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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
15 December 2023

I. Adoption of the agenda

16654/1/23 REV 1 OJ CRP1 42 + REV 1 COR 1

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)

Environment

2. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 18 December 2023: Preparation

Regulation on packaging and packaging waste, amending
Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and
repealing Directive 94/62/EC
General approach

 16706/23
+ COR 1 REV 1

The Committee continued the preparation of this item for the Council meeting.

Telecommunications

12. Regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts



Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place from 6 December until 8 December 2023.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

3. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 19 December 2023: Preparation

1. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2022/2576 as regards the prolongation of its period of application  16182/23
Political agreement

2. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2022/2577 laying down a framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy  16184/23
Political agreement

3. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2022/2578 as regards the prolongation of its period of application  16186/23 + COR 1
Political agreement

The Committee prepared these items for the Council meeting.

Energy

4. Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector  15927/23
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.

5. Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2019/943 and (EU) 2019/942 as well as Directives (EU) 2018/2001 and (EU) 2019/944 to improve the Union's electricity market design 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 13 December 2023.

6. Revision of the Directive on the energy performance of buildings (recast) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 7 December 2023.

7. Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 8 December 2023.

Research

8. Decision amending Decision 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 13 December 2023.

Employment and Social Policy

9. Directive on improving working conditions in platform work 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 December 2023.

10. Directive on standards for equality bodies (Article 157) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 December 2023.

11. Regulation on European statistics on population and housing 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 12 December 2023.

Health

13. Regulation on the European Health Data Space 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 14 December 2023.

Internal Market and Industry

58. Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue



The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 13 December 2023.

Environment

14. Directive amending Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and Council Directive on the landfill of waste and
Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement



16415/23 + COR 1
+ ADD 1-2
+ ADD 2 COR 1

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.
The statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the Netherlands and Germany is set out in ADD to this document.

Internal Market and Industry

15. Regulation on the Single Market Emergency Instrument and
Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426, (EU) 2019/1009 and (EU) No 305/2011 as regards emergency procedures due to a Single Market emergency
and
Directive as regards emergency procedures for the conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance due to a Single Market emergency
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue



The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 7 December 2023.

Transport

16. Revision of the Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)
Preparation for the trilogue



16431/23
+ COR 1-2

The Committee prepared a revised mandate in view of the forthcoming trilogue.

17. Single European Sky 2 +



16432/23
+ ADD 1-4

- a) Regulation on the implementation of the Single European Sky (recast)
- b) Regulation amending EASA Basic Regulation
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the next trilogue and did not agree on the Presidency's proposal for a revised mandate.
The statement by Portugal is set out in ADD to this document.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

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

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| 18. | Renewal of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) 2023-2027
<i>Adoption</i> | 15489/23
15488/23
SOC |
| 19. | Two members of the Court of Auditors
<i>Adoption</i> | 15336/23
15337/23
CMPT |
| 20. | A member and an alternate member (NL) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 16263/23
16262/23
CDR |
| 21. | An alternate member (IT) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 16072/23
16070/23
CDR |
| 22. | An alternate member (ES) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 16078/23
16077/23
CDR |
| 23. | An alternate member (CZ) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 16039/23
15920/23
CDR |

Other

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| 24. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Sport on 18 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 15759/23
SPORT |
| 25. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid on 19-20 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 16312/1/23 REV 1
COHAFA |
| 26. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Environment on 8 January 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 16408/23
ENV |

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| 27. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Customs Union on 10 January 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 16310/23
UD |
| 28. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Staff Regulations (WPSR) on 19 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 16494/23
STAT |
| 29. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Technical Harmonisation on 18 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 16646/23
MI |

Judicial Affairs

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| 30. | Case T-591/23 (Illumina v Commission)
<i>Information note</i> | 16413/23
JUR |
| 31. | T-1030/23 (Tiktok Technology Ltd v European Data Protection Board)
<i>Information note</i> | 16452/23 + COR 1
JUR |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 32. | Council Decision on the EU position in the World Customs Organization in relation to the Harmonised System
<i>Adoption</i> |  16304/23 + ADD 1
16197/23 + ADD 1
UD |
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The statement by the Commission is set out in document 16304/23 ADD 1.

Transparency

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| 33. | Public access to documents: Request 23/2861
<i>Decision to make the Council minutes public</i> |  16164/23
API |
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Internal Market and Industry

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| 34. | EU adherence to the OECD Recommendation of 8 June 2023 on Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement
<i>Approval</i> | 16417/1/23 REV 1
+ ADD 1
RC
MAP |
| 35. | EU adherence to the OECD Recommendation of 8 June 2023 on Intellectual Property Rights and Competition
<i>Approval</i> | 16414/1/23 REV 1
+ ADD 1
RC
PI |
| 36. | Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Rwanda on a strategic partnership on sustainable raw materials value chains
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i> | 16156/23
COMPET |

Research

37. Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe
Adoption
- ☐ 16113/1/23 REV 1
+ REV 1 ADD 1
15135/1/23 REV 1
+ ADD 1
RECH

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as a reference to ‘sex’ in the *Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe*.

Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on ‘the European Commission’s Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ mentioned in the *Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe* should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.”

Agriculture

38. Election of the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
Approval
- 16459/23
VETER

Fisheries

39. Council Decision authorising the opening of the negotiations for the conclusion of an Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Cabo Verde
Adoption
- ☐ 15485/23 + ADD 1
15480/23
16275/23
PECHE

The statement by the Commission is set out in document 15485/23 ADD 1.

Transport

40. High-level agreement between the EU and Ukraine and between the EU and the Republic of Moldova
Authorisation to sign an NBI
- 16437/23
TRANS
RELEX

Justice and Home Affairs

41. Regulation amending Council Decision on Customs Information System (CIS) to align it with EU data protection rules
Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
- ☐☐ 16342/23
ENFOCUSTOM

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 42. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2278 suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products
<i>Adoption</i> | ☐ 16303/23
15896/23
UD |
| 43. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2283 for tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products
<i>Adoption</i> | ☐ 16301/23
15892/23
UD |

Foreign Affairs

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| 44. Submission on behalf of the European Union of written statements to the International Court of Justice in relation to the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the “Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change”
<i>Approval</i> | 16349/1/23 REV 1
COJUR |
| 47. 5th World Cocoa Conference (Brussels, 21-24 April 2024) – Declaration on Sustainable Cocoa
<i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i> | 16482/23
PROBA |
| 50. Zimbabwe restrictive measures - pre-notification
<i>Approval</i> | 16535/23
CORLX |
| 52. UN’s consultation process of the Code of Conduct for Information Integrity on Digital Platforms
<i>Approval</i> | 16564/23
CONUN |
| 53. EU contribution to the consultation on the UN Pact of the Future
<i>Approval</i> | 16565/23
CONUN |
| 54. Joint declaration with India on trilateral development cooperation
<i>Authorisation to negotiate an NBI</i> | 16616/23
DEVGEN |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Environment

55. Commission Delegated Directive (EU) .../... of 25.10.2023
amending Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and
of the Council as regards an exemption for cadmium and lead in
plastic profiles in electrical and electronic windows and doors
containing recovered rigid polyvinyl chloride
16467/23 + ADD 1
14775/23 + ADD 1
ENV
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections

Statement by Denmark

“Denmark has objected to the issuing of the delegated directive due to concerns regarding the content of lead. Denmark acknowledges the intention from the Commission to further the circular Economy and increase the recycling of PVC. However, Denmark is not in favor of the proposal by the Commission as regard lead and its compounds because Denmark is concerned that the proposal will lower the protection for European citizens and the environment. Further, we fear that the proposed threshold limit of 1,5% will not protect against the continued practice of actively adding lead to products produced with recycled PVC as a stabilizer.

There is no safe lower limit value for lead, which will provide full protection against damages on the kidneys and the development of the brain. Therefore, setting a sufficiently low limit level for lead in PVC is critical. Denmark considers the limit value of 0.1% appropriate, which will lead to the same protection whether the PVC profiles are made of new or recycled PVC.”

56. Commission Decision of XXX establishing, pursuant to
Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the
Council, the values of the Member State monitoring system
classifications as a result of the intercalibration exercise and
repealing Commission Decision (EU) 2018/229
16640/23
15079/23
+ ADD 1-2
ENV
Decision not to oppose adoption

Economic and Financial Affairs

57. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) of 28.11.2023
amending the regulatory technical standards laid down in
Delegated Regulation (EU) No 153/2013 as regards the
extension of temporary emergency measures on CCP collateral
requirements
16510/23
16283/23 + ADD 1
EF
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
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