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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
4, 5, 6 and 10 March 2025

I. Adoption of the agenda

6669/24 OJ CRP1 9 + COR 1-2
6510/24 OJ CRP2 9 COMIX 72 + 6510/25 ADD 1+2 OJ CRP2 9

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex with the exception of item 31.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

Competitiveness

34. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 12 March 2025: preparation

The Committee finalised the preparation of the Council and took note of the AOBs requested by France on the “The alarming situation of the European chemicals industry, a strategic sector that needs a dedicated EU Critical Chemicals Act” and by the Commission on the “Action Plan on the automotive sector”, and decided to hold them in public session

Environment

35. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 27 March 2025: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda and of the AOB requested by Slovenia on the Barcelona Convention, and decided to take it in public session.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

36. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 10 March 2025: preparation

The Committee took note of the AOBs requested by the Commission on the “Union of Skills and on the “Pact for European Social Dialogue”, and the AOB requested by France on the “Withdrawal of the Equal Treatment Directive” and decided to hold them in public session.

European Semester 2025: Challenges of the silver transformation – Incentives and systemic solutions for promoting voluntary, extended professional activity of older persons
Policy debate 6350/25

- a) Employment and social aspects of the 2025 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Approval 6274/25
- b) 2025 Joint Employment Report
Adoption 6435/25
- c) Conclusions on the 2025 Joint Employment Report
Approval 6460/25
- d) Medium-Term Fiscal-Structural Plans: Letter from the Chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee
Presentation by the respective chairs 6498/25

The Committee prepared these items for the Council meeting and agreed to submit a revised version of the Joint Employment Report for the Council’s adoption.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

37. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunication and Energy) on 17 March 2025: preparation

EU’s energy security architecture (security of gas supply and electricity risk preparedness) – state of play and possible way forward
Policy debate 6480/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting. The Committee took note of the non-public AOB requested by Czechia on the “Requirements of the Delegated Act on Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin and development of the hydrogen economy”.

Agriculture and Fisheries

38. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 March 2025: agenda
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee took note of the draft agenda. The Committee also took note of the AOB requested by the Commission on the “Launch of an EU-wide communication campaign on aquaculture” and decided to hold it in public session.

Transport

39. Regulation on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area, amending Directive 2012/34/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 3 March 2025.

COREPER (PART 2)

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

General Affairs

2. Special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025 6470/25
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025.

3. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs/Cohesion) on
28 March 2025: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

4. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 March 2025:
Preparation

- a) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

Foreign Affairs

5. EU-US relations
Exchange of views



The Committee held an exchange of views.

Economic and Financial Affairs

6. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 11
March 2025: Preparation

- a) Competitiveness, simplification and improving the
business environment in Europe: omnibus packages
Policy debate



6595/25 + ADD 1
6596/25
6610/25
6609/25 + ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Directive on administrative cooperation in the field of
taxation (DAC 9)
Political agreement



6492/25
6503/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Conclusions on a tax decluttering agenda which contributes to the EU's competitiveness
Approval 6432/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting. The conclusions will be submitted to the Council as an "A" item for approval.

- e) International meetings
- i) Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 26-27 February 2025
Information from the Presidency
Information from the Commission
 - ii) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 23-24 April 2025 and IMF spring meetings
 - i) G20 EU terms of reference
 - ii) Statement to the IMFC
Guidance for further work

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- f) Economic recovery in Europe Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
Adoption [C] 6318/25 + ADD 1
6545/25 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- g) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

Justice and Home Affairs

7. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5 and 7 March 2025: Preparation

- a) Implementation of interoperability
Exchange of views 6520/25

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) EU cable security action plan
State of play

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The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

General Affairs

Continuation from Tuesday's meeting

2. Special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025 6488/25
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025.

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

General Affairs

Continuation from Wednesday's meeting

2. Special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the special meeting of the European Council on 6 March 2025.

MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025

Foreign Affairs

8. 8th EU-South Africa summit (Cape Town, 13 March 2025)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

New item

52. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning 6889/25
restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or 6886/25
threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and 6887/25
independence of Ukraine
Preparation for the adoption

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

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

- a) Action Plan on affordable energy
Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission. The Committee will revert to the topic on 14 March under the preparation of the TTE (Energy) Council.

- b) Action Plan on automotive sector
Information from the Commission

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

COREPER (PART 2)

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

College of Commissioners' visit to India and the 2nd EU-India Trade and Technology Council

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

College of Commissioners' visit to Ukraine

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

Non-discussion items "I"

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 40. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> |  6569/25
PE-QE |
| a) | João Oliveira (The Left)
"Recent decision by the Court of Justice of the European Union on EU-Kingdom of Morocco trade agreements" | 6434/25 |
| b) | Per Clausen (The Left), Li Andersson (The Left), Hanna Gedin (The Left), Jonas Sjöstedt (The Left), Merja Kyllönen (The Left), Jussi Saramo (The Left)
"Illegal settlements and settler violence" | 6109/25 |
| c) | Fabio De Masi (NI)
"Unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAPs)" | 6112/25 |
| 41. | Minutes of Council meetings
<i>Approval</i> |  PV CONS |
| | AGRIFISH 27.1.2025 | 5692/25 + ADD 1 |

Appointments

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| 42. | Three Member States' representatives of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority
<i>Adoption</i> | 6341/25
6338/25
DENLEG |
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Other

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| 43. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society on 7 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6420/25
TELECOM |
| 44. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee of 12 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 5828/25
CULT |
| 45. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Better Regulation) on 13 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6476/25
BETREG |

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| 46. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Energy on 19 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6552/25
ENER |
| 47. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Public Health in Warsaw on 25 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6535/25
SAN |

Research

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| 48. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement amending the Agreement setting out terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)
<i>Agreement in principle</i>
<i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C</div> 6451/25
5948/25
5949/25
RECH |
| 49. | Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement amending the Agreement setting out terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C</div> 6451/25
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5949/25
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Space

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| 50. | Council Decision authorising negotiations for the participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to governmental services
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C</div> 6501/25 + COR 1
5814/25 + ADD 1
ESPACE |
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Internal Market and Industry

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| 51. | Work Programme of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level)
<i>Approval</i> | 6495/25
COMPET |
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TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

Judicial Affairs

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| 9. | Case T-676/24, action for annulment (Iran)
<i>Information note</i> | 6499/25
JUR |
| 10. | Case C-50/25 P, appeal against the order in case T-116/23
(Recovery and Resilience plan - Poland)
<i>Information note</i> | 6540/25
JUR |

Institutional Affairs

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| 11. | Minutes of Council meetings
<i>Approval</i> |  |
| a) | ECOFIN on 21.01.2025 | 5592/25 + ADD 1 |
| b) | FAC on 27.01.2025 | 5740/1/25 REV 1
+ ADD 1 REV 1 |

Other

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| 12. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on
Development Cooperation and International Partnerships
(CODEV-PI) on 10 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6594/25
DEVGEN |
| 13. | Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on
Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP
ERCHT) on 11 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6555/25
HYBRID
DISINFO |
| 14. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Terrorism
(TWP) on 12 March 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 6547/1/25 REV 1
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Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 15. | Decision on providing macro-financial assistance
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> |  6591/25
8636/24
ECOFIN |
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A statement by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

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| 16. | Council Decision amending Protocol No 5 on the statute of the
European Investment Bank
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  6386/25 + ADD 1
6143/25
ECOFIN |
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A statement by Austria is set out in document 6386/25 ADD 1.

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| 17. | Appointment of the European Fiscal Board
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | | 6379/1/25 REV 1
ECOFIN |
| 18. | Directive as regards VAT rules for the digital age
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 6304/25
15342/24
FISC |
| 19. | Regulation as regards the VAT administrative cooperation arrangements needed for the digital age
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 6304/25
15343/24
FISC |
| 20. | Implementing Regulation as regards information requirements for certain VAT schemes
<i>Adoption</i> |  | 6304/25
15344/24
FISC |
| 21. | New French commemorative coin
<i>Information note</i> | | 6251/25
UEM |
| 22. | New Latvian commemorative coin
<i>Information note</i> | | 6241/25
UEM |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 23. | EU-Latin American Committee on Internal Security (CLASI)
Joint Declaration
<i>Information note</i> | | 6339/25
JAI |
| 24. | Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security (COSI): report to the European Parliament and national parliaments
<i>Approval of a letter</i> |  | 6544/25
6543/25
COSI |

Foreign Affairs

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| 25. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Türkiye's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean
<i>Adoption</i> | | 6086/25
6083/25
6085/25
CORLX |
| 26. | Council Decision on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)
<i>Adoption</i> | | 6280/25
6279/25
CORLX |

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| 27. | UN common pledge for women's full, equal and meaningful participation in peace processes
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i> | 6218/25
6217/25
CONUN |
| 28. | Council Implementing Decision on the third instalment under the Ukraine Plan of the Ukraine Facility
<i>Adoption</i> | ☐ 6491/25
6395/25 + ADD 1
RESUA |
| 29. | Council Decision in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention
<i>Adoption</i> | 6008/25
6007/25 + ADD 1
CORLX |
| 30. | Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures: coordination with third states
<i>Approval</i> | 6536/25
COAFR
CORLX |
| 31. | (poss.) Southern African Development Community -EU ministerial political dialogue – joint communiqué
<i>Approval of an NBI</i> | 6619/25
COAFR |

The abovementioned item was withdrawn.

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 32. | Council Decision on the EU position within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to the EEA Agreement
<i>Adoption</i> | 6586/25
5908/25 + ADD 1
AELE |
| 33. | ICAO - EU coordination for the 234th session of the ICAO Council (Montreal, 10 March-4 April 2025)
<i>Approval</i> | 6484/25
6485/25
AVIATION |

A statement by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

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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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