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

doc. 6018/08 OJ/CRP1 5

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The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following item is **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

46. Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Zimbabwe

5888/08 PESC 125 COAFR 42 COARM 5

5886/08 PESC 123 COAFR 41 COARM 4

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

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- **Adoption**
 - 16782/07 AGRILEG 207 ENV 726
 - 16783/07 AGRILEG 208 ENV 727
 - 16784/07 AGRILEG 209 ENV 728
 - 16785/07 AGRILEG 210 ENV 729
 - 5333/08 AGRILEG 7 ENV 22
 - 5361/08 AGRILEG 9 ENV 23
 - 5946/08 AGRILEG 14 ENV 63
 - 5948/08 AGRILEG 15 ENV 64

The results of the deliberations of the Committee are set out in documents 6167/08, 6168/08 and 6169/08.

11. Preparation of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 25 February 2008

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed to the setting of the provisional agenda of the Council

"Competitiveness" meeting on 25 February 2008 as set out in 6621/08 OJ CONS 10
COMPET 64 RECH 63.

2. Single Market Review

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
5904/08 COMPET 37 MI 38 SOC 57 CONSOM 12

The Committee examined a set of draft Council conclusions on the Single Market Review presented by the Presidency (doc. 5904/08). Delegations proposed certain amendments of the text which the Presidency undertook to consider before submitting the final version to the Council.

12. Goods Package

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Decision 3052/95/EC**
- **Examination of the compromise text proposed by the Presidency**
6313/07 COMPET 51 ECO 25 ENT 24 MI 40 + REV 1 (fr, de, en)
5312/08 COMPET 14 ECO 6 ENT 6 MI 17 CODEC 44

The Committee examined a Presidency compromise text of the proposal for a Regulation on Mutual Recognition (doc. 5312/08) and agreed on a mandate for the Presidency to pursue negotiations with the European Parliament with a view to reaching a first reading agreement on the proposal.

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products**
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6377/07 COMPET 52 ECO 26 ENT 25 MI 41
6378/07 COMPET 53 ECO 27 ENT 26 MI 42
5338/08 COMPET 17 ECO 8 ENT 9 MI 19 UD 7 CODEC 50
5339/08 COMPET 18 ECO 9 ENT 10 MI 20 UD 8 CODEC 51

The Committee examined Presidency compromise texts on the Proposal for a Regulation on the "New Approach" and the Proposal for a Decision on the "New Approach" (docs. 5339/08 and 5338/08) and agreed on a mandate for the Presidency to pursue the negotiations with the European Parliament with a view to reaching first reading agreements on the proposals.

13. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 28 February 2008

Le Comité a marqué son accord sur l'ordre du jour provisoire du Conseil (doc. 6625/08), y compris l'inclusion d'une référence à la sécurité d'approvisionnement et à la mise en œuvre du plan d'action (2007-2009) "Une politique énergétique pour l'Europe".

14. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 29 February 2008

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) as set out in document 6628/08 OJ CONS 13 SOC 113 SAN 35 CONSOM 22.

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42. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 February 2008

(a) Preparation of the European Council (13/14 March 2008)

- **Contribution to the Spring European Council conclusions: Key Issues Paper**
5267/1/08 REV 1 ECOFIN 16 UEM 20 AG 3 SOC 21 COMPET 12
RECH 12 ENER 11 MI 14 IND 7 EDUC 12 TRANS 11

The Committee agreed to submit the draft Council (ECOFIN) Key Issues Paper as set out in document 5267/1/08.

- **Efficiency of economic instruments for energy and climate change**
= **Draft Council conclusions**
5848/1/08 REV 1 ECOFIN 31 ENV 49
5850/08 ECOFIN 33 ENV 51

The Committee discussed the draft Council conclusions prepared by the EPC and EFC. Some delegations considered that the ECOFIN Council intended to adopt conclusions too early, considering that the Commission proposals had only been presented in February. The Presidency recalled that these conclusions had been prepared on the basis of the Member States' present policies and not on the Commission proposals. At the request of the French delegation, the Committee will invite the Council to consider the modification to the draft conclusions set out in the footnote on page 4 of document 5848/1/08. The Swedish delegation was not ready to accept this modification. PL, BE, EE and ES kept a scrutiny reservation on the draft conclusions.

(b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

43. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 18/19 February 2008

A. General Affairs

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

44. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 28 February 2008

The agenda was presented. No comments from delegations.

45. Draft negotiation guidelines for an agreement between the European Union and Australia on the processing and transfer of passenger name record (PNR) data to the Australian competent authorities

5236/1/08 REV 1 JAI 13 AUS 1 RELEX 13 DATAPROTECT 1 RESTREINT UE
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Delegations debated the draft negotiation guidelines, introduced some modifications and reached an agreement on its content.

- Any other business

(a) Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

• Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the Commission's report about the state of play of its contacts with the European Parliament aiming to obtain an urgent decision not to oppose the draft measure.

- (b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on population and housing Censuses (First reading)**
- **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informs the Committee of the message received from the European Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee suggesting an amendment to the provisional first reading agreement already agreed by the Committee on 16 January 2008. The Presidency considers that the Committee should only return to this point if the Parliament insists on adopting a further amendment on the occasion of its plenary vote.

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