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

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The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

**18. (poss.) Modification of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the Andean Community and its Member countries and the European Community and its Member States signed at Rome on 15 December 2003 in order to take into account the withdrawal of Venezuela from the Andean Community and the withdrawal of its signature from the above-mentioned Agreement**

**- Exchange of letters**

5132/08 AMLAT 1 PVD 1

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

9. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 February 2008**  
(For the items within the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 February 2008 as set out in 6211/08.

10. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Education, Youth Affairs and Culture) on 14 February 2008**

1. **Key messages to the Spring European Council on further implementation of the European Pact for Youth**  
- **Adoption**  
5582/08 JEUN 10 EDUC 23 SOC 38

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil sur la base du document 5582/08 en vue de l'adoption des messages clé destinés au Conseil européen de printemps.

2. **Intercultural dialogue and young people**  
- **Exchange of views**  
5584/08 CULT 9 JEUN 11

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil en vue d'un échange de vues sur la base du document 5584/08.

3. **Draft 2008 joint progress report of the Council and the Commission on progress under the "Education & Training 2010" work programme**  
- **Adoption**  
15292/07 EDUC 211 SOC 460  
5585/08 EDUC 24 SOC 39 + ADD 1

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil sur la base du nouveau document 5723/08, en vue de l'adoption du rapport. Le Comité prend note de la déclaration suivante de la délégation CY qui sera également inscrite au procès verbal du Conseil.

"While the European Union has decided to develop its policies for education and training on the basis of data developed by various European and international institutions including the OECD and while, within the framework of evidence-based education and training policies, the European Commission is enhancing its cooperation and exchanges with the OECD and is encouraging the Member States to cooperate and participate in various OECD surveys and activities, Cyprus continues to be excluded from all such surveys and activities, because of Turkey's continued objections.

The problem has been repeatedly raised by Cyprus at different levels, both within the Council and the Commission.

Cyprus continues to contribute financially to these EU-funded activities of the OECD. Nevertheless, various research programmes and survey activities are planned to be carried out within the framework of the EU-OECD co-operation, from which Cyprus will continue to be excluded.

Cyprus fully supports and endorses the continuation and strengthening of EU-OECD co-operation. It hopes and expects that this cooperation will be developed and promoted on the basis of the equal treatment and non-exclusion of any Member State."

**4. Key messages to the Spring European Council in the field of education and training**

- **Exchange of views and adoption**  
5586/08 EDUC 25 SOC 40

Le Comité convient de soumettre ce point au Conseil sur la base du document 5586/08 en vue de l'adoption des messages clé destinés au Conseil européen de printemps.

**11. Climate-energy package**

- **Presentation by the Commission**

The climate-energy package was presented by the Commission.



## Coreper Part 2

### II

#### **22. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 28 January 2008**

Le Comité est informé par la Présidence des suites que celle-ci entend donner à certains points ayant fait l'objet des délibérations du Conseil.

In particular, as a follow-up to the conclusions on Serbia, the Committee agreed on the draft text of the Interim Political Agreement on Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia.

It also agreed to inscribe the following statement to its minutes:

"Le dialogue avec la Serbie relatif à la libéralisation des visas tel que mentionné dans le projet d'accord politique intérimaire sur la coopération entre l'Union européenne et ses Etats membres et la République de Serbie sera conduit conformément aux modalités et procédures définies dans les conclusions "Balkans occidentaux" du CAGRE du 28 janvier 2008, en particulier s'agissant du rôle du Conseil."

#### **23. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 18/19 February 2008**

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer aux ordres du jour provisoires des sessions du Conseil susvisées.

#### **24. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 February 2008** **- Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

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

## **25. Preparation of the EU-Japan Summit**

### **- Strategic debate**

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The Committee held a first discussion as part of the preparations for the EU-Japan summit to take place in April 2008.

### **- Any other business**

#### **- Follow-up to the informal meeting of Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs on 24/25 January 2008**

The Presidency presented a brief oral information on the highlights of the informal meeting of Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs in Ljubljana on 24/25 January 2008.

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