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### **SUMMARY RECORD**

# PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE 12 and 14 January 2022

# I. Adoption of the agenda

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The Committee adopted the agenda.

# II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

# III. <u>Discussion items</u>

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# **Other**

2. Work programme of the French Presidency *Information from the Presidency* 

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Presidency.

# **Agriculture and Fisheries**

3. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 January 2022: preparation

Work programme of the Presidency *Information from the Presidency* 

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and decided to take the AOB regarding the EU legislation on the commercial keeping and sale of dogs in public.

# **Competitiveness**

4. Regulation on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector (Digital Markets Act)

Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 11 January 2022.

# **Energy**

5. Appointment of two members and three alternate members of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Examination and selection of candidatures

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The Committee selected the candidates whom it wishes to recommend to the Council to nominate to ACER's Administrative Council.

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# **COREPER (PART 2)**

# **WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022**

# **Justice and Home Affairs**

17. Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction *Approval* 

The Committee agreed on removing Australia, Argentina and Canada from Annex I and to submit to the Council for adoption.

# **Foreign Affairs**

- 18. Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 24 January 2022: Preparation
  - a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to revert on it at its next meeting.

b) Libya Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

c) Syria *Exchange of views* 

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to the presence of the UN Special Envoy for Syria.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the EEAS.

19. Varosha - Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 13 December 2021 Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert on this issue at one of its next meetings.

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20. EU-AU Summit (Brussels, 17-18 February 2022) *State of play* 

The Committee was informed about the state of play of preparations of the Summit and took note of the revised version of the joint declaration. The Committee will revert to the preparation of the Summit at its meeting on 26 January 2022.

# **General Affairs**

21. Cyber Exercise (EU CyCLES)

Information from the Presidency

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The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency regarding the launch of the exercise at its meeting on Friday.

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

22. Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 18 January 2022: Preparation

a) Directive on ensuring a global minimum level of taxation for multinational groups in the Union *Policy debate* 

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The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

b) Priorities of the French Presidency Presentation by the Presidency Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Economic recovery
  - i) State of play regarding the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

    Exchange of views
  - ii) (poss.) Council Implementing Decisions *Adoption*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to remove the second sub-item from the agenda as no Council implementing decision would need to be adopted.

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# d) European Semester 2022

i)	Conclusions on the 2022 Alert Mechanism Report Approval	5078/22
ii)	Conclusions on the 2022 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey <i>Approval</i>	5079/22
iii)	2022 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area <i>Approval</i>	5080/22 5081/22

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

e) Preparations for the meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors in February 2022: G20 EU terms of reference *Guidance for further work* 

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and approved the attendance of the EIB President at the Council session and the informal breakfast session, as well as the attendance of the ESM Chair at the informal breakfast session.

# **Justice and Home Affairs**

24. External dimension of migration *Exchange of views* 

Le Comité a eu un échange de vues.

La Présidence a indiqué, en cohérence avec les conclusions du Conseil européen du 16 décembre 2021 invitant le Conseil à mettre en place une politique plus unifiée en matière de retours, que les questions de retour et de réadmission seraient partie intégrante des travaux du MOCADEM.

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# FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2022

# **General Affairs**

- 25. Council meeting (General Affairs) on 25 January 2022: Preparation
  - Legislative package 'Reinforcing democracy and integrity 5172/22 a) of elections' Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Priorities of the French Presidency b) Presentation by the Presidency Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

c) Conference on the Future of Europe Information from the Presidency Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

d) COVID-19: coordination at EU level State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

# **Foreign Affairs**

26. Regulation on the public procurement reciprocity instrument Preparation for the trilogue

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The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue.

23. Regulation on measures against transport operators that facilitate or engage in trafficking in persons or smuggling of migrants in relation to illegal entry into the territory of the European Union Guidance for further work

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The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and held an exchange of views.

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# **General Affairs**

21. Launch of the Cyber Exercise (EU CyCLES) *Information from the Presidency* 

The Committee launched the exercise and agreed to revert on this issue at one of its next meetings.

44. Follow-up to the European Council – Energy prices *Information from the Presidency* 

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

# IV. Any other business COREPER (PART 1) None. COREPER (PART 2) None.

# "I" items approved

# **COREPER (PART 1)**

# **Institutional affairs**

# Written questions

6.	by N	ties to questions for written answer submitted to the Council Members of the European Parliament option by silence procedure	5096/22 PE QE
	a)	Cornelia Ernst (The Left) 'Processing of intelligence service and military battlefield information'	14549/21
	b)	Emmanouil Fragkos (ECR), Jorge Buxadé Villalba (ECR), Hermann Tertsch (ECR), Margarita de la Pisa Carrión (ECR), Nicola Procaccini (ECR), Søren Gade (Renew), Carlo Fidanza (ECR), Valdemar Tomaševski (ECR), Jaak Madison (ID), Angel Dzhambazki (ECR), Gianantonio Da Re (ID), Maximilian Krah (ID)  'Time to address extreme left-wing violence in Europe'	14657/21
	c)	Fulvio Martusciello (PPE) 'The Pandora Papers and the need to add the United Arab Emirates to the EU's list of non-cooperative jurisdictions'	14719/21
	d)	Pascal Arimont (PPE) 'Origin labelling of honey in the EU'	14728/21
	App	ointments	
7.	Euro	alternate member (FI) of the Management Board of the opean Foundation for the Improvement of Living and king Conditions	5062/1/22 REV 1 SOC
8.		alternate member (DE) of the Management Board of the opean Agency for Safety and Health at Work option	5065/22 SOC

9.	One alternate member (ES) of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training <i>Adoption</i>	5092/22 SOC
	Other	
10.	Attendance of a third party at the meetings of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Seed Schemes <i>Approval</i>	5041/22 AGRI
11.	Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Youth Working Party on 19 January 2022 Approval	5057/22 JEUN
12.	Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee on 13 January 2022 Approval	15121/21 CULT

# **Transport**

13. IMO – joint submission to the 105th session of the Maritime
Safety Committee on propulsion systems
Approval

5058/1/22 REV 1
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# Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that Union submissions to be sent to the IMO are covered by EU exclusive competence. Submission of proposals to the IMO on issues of EU competence is an act of external representation, which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

In the Commission's view, the procedural arguments against presenting submissions to the IMO by the Commission on behalf of the EU are not convincing. This is because there is no evidence to suggest that the IMO, as a specialised agency of the United Nations, would be in a position to reject such a submission.

The Treaty provisions on external representation of the Union must be applied. It should therefore be made by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and sent to the IMO by the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

# **Environment**

14.	Ad hoc Working Party on imported deforestation (creation and	5094/22
	mandate)	ENV
	Approval	

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# **Delegated or Implementing Acts**

# **Internal Market and Industry**

15.	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU)/ of 10.11.2021	15248/21
	amending Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and	13774/21
	of the Council in respect of the thresholds for supply, service and works contracts	MAP

Delegated act – Intention not to raise objections

16.	Commission Regulation (EU)/ of XXX amending Annex	15249/21 + COR 1
	XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European	+ ADD 1
	Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration,	13822/21 +ADD 1
	Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals	ENT
	(REACH)	

Decision not to oppose adoption

# Statement by Germany

"Die deutsche Übersetzung betreffend:

Deutschland geht davon aus, dass die deutsche Übersetzung wie folgt geändert wird:

- Erwägungsgrund 3, Satz 1: "... wissenschaftlich nachgewiesenermaßen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Wirkungen.::" " ersetzt durch "... nach wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Wirkungen ..."
- Erwägungsgrund 15, Satz 4: "... durch die Verordnung (EU) 2019/1021 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates eingeschränkt werden." ersetzt durch "... durch die Verordnung (EU) 2019/1021 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates beschränkt werden."
- Erwägungsgrund 17, Satz 2: "... bei denen wissenschaftlich nachgewiesen ist, dass er wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Auswirkungen auf die menschliche Gesundheit und die Umwelt hat." ersetzt durch "... die nach wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Auswirkungen auf die menschliche Gesundheit und die Umwelt haben."
- Erwägungsgrund 17, Satz 5: "...um die Verwendung von Bisphenol A und strukturell verwandten Bisphenolen ... einzuschränken." ersetzt durch "...um die Verwendung von Bisphenol A und strukturell verwandten Bisphenolen ... zu beschränken. "

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### Courtesy translation

- "Germany assumes that the German translation is changed as follows:
- Recital 3, sentence 1: "... wissenschaftlich nachgewiesenermaßen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Wirkungen.:" " is replaced by "... nach wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Wirkungen ..."
- Recital 15, sentence 4: "... durch die Verordnung (EU) 2019/1021 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates eingeschränkt werden." is replaced by "... durch die Verordnung (EU) 2019/1021 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates beschränkt werden."
- Recital 17, sentence 2: "... bei denen wissenschaftlich nachgewiesen ist, dass er wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Auswirkungen auf die menschliche Gesundheit und die Umwelt hat." is replaced by "... die nach wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen wahrscheinlich schwerwiegende Auswirkungen auf die menschliche Gesundheit und die Umwelt haben."
- Recital 17, sentence 5: "...um die Verwendung von Bisphenol A und strukturell verwandten Bisphenolen ... einzuschränken." is replaced by "...um die Verwendung von Bisphenol A und strukturell verwandten Bisphenolen ... zu beschränken."

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# **Institutional affairs**

# **Appointments**

27.	A member (HU) of the Committee of the Regions  Adoption	5060/22 5061/22 CDR
28.	Council Decision on the European Union position regarding the renewal of the contract of the Executive Director of the International Grains Council <i>Adoption</i>	5002/22 PROBA
	Other business	
29.	Attendance of third parties at the COTER meeting on 18 January 2022 Approval	5104/22 COTER
30.	Attendance of a third party at the Military Committee meeting on 19 January 2022 Approval	15171/21 EUMC
31.	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP) meeting on 21 January 2022 <i>Approval</i>	5099/22 MIGR
32.	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Customs Union on 25 January 2022 Approval	5010/22 UD
<u>Eco</u>	nomic and Financial Affairs	
33.	A commemorative two-euro coin from France	15095/21 UEM
34.	Council Implementing Decision regarding the authorisation granted to Hungary to apply for a further period the special measure derogating from Article 287 of Directive 2006/112/EC <i>Adoption</i>	5100/22 14715/21 FISC

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35.	Council Implementing Decision regarding the authorisation granted to the Kingdom of Belgium to apply for a further period the special measure derogating from Article 285 of Directive 2006/112/EC Adoption	5101/22 14717/21 FISC
36.	Council Implementing Decision regarding the authorisation granted to the Republic of Latvia to apply for a further period the special measure derogating from Article 193 of Directive 2006/112/EC <i>Adoption</i>	5102/22 14722/21 FISC

# **General Affairs**

37.	Establishment and mandate of the ad hoc working party on the	5122/22
	proposals related to the digital COVID certificate	AG
	Approval	

38. Establishment and mandate of the ad hoc group on the follow-up to the Council conclusions of 23 November 2021 on enhancing preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises *Approval*5128/2/22 REV 2
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# **Justice and Home Affairs**

39. Council Implementing Decision on the operational coordination mechanism for the external dimension of migration 5117/22 (MOCADEM) 5095/22

*Approval* 

Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

# Statement by Austria

"Austria welcomes the establishment of a mechanism for the operational coordination of the external dimension of migration (MOCADEM).

For Austria, it is also very important that Member States and their experts (especially migration experts, such as SCIFA heads of delegations) will be formally involved in the mechanism."

# **Foreign Affairs**

40.	PSC Decision BiH/32/2022 – Appointment of the EU Force	15031/21
	Commander for the European Union military operation in	15238/21
	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH/32/2022)	PSC DEC
	Decision to publish in the Official Journal	

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Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)  Approval	5119/22 COTER	
EU-US Trade and Technology Council: list of relevant Council preparatory bodies  Information from the Presidency	5120/22 TTC	
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Other business		
Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Western Balkans Region on 20 January 2022 Approval	5191/22 COWEB	
Economic and Financial Affairs		
Conclusions on ECA's Special Report 22/2021 'Sustainable finance: More consistent EU action needed' <i>Approval</i>	5170/22 5171/1/22 REV 1 EF	
Foreign Affairs		
Belarus restrictive measures - pre-notifications of updated statements of reasons Approval	5130/22 CORLX	
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