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The above mentioned agendas are approved.

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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14. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the "Transport, Telecommunications and Energy" Council meeting on 28 February 2011**

The Committee agrees on the provisional agenda.

15. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) N° 1331/2008 and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 258/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1852/2001 (Conciliation) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the next trialogue**
6094/11 CODEC 160 DENLEG 18 AGRI 79

Le Comité examine, sur base du document 6094/11, des propositions de la Présidence en vue du trilogue du 15.02.2011.

16. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009 establishing transitional technical measures from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2011 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
6080/11 PECHE 31 CODEC 154

The Committee discusses and agrees, by a qualified majority, the draft Council position (set out in 6080/11 as amended by DS 1092/11) as the negotiating mandate for the Presidency for a forthcoming informal trialogue with the European Parliament on this proposal.

The UK cannot support the draft Council position as its requests had not been taken on board.

PT tables a room document (DS 1063/11). As this is not taken on board, PT cannot support the draft Council position.

ES strongly supports PT. ES cannot support the draft Council position. It is considering its position but a statement from the Council could help it.

IE welcomes the text on boarfish. IE has issues linked to the November 2009 Council like the UK. Understands the risk of an agreement with the Parliament unravelling. A Council statement would help politically.

17. Fisheries Partnership Agreement EU/Morocco

- **State of play**
6116/11 PECHE 32

The Committee discusses the state of play concerning the current fisheries protocol with Morocco.

Several Member States (ES, FR, LT, LV, PT) underline the importance of this protocol and ask Commission about the steps it intends to take to avoid an interruption of fishing there.

Commission informs that it will adopt on 11 February a draft mandate seeking to prolong the protocol by one year, with the aim of negotiating and initialling a new protocol before 27 February so as to ensure continued fishing in Morocco.

ES and PT advocate a longer extension of the protocol.

Other Member States (UK, DK, SE, FI, DE) emphasise the importance of ensuring legality, respecting human rights and demonstrating the benefits to local population. They ask Commission for disclosure of information received from Morocco.

Commission notes that it is still analysing available information.

Presidency expresses its readiness to work rapidly on the proposal for a mandate.

18. Transitional Committee

- **Nomination of the EU members**

The Presidency put forward a revised document containing the principles for the participation of the EU in the Transitional Committee as well as the names of the EU candidates. On that basis, it was proposed to nominate 12 experts for 8 seats in the Transitional Committee. Some delegations could not live with this proposal.

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39. Follow-up to the European Council meeting on 4 February 2011 (restricted session - Ambassadors only)

This item was discussed in a restricted session.

40. Preparation for the Council meeting (Justice and Homes Affairs) on 24-25 February 2011

a) State of play of the process of accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Schengen area (restricted session)

Presidency informed the Committee on BG and RO requests to declassify a series of RESTREINT UE documents (doc. 6292/11 JAI 89 SCHEVAL 19 COMIX 83) concerning Bulgaria and Romania's Schengen evaluations in order to facilitate the consultation procedure with the European Parliament. Subsequently, the Committee decided to declassify the RESTREINT UE documents concerned and to transmit these documents, marked LIMITE, to the European Parliament.

b) EU-Turkey Readmission agreement (restricted session)

The Committee had an exchange of views on this item and agreed to come back to it at its next meeting.

c) Migration of the website of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters into the European e-Justice Portal **- Council conclusions** 6029/11 EJUSTICE 6 JUSTCIV 15

The Committee endorsed the conclusions and the item will be submitted as a false "B" point to the February JHA Council.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Presidency presented additional information about the February JHA Council agenda. The Committee approved the invitations of Mr Guterres, High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mr Visser, director of EASO, to attend the Council.

41. Relations with the European Parliament

- **February 2011**
5960/11 PE 45 INST 69 POLGEN 14 CODEC 142
- **A possible way forward (restricted session)**
6100/11 PE 61 INST 73 RESTREINT UE

The Committee examined the issue of the European Parliament - Council relations on the basis of a note prepared by the Council Secretariat and discussed a possible way forward on a range of issues. It provided the Presidency with guidance on pursuing these issues in its contacts in the European Parliament.

42. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 15 February 2011

a) Taxation

- **Orientation debate on:**
 - = **Savings Taxation Directive**
 - = **Anti-fraud agreements with third countries**
 - **Agreement with Liechtenstein**
 - **Negotiating mandate for other third countries**

The Committee prepared the orientation debate to take place on these files on the basis of the Presidency note (doc. 6352/11 FISC 16).

b) Preparation of the European Council 24-25 March 2011

- **EU 2020: Macroeconomic and fiscal guidance**
 - = **Council conclusions**
5991/11 ECOFIN 41 COMPET 30 ENV 69 EDUC 21 RECH 12
SOC 75 POLGEN 18

Following the discussion in the Committee the draft Council Conclusions will be forwarded to the (ECOFIN) Council for adoption (doc. 5991/11).

- c) **Preparation of the G20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Governors
18-19 February 2011**
- **Terms of reference**

The Committee agreed to submit the EU terms of Reference (as prepared by the EFC) to the (ECOFIN) Council, for final endorsement in view of the G20 Ministerial meeting.

- d) **Proposals on economic governance**

5572/1/11 REV 1 ECOFIN 26 UEM 13 SOC 43 CODEC 88

- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1466/97 (preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
= **Policy debate**
- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1467/97 (corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
= **Policy debate**
- **Regulation on the effective enforcement of budgetary surveillance in the euro area**
= **Policy debate**
- **Regulation on the prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances**
= **Policy debate**
- **Regulation on enforcement measures to correct excessive macroeconomic imbalances in the euro area**
= **Policy debate**
- **Council Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of Member States**
= **Policy debate**

The Committee exchanged views on the main outstanding issues in the draft text.

- e) **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. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 31 January 2011

Le Comité est informé du suivi que la présidence entend donner à la session du Conseil Affaires générales.

44. Preparation for the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 21 February 2011
- 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 du Conseil Affaires générales.

45. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 31 January 2011

Le Comité est informé du suivi que la HR a l'intention de donner à la session du Conseil Affaires étrangères.

46. Preparation for the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 21 February 2011
- 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 du Conseil Affaires étrangères.

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