclusions. On the basis of this discussion, a revised version of the conclusions will be issued for the Council.

b) Other items relating to 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.

17. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 18 January 2011

The Committee took note of the proceedings of this Council meeting.

18. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 15 February 2011

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

19. Information on the Informal Meeting of Ministers/State Secretaries for European Affairs, Budapest-Gödöllő 14 January 2011

The Presidency, due to lack of time, will provide written information on that meeting.

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25. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) N° 1331/2008 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 (Third reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

La Présidence informe le Comité des résultats du trilogue du 18.1.2011.

26. EU Energy Director Generals

- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the meeting on 17.1.2011**

The Commission and the Presidency informed the Committee on the discussions at the meeting of EU Energy Director Generals with a view to the preparation of the European Council.

27. Ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-9)

- **Practical arrangements**
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Delegations discussed practical arrangements for UNFF-9 on the basis of a Presidency draft document. At the end of the discussion, the BE delegation entered a scrutiny reservation. The Presidency launched a silence procedure until 18:00. By that time, BE indicated that it could not support the practical arrangements. Therefore, the Committee did not reach agreement on the practical arrangements for UNFF-9.
