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

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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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- 20. Setting of the provisional agenda for the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 17 March 2011
(For the items within the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)**

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 March 2011 as set out in 7589/11.

- 21. Preparation of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" Council meeting (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 9 and 10 March 2011**

- **Proposal for a Council Decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of the Council Decision**
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
5538/11 PI 3
6520/11 PI 9 + ADD 1

The Committee noted that all delegations, except Italy and Spain, agreed to submit the draft Decision contained in 5538/11 to the Competitiveness Council on 10 March 2011 for adoption and to call upon the said Council to decide to have the statements contained in the Addendum to 6520/11 entered in its minutes.

The Committee also noted the Presidency's intention to organise the examination of the two Commission proposals concerning the implementing acts in such a way that the final Council Decisions will be taken at the same time.

- 22. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 (Third reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the trilogue**
6586/11 CODEC 232 DENLEG 30 AGRI 120

Le Comité examine, sur base du document 6586/11, des propositions de la Présidence en vue du trilogue du 1.3.2011.

23. Preparation of the Council meeting "Environment" on 14 March 2011

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 7312/11.

2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) - (recast) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Political agreement

17367/08 ENV 1022 MI 554 CODEC 1863

6573/11 ENV 98 MI 72 CODEC 231

+ ADD 1 + ADD 2

The Committee held a debate on the main outstanding issue of the Presidency compromise, namely concerning the scope of the Directive. The results can be found in 6948/11 + ADD 1. It will finalize the Council preparation on this file on 2 March 2011.

3. Contribution to the European Semester (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Exchange of views

18066/10 ECOFIN 866 COMPET 443 SOC 858 ENV 878 EDUC 235 RECH 426
ENER 372

+ REV 1 (fr)

+ ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3

6611/11 ENV 101 ECOFIN 75 COMPET 43 SOC 134 EDUC 33 RECH 29

ENER 27

The Committee endorsed the Presidency questions in view of the Council debate.

24. Icelandic whale catches

- Reply to the US initiative

6764/11 ENV 108 PECHE 53

The Committee exchanged views on the issue at hand. The Presidency took note of the views expressed and indicated it would reflect on how best to take matters further.

25. Transitional Committee

- Nomination of the EU members

The Committee agreed on the nomination of experts, subject to confirmation by a silence procedure which ended without opposition on 24 February at noon.

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II

41. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 24-25 February 2011

a) EU-Turkey readmission agreement

The Committee examined draft Council Conclusions as set out in 6974/11 ASIM 16 NT 7.

The Chair announced that a revised version would be submitted to the Council.

b) Developments in the North African Region (migratory flows and internal security) 6819/11 ASIM 13

The Presidency referred to the outcome of discussions earlier in the Mixed Committee and confirmed that it would revise its paper set out in 6819/11 ASIM 13 in the light of comments made for the purpose of discussions at Ministerial level. The revised paper is set out in 6819/1/11 REV 1 ASIM 13.

c) Draft Council conclusions on the Commission communication on the European Union internal security strategy action 6699/11 JAI 124

The Committee reached agreement on the draft Council conclusions on the Commission's Communication (doc. 16797/10) on the EU Internal Security Strategy in Action: Five steps towards a more secure Europe, as set out in 6699/11 JAI 124, which would be submitted to the Council for approval.

d) State of play of the process of accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Schengen area - Draft Presidency conclusions 6740/11 SCHEVAL 27 COMIX 101

The Committee took note of the discussion which took place earlier in the Mixed Committee.

e) Greece's National Action Plan on Migration Management and Asylum Reform

The Committee confirmed that this item would be dealt with at the JHA Council meeting in order to allow the Ministers and the Commissioner to exchange views on the situation in Greece.

f) Information on the revision of the first six months of the implementation of the EU-US TFTP agreement

The Chair indicated that this point would be dealt with under any other business.

**g) Post visa liberalisation mechanism for the Western Balkans countries
- Commission presentation**

The Committee took note of the discussion which took place earlier in the Mixed Committee.

h) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided some additional information regarding the agenda and the handling of the JHA Council on 24/25 February 2011.

42. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 21 February 2011

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

43. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 21 February 2011

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

44. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 15 March 2011

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.