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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
12 and 14 February 2025

I. Adoption of the agenda

6101/25 + ADD 1 OJ CRP1 6
6097/2/25 REV 2 OJ CRP2 6

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 II

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025

Agriculture and Fisheries

2. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 February 2025: preparation

The Committee prepared the Council.

Competitiveness

3. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 6 March 2025: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda. It also agreed to include an additional discussion item concerning a competitive and decarbonised EU industry in the context of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, at the request of Italy.

Employment and Social Policy

4. Revision of the Directive on European Works Councils IC
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 6 February 2025.

Environment

5. Directive amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste IC 5891/25
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

Transport

6. Directive on driving licences, amending Directive (EU) 2022/2561, Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 and repealing Directive 2006/126/EC and Regulation (EU) No 383/2012 IC 5895/25
Preparation for the trilogue + ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025

General Affairs

19. Regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova  16525/24 + COR 1
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue and agreed to revert at its next meeting for a Presidency debriefing.

Foreign Affairs

20. EU-Central Asia summit (Samarkand, 4 April 2025) 5923/25 R-UE
Orientation debate


The Committee took note of the information provided by the cabinet of the President of the European Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service, held an orientation debate and exchanged views on the draft joint statement.

21. 2nd EU-India Trade and Technology Council (New Delhi, 28 February 2025)
Exchange of views

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

22. 8th EU-South Africa summit 5769/25 R-UE
Orientation debate

The Committee took note of the information provided by the cabinet of the President of the European Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service and held an orientation debate.

23. Russian aggression against Ukraine 
- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 5456/25
5461/25 + ADD 1

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| b) | Council Decision, Implementing Regulation and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine | 5503/25
5505/25
5507/25
6078/25
6079/25 |
| c) | Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine | 5518/25
5521/25 + ADD 1 |
| d) | Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol | 5457/25
5465/25 + ADD 1 |
| e) | Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal recognition, occupation or annexation by the Russian Federation of certain non-government-controlled areas of Ukraine | 5493/25
5497/25 + ADD 1 |

Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item at its next meeting.

69. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Trade on 12 February 2025: agenda and preparation

- a) EU-US trade relations
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the agenda as well as of the information provided by the Presidency and prepared the informal videoconference.

Economic and Financial Affairs

24. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 18 February 2025: preparation

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| a) | Competitiveness, simplification and improving business environment in Europe
<i>Presentation by the Commission</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 5785/25 |
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The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) EU budget: Recommendation on the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2023
Adoption
Approval of a letter 5754/25 + ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council. A joint statement by Austria, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden is set out in document 5754/25 ADD 2.

- d) EU budget: conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2026
Approval
Approval of a letter 5758/25 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Implementation of the economic governance framework
- i) Medium-term fiscal-structural plans: Council Recommendations
Adoption 5894/25
 - ii) Council Recommendations under the Excessive Deficit Procedure
Adoption 5896/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- f) European Semester 2025
- i) Conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report 2025
Approval 5711/25
 - ii) 2025 Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Approval 5893/25
5960/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- g) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of 26-27 February 2025: EU terms of reference
Approval 5890/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- h) Economic recovery in Europe
Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
Adoption C 5654/25 + ADD 1
5730/25 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- i) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency. Spain requested an ‘any other business’ item on the fourth international conference on financing for development (FFD4), to be held in Seville.

Justice and Home Affairs

25. Directive amending Directive 2012/29/EU on the rights of victims IC
Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue and will revert for the preparation of the next trilogue at one of its next meetings.

26. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6 and 7 March 2025: agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Commission, supported by Finland, requested a discussion item to present an action plan on cable security. Germany, Spain and the Netherlands asked for an ‘any other business’ item on the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025

General Affairs

27. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 25 February 2025:
Preparation


a) Legislative programming

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| i) Commission work programme for 2025
<i>Presentation by the Commission</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 5985/25 + ADD 1 |
| ii) Annual and multiannual programming
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 6062/25 |

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

28. Regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova  16525/24+COR 1
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue and will revert to the preparation for the next trilogue at one of its next meetings.

29. Accession negotiations with the Republic of Moldova 5978/25
Outcome of the screening on cluster 1: fundamentals
Approval

The Committee held an exchange of views and will revert at one of its next meetings.


30. Accession negotiations with Ukraine 5979/25
Outcome of the screening on cluster 1: fundamentals
Approval

The Committee held an exchange of views and will revert at one of its next meetings.


Foreign Affairs

31. EU-US relations 
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views on EU-US relations.

32. Second EU-India Trade and Technology Council (New Delhi, 28 February 2025): joint statement  6182/25
Preparation for the approval of a non-binding instrument

The Committee held an exchange of views on the draft joint statement and will revert next week for the preparation of the approval of the non-binding instrument.

33. Russian aggression against Ukraine 
- a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia’s actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 6025/25
6023/25
6024/25 + ADD 1
 - b) Council Decision, Implementing Regulation and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 6021/25
6018/25
6019/25
6020/25
 - c) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine 6017/25
6015/25
6016/25 + ADD 1
 - d) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol 6028/25
6026/25
6027/25 + ADD 1
 - e) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal recognition, occupation or annexation by the Russian Federation of certain non-government controlled areas of Ukraine 6033/25
6029/25
6030/25 + ADD 1

Preparation for the adoption

The Committee held an exchange of views and will revert to the package at its next meeting for approval as a I/A item.

Oral intervention by the Commission:

“As part of its broader monitoring of global steel markets, and subject to an analysis of import trends and resourcing patterns, the Commission is ready to prepare a legislative proposal on tariffs.”

70. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Trade on 12 February 2025: follow-up

This item was removed from the agenda.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Commission work programme
Information from the Commission

5985/25 + ADD 1

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

The successful synchronisation of the Baltic electricity systems with
the Continental Europe Synchronous Area
Information from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

The Committee took note of the information provided by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025

Outreach regarding the Russian shadow fleet

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission at the request of Sweden.

Leaders' meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister (Brussels, 12 February 2025)

The Committee took note of the information provided by the cabinet of the President of the European Council.

Meeting of the President of the Commission with the US Vice-President (Paris, 11 February 2025)

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

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Russian aggression against Ukraine: follow-up to the joint statement by the High Representative and the Commission on the sanctions rollover

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission at the request of Hungary.

“Friends of the Western Balkans” ministerial meeting (Rome, 11 February)

The Committee took note of the information provided by Italy.

Non-discussion items (I)COREPER (PART 1)Institutional Affairs

7. **Minutes of Council meetings**  PV CONS
Approval
- a) EPSCO 2-3/12/2024 16578/24 + ADD 1
- b) TTE 5-6/12/2024 16625/1/24 REV 1
+ ADD 1
- c) TTE Energy 16/12/2024 16990/24 + ADD 1
- d) ENVI 17/12/2024 17001/24 + ADD 1

Appointments

8. One alternate member (CY) of the Advisory Committee on freedom of movement for workers 5805/25
Adoption 5808/25
SOC

Other

9. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Space on 18 February 2025 5882/25
Approval ESPACE
10. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 24 February 2025 5898/1/25 REV 1
Approval COMPET
11. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society on 20 February 2025 5927/25
Approval TELECOM

Judicial Affairs


12. Case T-523/24, plea of illegality, Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 (smoke flavourings for foods) 5929/25
Information note JUR


13. Case T-634/24, validity of Council Decision (EU) 2024/2669 (protection of the wolf under the Bern Convention)
Information note 5905/25
JUR

EU positions for international negotiations


14. Union position on differences on Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation
Approval 5872/25
AVIATION

Research


15. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea on the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes
Agreement in principle
Request for the consent of the European Parliament  5885/25
16701/24
16703/24
RECH

16. Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea on the participation of the Republic of Korea in Union programmes
Adoption  5885/25
16701/24
16702/24
RECH

Agriculture

17. Council Decision on the termination of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the Republic of Cameroon on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products
Agreement in principle
Request for the consent of the European Parliament  5779/25
5673/25
FORETS

Fisheries

18. EU adherence to the OECD Council Recommendation on Eliminating Government Support to Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure  6022/25
6057/25
PECHE


COREPER (PART 2)

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Judicial Affairs

34. Case C-867/24 P, appeal against the judgment in Case T-828/22, restrictive measures (Ukraine) 5963/25
Information note JUR
35. Case T-606/24, action for annulment, restrictive measures (Ukraine) 5833/25
Information note JUR
CORLX

Institutional Affairs

36. **Minutes of Council meetings** 
Approval
- a) ECOFIN on 10.12.2024 16817/24 + ADD 1
- b) JHA on 12-13.12.2024 16938/24
+ COR 1-2
+ ADD 1 REV 1
- c) FAC on 16.12.2024 17038/24
+ ADD 1 REV 1
- d) GAC on 17.12.2024 17040/24 + ADD 1

Appointments


37. Renewal of the Committee of the Regions 2025-2030 5496/25 + COR 1
Adoption 5495/25 + COR 1
CDR
38. A member of the European Economic and Social Committee (NL) 5802/25
Adoption 5800/25
CES

Other




39. Attendance of third parties at the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA) on 13 February 2025 5930/25
Approval MIGR

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| 40. | Attendance of third parties at the Visa Working Party on 18 February 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 5917/25
VISA |
| 41. | Attendance of a third party at the informal lunch in the margins of the Trade Policy Committee (Full Members) meeting on 20 February 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 5887/25
POLCOM
TITULAIRES |
| 42. | Attendance of third parties at the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 6 and 7 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 5955/25
JAI |
| 43. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) on 19 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 5586/25
PROBA |

Transparency

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| 44. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory Application No 01/c/01/25
<i>Approval</i> | 5137/25
INF |
| 45. | Public access to document request 25/0304
<i>Approval</i> | 5986/25
ECOFIN |
| 46. | Minutes of the Council (Foreign Affairs) of 27 January 2025
<i>Decision to make the statements public</i> |  6068/25
RELEX |

Economic and Financial Affairs


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| 47. | Council Directive on an electronic VAT exemption certificate
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  5431/25
16628/24
FISC |
| 48. | Council Implementing Regulation on the electronic VAT exemption certificate
<i>Adoption</i> |  5431/25
16629/24
FISC |
| 49. | Council Implementing Decision authorising Poland to extend a VAT derogation
<i>Adoption</i> |  5919/25
5641/25
FISC |
| 50. | Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2023
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 5755/25 + ADD 1
REV 1
FIN |


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| 51. | Council recommendation on the discharge to be given to the joint undertakings in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2023
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 5757/25 + ADD 1
REV 1
FIN |
| 52. | Council recommendations on the discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2023
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 5756/25 + ADD 1
FIN |
| 53. | Conclusions on the revision of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes
<i>Approval</i> | 5723/1/25 + REV 1
+ REV 1 COR 1
FISC |

General Affairs

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| 54. | Accession negotiations with Albania
Outcome of the screening on cluster 3: competitiveness and inclusive growth
<i>Approval</i> | 5928/25
ELARG |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 55. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe
<i>Adoption</i> | 5393/25 + COR 1
5392/25
CORLX |
| 56. | Council Decision on a European Union maritime security operation to safeguard freedom of navigation in relation to the Red Sea crisis (EUNAVFOR ASPIDES)
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> |  5527/25
5526/25
CORLX |
| 57. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them
<i>Adoption</i> | 5583/25
5580/25
CORLX |
| 58. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses
<i>Adoption</i> | 5485/25
5482/25
5484/25
CORLX |

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| 59. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal recognition, occupation or annexation by the Russian Federation of certain non-government-controlled areas of Ukraine
<i>Adoption</i> | 5584/25
5582/25
CORLX |
| 60. | Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Gulf region
<i>Adoption</i> | 5054/25
5053/25
CORLX |
| 61. | Council Decision in support of the comprehensive programme on supporting efforts to prevent and combat illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition in South-Eastern Europe
<i>Adoption</i> | 5595/25 + COR 1
5594/25 + ADD 1
CORLX |
| 62. | Council recommendations on the discharge for the European Development Fund for the financial year 2023
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 5492/25
5489/25
5490/25
5491/25
ACP |
| 63. | Joint Declaration on cooperation on foreign and security policy between the European Union and Switzerland
<i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i> | 5988/25
AELE |
| 64. | EU and EU Member States' contribution to the food for thought paper prior to the circulation of the zero draft of the World Social Summit political declaration
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> |  5998/25
CONUN
ONU. |
| 65. | Joint declaration on an EU- Latin America and Caribbean digital alliance
<i>Approval</i> | 6002/25
COLAC |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 66. | Notification made in accordance with the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
<i>Approval</i> | 5705/2/25 REV 2
5704/2/25 REV 2
UK |
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Other items

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| 67. | Cryptographic product for the protection of EUCI
<i>Approval</i> | 12579/1/24
REV 1 R-UE
CSCI |
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Foreign Affairs

68. 13th EU-Israel Association Council
Establishment of the EU position 5995/25
MAMA

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

71. Appointment of an official to a post of Director General at the
General Secretariat of the Council 6165/25
Adoption 6168/25
STAT

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-  First reading
 -  Special legislative procedure
 -  Silence procedure (Article 12(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 -  Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 -  Restricted item
 -  Item based on a Commission proposal
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