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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
15 January 2020

I. Adoption of the agenda

5161/20 OJ CRP1 2
5179/1//20 REV 1 OJ CRP2 2

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

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

III. Discussion items

COREPER (PART 1)

Agriculture and Fisheries

2. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 27 January 2020: Preparation

Work programme of the Presidency
Presentation by the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Internal Market and Industry

3. Directive on representative actions
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 14 January 2020.

COREPER (PART 2)

General Affairs

8. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 28 January 2020:
Preparation
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

9. Just Transition Mechanism
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission and held an exchange of views.

Foreign Affairs

10. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 10 January 2020:
Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

11. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 20 January 2020:
Preparation

- a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Sahel
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Climate diplomacy
Exchange of views
Conclusions
Adoption

5031/20

The Committee prepared this item for the Council and agreed to forward the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Economic and Financial Affairs

12. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 21 January 2020: Preparation

- a) Presentation of the Presidency Work Programme
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) European Semester 2020

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| i) | Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy | 15321/19 + ADD 1 |
| ii) | Alert Mechanism Report | 15283/19 + ADD 1 |
| iii) | Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area | 15267/19 + ADD 1 |
- Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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| c) | Tax challenges arising from digitalisation | 5109/20 |
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- Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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| d) | European Green Deal - Economic and financial aspects | 15051/19 + ADD 1 |
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- Presentation by the Commission*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

JHA strategic guidelines

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

Ukraine listings

The Committee took note of the information provided by Poland and supported by a number of other delegations.

JCPOA dispute resolution mechanism

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

ECJ staffing

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Council Legal Service.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

4. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure
5102/20
PE-QE
- Marco Zanni (ID), Anna Bonfrisco (ID), Susanna Ceccardi (ID) and Paolo Borchia (ID)
14919/19 + COR 1
- "Turkish offensive into north-east Syria, possible restrictive EU measures"

Appointments

5. One member (ES) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Adoption
14328/19
SOC
6. One member (ES) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
Adoption
14365/19
SOC

Delegated or Implementing Acts**Agriculture**

7. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of perchlorate in certain foods
Decision not to oppose adoption
5080/20 + COR 1
14928/19 + ADD 1
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COREPER (PART 2)

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

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| 13. | A member (PL) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 14978/19
14977/19
CDR |
| 14. | Renewal of the Committee of the Regions 2020-2025
<i>Adoption</i> | 14987/1/19 REV 1
14986/19
CDR |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 15. | Transfer No DEC 27/2019 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i> | 5027/20
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Statement by Greece

"Greece expresses its concerns regarding the reduction of payment appropriations in Heading 3 "Security & citizenship" mainly from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (EUR 20,0 million) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EUR 19,3 million).

As it is widely known Greece faces continuous and disproportionate migratory pressure. In 2019 the total number of migrants' and refugee's arrivals from Turkey to the EU was over 60.000, 58.000 of which arrived to Greece, meaning that 96% of the total arrivals from Turkey to the EU has been recorded in the Greek territory. Overall arrivals to Greece in 2019 (58.455) continued to rise, registering a 38% increase compared to the same period in 2018 (42.364). Arrivals by land in 2019 totaled at 11.038 and arrivals by sea 47.417.

September saw the highest monthly flows in the Eastern Mediterranean since the entry into force of the EU-Turkey declaration, mainly due to the nearly 11.000 arrivals on the Eastern Aegean islands. Following a sharp drop in numbers in April / May, the land route (Greek-Turkish land borders) again increased, recording about 1.100 monthly arrivals since August.

Both National Programmes of the Funds AMIF and ISF, are actively involved into addressing the challenges of the migration issue. This year alone, the M-S declared expenditures of mil.38,680 euro and mil.33,916 euro for AMIF and ISF respectively, having an overall absorption that exceeds 45%.

Finally, with regard to the reference concerning the few grant agreements for EMAS applications submitted by Greece as stated in the working doc. WK 156/2020, we would like to stress that the grant agreements of our country have been increased at the end of the year."

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| 16. | Developments and new challenges in the area of export finance
<i>Endorsement</i> | 5090/20
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Justice and Home Affairs

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| 18. | Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection
<i>Political agreement</i> | 15244/1/19 REV 1
+ COR 1
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Joint Statement by Malta and Slovakia

"We acknowledge the efforts of the Presidency to reach a compromise with the European Parliament on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

However, we cannot accept the compromise as stated in document 15244/1/19.

Our concerns on this draft regulation, as already expressed during several Council Working Parties on Statistics, and during the COREPER meetings of 20 November 2019 and 4 December 2019, and also through the silence procedure that was launched, have not been addressed. The lack of real and relevant justification for the additional data and their added value for policy making persists, and the double-reporting problem has not been adequately catered for but left unclear. Furthermore, the change to recital 11, wherein requesting the prioritization of the inclusion of data requirements in the legal architecture of the regulation, has exacerbated our problem on the process since this is enabling the circumvention of an appropriate impact assessment vis-à-vis their policy-needs and creating unsubstantiated high resource and administrative constraints for Member States."

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| 19. | Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union, Switzerland and Liechtenstein on their participation in Eurodac for law enforcement purposes
<i>Adoption</i> | 15219/19
15781/18
15783/1/18 REV 1
EURODAC |
| 20. | Conclusions on ECA SR No 20/2019 on EU information systems supporting Border Control
<i>Adoption</i> | 5143/20
FIN |

Foreign Affairs

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| 21. | EU-Ecuador Dialogue on Human Rights
– Terms of Reference
<i>Approval</i> | 5001/20
15248/19
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| 22. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan
<i>Adoption</i> | 5045/20
12409/16
COEST |
| 23. | 17th EU-Kazakhstan Cooperation Council
(Brussels, 20 January 2020)
<i>Establishment of the EU position</i> | 5077/20
COEST |
| 24. | Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - pre-notifications
<i>Adoption</i> | 5162/20
CORLX |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Foreign Affairs

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| 25. | Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 26.11.2019 amending the vulnerability threshold set out in point 1(b) of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences
<i>Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections</i> | 14567/19
14566/19
SPG |
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