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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
17 and 18 January 2018

I. Adoption of the agenda

5263/18 OJ CRP1 2 + ADD 1

5299/1/18 REV 1 OJ CRP2 2 + REV 1 COR 1 + REV 1 COR 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)

Environment

2. Regulation on effort sharing (ESR) 5069/18

Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

COREPER (PART 2)

Foreign Affairs

15. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 22 January 2018:
Preparation

- a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Post-Cotonou
Exchange of views

15720/17 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Libya
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) MEPP
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Economic and Financial Affairs

16. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
23 January 2018: Preparation

- a) Deepening of the EMU
Policy debate

15653/17
15654/17
15655/17
15660/17
15663/17
15664/17 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) European Semester 2018
 - i) Council conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey 2018
Adoption 5156/18
5157/18
5158/1/18 REV 1
 - ii) Council conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report 2018
Adoption
 - iii) Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Approval

The Committee agreed to forward the conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey and Alert Mechanism Report, as well as the draft Euro area Recommendation to the Council.

- d) Implementation of the Action plan to tackle non-performing loans in Europe
State of play
Exchange of views

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)

Citizen consultations

The Committee took note of the information provided by the French delegation.

"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 3. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 5183/18 |
| a) | E-005929/2017 - Dennis de Jong (GUE/NGL) and Agnes Jongerius (S&D)
Safety aspects of transport to the United Kingdom | 15634/17 |
| b) | E-007048/2017 - Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski (ECR)
The Council and the recommendation to join the Transparency Register | 15665/17 |

Appointments

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| 4. | Appointment of one member and one alternate member (UK) of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems
<i>Adoption</i> | 15997/17
15998/17 |
| 5. | Appointment of one member and one alternate member (IE) of the Governing Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
<i>Adoption</i> | 16002/17
16003/17 |
| 6. | Appointment of four members and five alternates of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
<i>Adoption</i> | 5182/18
5216/18 |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Transport

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| 7. | Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 17.11.2017 supplementing Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards recharging points for L-category motor vehicles, shore-side electricity supply for inland waterway vessels and refuelling points for LNG for waterborne transport, and amending that Directive as regards connectors for motor vehicles for the refuelling of gaseous hydrogen
<i>Intention not to raise objections</i> | 5174/18
14971/17 |
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Agriculture

8. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX laying down additional responsibilities and tasks for the European Union reference laboratory for African horse sickness and amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/35/EEC, Annex II to Council Directive 2000/75/EC and Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council
Decision not to oppose adoption 5023/18
15524/17 + ADD 1
9. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX laying down additional responsibilities and tasks for the European Union reference laboratory for fish and crustacean diseases and amending Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council
Decision not to oppose adoption 5027/18
15525/17

Environment

10. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Commission Regulation No 389/2013 of 2 May 2013 establishing a Union Registry
Decision not to oppose adoption 5187/18
15570/17

Energy

45. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 25.9.2017 correcting the Spanish language version of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 812/2013 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of water heaters, hot water storage tanks and packages of water heater and solar device
Delegated act - Decision to raise objections 5339/18
13022/17

Environment

11. ETS linking Switzerland on the conclusion of an Agreement
Adoption 5076/18
13076/17

Employment and Social Policy

12. Directive on Maritime Labour Convention (implementing a Social Partner Agreement)
Adoption 15920/17
15647/17

Research

13. Regulation on Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking
Adoption

5098/1/18 REV 1
+ REV 1 ADD 1
15757/17

Statement by Croatia, Greece, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain

"The Commission proposal sets out substantial changes. However, no impact assessment has been carried out, nor public consultation either, on it. Therefore, there is no evidence that the proposed changes will be welcome by all stakeholders, in particular, by those who are not members of the Bio-Based Industries Consortium (BIC).

Without the in-cash contribution of industry at programme level, the value added of this Joint Technological Initiative (JTI) is notably less. A set of open calls in the societal challenge 2 of Horizon 2020 would very probably provide more EU added value per euro spent, as open calls are the best way to implement the principle of excellence, and they can tap into the whole potential available in Europe (not only in the BIC members).

For all the above-mentioned reasons, we expect that this proposal does not set a precedent for future unilateral requests of changes in the regulations of other JTIs, nor for industrial financial contributions in future JTIs."

COREPER (PART 2)

Transparency

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| 17. | Public access to documents
- Confirmatory application No 27/c/01/2017
<i>Adoption</i> | 14007/17 |
| 18. | Public access to documents
- Confirmatory application No 29/c/02/2017
<i>Adoption</i> | 14864/17 |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 19. | New Latvian Commemorative Coin | 5024/18 |
| 20. | Appointment of the member of ESAC representing the Council
<i>Adoption</i> | 15301/17
15497/17 |
| 21. | Transfer No DEC 34/2017 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i> | 5062/18 |
| 22. | European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 16/2017
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5143/18 |
| 23. | European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2017
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5193/18 |
| 24. | European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 20/2017
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5147/18 |
| 25. | European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 21/2017
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5152/18 |
| 26. | De-Listing of certain jurisdictions from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes
<i>Adoption</i> | 5086/18 |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 27. | Council Decision on the EU position regarding the adoption of rules of procedure Joint Committee EU-Azerbaijan Visa facilitation agreement (VFA)
<i>Adoption</i> | 5059/18
15721/17 |
| 28. | Irregular Migration Management Application (IRMA)
<i>Endorsement</i> | 5202/18 |
| 29. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Iceland external border
<i>Adoption</i> | 5205/18
5204/18 |
| 30. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Denmark external border
<i>Adoption</i> | 5207/18
5206/18 |

Foreign Affairs

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| 31. | Council Decision within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XI (Electronic communication, audiovisual services and information society) to the EEA Agreement
<i>Adoption</i> | 15391/17
15390/17 |
| 32. | Council Decision within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement
<i>Adoption</i> | 15400/17
15399/17 |
| 33. | EU priorities for cooperation with the CoE in 2018-2019
<i>Adoption</i> | 5293/18 |
| 34. | Zimbabwe - Council conclusions
<i>Adoption</i> | 5164/18 |
| 35. | Council conclusions on Iraq
<i>Adoption</i> | 5283/18 |
| 36. | Council conclusions on the Integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crises
<i>Adoption</i> | 5266/18 |
| 37. | Upgraded Generic Standards of Behaviour for CSDP Missions and Operations
<i>Approval</i> | 5254/18
5255/18 |
| 38. | Withdrawal of appeals in Joined Cases - Anti-dumping - imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia
<i>Approval</i> | 5262/18 |
| 39. | Democratic People's Republic of Korea restrictive measures - new EU designations - Decision and Implementing Regulation
<i>Adoption</i> | 5200/18
5006/18
5007/18 |
| 40. | Zimbabwe restrictive measures - review
<i>Adoption</i> | 5361/1/18 REV 1 |
| 41. | Exercise Specifications for MILEX18
<i>Approval</i> | 5359/18
5363/18 |
| 46. | Venezuela restrictive measures - listings - Decision and Implementing Regulation
<i>Adoption</i> | 5350/18
16032/17
16034/17 |

Statement by Greece

"Greece would like to emphasize that the restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela should be implemented with due consideration to humanitarian aspects."

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Economic and Financial Affairs

42. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 4.12.2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2015/760 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on financial derivative instruments solely serving hedging purposes, sufficient length of the life of the European long-term investment funds, assessment criteria for the market for potential buyers and valuation of the assets to be divested, and the types and characteristics of the facilities available to retail investors
5249/18
15413/17
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections

Foreign Affairs

43. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 29.11.2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/936 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards updating the Combined Nomenclature codes listed in Annex I to that Regulation
5197/18
15339/17 + ADD 1
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections

Other items

44. Recommendation to the Council - crypto product
Approval
15636/17 **R-UE**
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