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**1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"**

doc. 5723/09 OJ/CRP1 4

5732/09 OJ/CRP2 4

The above mentioned agenda is approved.

The Committee approves the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

# Coreper Part 1

## II

### 6. **Review of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (First reading)**

#### - **Preparation of the next informal trialogue**

5695/09 TELECOM 7 MI 23 COMPET 30 DATAPROTECT 3 CONSOM 10 CAB 1  
CODEC 76

On 28 January 2009, the Committee prepared for the first informal trialogue concerning the Review of the Regulatory framework for electronic communications and services. In this meeting, the Member States underlined the strong position of the Council in its political agreement of 27 November 2008 and indicated the most sensitive issues in the Review proposals. The Member States supported the Presidency's intention to find an agreement with the European Parliament before the end of its current mandate.

### 7. **Road transport (European Parliament second reading)**

#### (a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international road haulage market (recast)**

#### (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator**

#### (c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services (recast)**

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

The Presidency informed the Committee on the results of the informal trialogue with the rapporteurs and submitted the dossiers to the Working Party on Land Transport in order to prepare the Council's position for the next informal trialogue (12 February 2009).

8. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) No XXX/XXXX [common procedure] (First reading)**  
- **Preparation of the informal trialogue**  
5542/09 DENLEG 6 CODEC 57

The Committee:

- a) agreed to give a mandate to the Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament in view of the first reading agreement on the basis of the above document;
- b) asked the Working Party on Foodstuffs (Attaches level) to discuss again Article 8 with an objective to reach an agreement on the procedure for traditional foods from third countries;
- c) agreed to put into brackets the last sentence of recital 6a;
- d) agreed to return to this proposal in the light of the outcome of the first informal trialogue.

9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on plant protection products**  
- **Preparation of the next informal trialogue**  
5674/09 STATIS 5 AGRI 28 ENV 35 CODEC 75

With a view to prepare the first informal trialogue with the European Parliament, the Committee exchanged views on the main issues set out by the Presidency in document 5674/09.

In general the delegations could show some flexibility on the three issues that the Presidency had set out in the above document, except for the extension of the scope to non-agricultural use.

10. **Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 19 February 2009**

The Committee could agree to the provisional agenda and took note of the Bulgarian delegation's request to add the following AOB item : "Information by Bulgaria on the forum "Natural Gas and Partnership" (Sofia, 24-25 April)."

**11. Internal Energy Market legislative package  
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending  
Directive 2003/54/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity  
(First reading)**

**(a) Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Chair informed the Committee on the proceedings of the first informal trialogue held on 28 January which resulted in agreeing on:

- the following blocks of topics for the negotiations:
  1. unbundling, 3rd country clause, level playing field
  2. NRAs
  3. Consumer rights and energy poverty
  4. Codes/guidelines, ENTSO, Agency, regional cooperation
  5. Other issues (gas specifics, etc.)
- provisional dates for the future trialogues: 3 and 18 February, 3, 17 and 24 March.

The coming trialogue will address the first and second blocks as well as regional cooperation issues linked to NRAs.

**(b) Preparation of the next informal trialogue**  
5437/1/09 ENER 18 CODEC 48 REV 1

The Chair outlined the approach envisaged for this trialogue, as reflected in document 5437/2/09 REV 2 which was broadly acceptable to delegations, subject to a limited number of reservations and suggestions that the Presidency intended to take duly into consideration when presenting the Council's views to the EP.

**12. Preparation of the Council meeting (Education, Youth Affairs and Culture) on  
16 February 2009**

**1. Setting of the provisional agenda**

The Committee agrees on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Education, Youth and Culture) as set out in document 6097/09 OJ CONS 6 EDUC 18 JEUN 9 CULT 5.

- 2. Key messages to the Spring European Council on the European Youth Pact and the European cooperation in the youth field**
- **Adoption**  
5492/09 JEUN 6 EDUC 9 SOC 19

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil sur la base du document 5492/09 en vue de l'adoption des messages-clés destinés au Conseil européen de printemps.

- 3. Better implementation and greater visibility of the European Youth Pact**
- **Exchange of views**  
(Public debate pursuant to article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))  
5493/09 JEUN 7 EDUC 10 SOC 20

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil pour un échange de vues sur la base du document 5493/09.

- 4. Key messages to the Spring European Council in the field of education and training**
- **Adoption**  
5490/09 EDUC 7 JEUN 5 ECOFIN 32 AG 6 COMPET 22 RECH 13

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil sur la base du nouveau document 5809/09, en vue de l'adoption des messages-clés destinés au Conseil européen de printemps.

- 5. An updated strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training**
- **Exchange of views**  
(Public debate pursuant to article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))  
5491/09 EDUC 8 SOC 18 MI 16 COMPET 23

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil pour un échange de vues sur la base du nouveau document 5956/09.

## Coreper Part 2

### II

**21. Appointment of the Europol Director (restricted session)**

17147/08 EUROPOL 82      RESTREINT UE

5043/09 EUROPOL 2

5352/09 EUROPOL 4

The Committee discussed the appointment of the new Europol Director on the basis of the opinion of the Europol Management Board as set out in document 17174/08 EUROPOL 82 (RESTREINT UE) with a view to submitting a proposal to the Justice and Home Affairs Council in February 2009. Following these discussions and after clarifications of the Council Legal Service regarding the selection procedure and the ranking of the candidates, the Presidency concluded that the selection procedure was transparent and in compliance with the provisions of the Europol Convention and the Europol Staff Regulations. No agreement could be reached on the basis of the unanimous opinion of the Europol Management Board. The Presidency confirmed that the issue will be submitted to the JHA Council on 26-27 February 2009.

**22. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 26/27 January 2009**

Le Comité est informé du suivi que la Présidence entend donner à la session du Conseil, en particulier la sécurité énergétique et Guantanamo.

**23. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 10 February 2009**

- **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

**24. European Economic Recovery Plan (follow up to December European Council)**

- **Commission Communication : "Investing today for tomorrow's Europe"**
  - = **Proposal for a Regulation establishing a programme for the granting of Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy to aid economic recovery**
  - = **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulations (EC) 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the EAFRD**
  - = **Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2006/493/EC laying down the amount of Community support for rural development (2007-2013), its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective**

The Commission presented its Communication "Investing today for tomorrow's Europe", as well as the three accompanying legislative proposals. The Committee had a first exchange of views on these proposals.

- **Any other business**

- (a) **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on interoperability solutions for European public administrations (ISA)**
  - **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the delegations that the ITRE vote on this file will take place on 9 March 2009. The Presidency does not expect major difficulties in the negotiations but will come back to the Committee if such difficulties arise.

- (b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (Second reading)**
  - **Information from the Presidency**

La Présidence informe le Comité de l'état du dossier.

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