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

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The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes :

The following item is **added** :

(Copeper Part 2, under I)

41. Négociation d'un accord avec l'Uganda relatif au Statut de la mission "EUTM Somalia"

- Autorisation d'ouvrir les négociations

6853/10 COSDP 154 PESC 238 COAFR 70 EUTRA SOMALIA 9

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

6. Notification de la Haute Représentante pour les affaires étrangères et la politique de sécurité au Comité établi conformément à la résolution du Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies 751 (1992)

6934/10 PESC 250 COSDP 166 COAFR 73 EUTRA SOMALIA 10

RELEX 171 CONUN 21

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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2. **Communication de la Commission EUROPE 2020** **- Présentation par la Commission**

The Commission gave a short presentation of the main elements of the new economic strategy for growth and jobs as presented in the Commission's Communication. The Committee will revert to this item next week, in the context of preparations of the European Council.

3. **Traité de Lisbonne : EEAS (session restreinte)**

In the framework of the preparatory work on the European External Action Service, the Committee discussed the key decisions on the EEAS as well as its organisational structures and building blocks. Discussions were based on the input by the High Representative.

21. **Suivi de la session du Conseil (Justice et affaires intérieures) des 25/26 février 2010**

The Chair informed the Committee on the next steps of the items which were discussed at the Council on the 25th and 26th February.

Special importance was accorded by the Committee to the following items:

On the Proposal for a Directive on the right to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings: After the intervention of several delegations the Chair concluded that there was an unanimous desire of the Member states to continue work within the framework of the existing legislative proposal presented by Member States.

On the initiative for a Directive on the European Protection Order: The Presidency informed the Committee on its intention to continue work within the framework of the existing initiative.

Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation and Internal Security: the Committee was informed that the first meeting of COSI will take place on the 11th of March and that the COSI Support Group will meet on the 4th of March to prepare the plenary meeting.

European Pact against international drug trafficking: the JHA Counsellors will start to work on the Pact in the following weeks with the aim to have it adopted by the Council in April or June.

Council Conclusions on 29 measures to reinforce the external borders and the fight against illegal migration: Work will start in the Council working parties, at the Commission and in FRONTEX to implement the measures foreseen in the Council conclusions. The Commission is invited to present a report on the implementation by the end of the year.

SIS II: The Committee was informed that a decision on the future of SIS II will be taken at the Council during the April meeting.

Accession to the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: Once the Commission presents the recommendation containing a draft negotiation mandate, the Presidency will steer the technical examination of the mandate.

22. Présentation de l'ordre du jour du Conseil (Affaires étrangères) des 22/23 mars 2010

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires étrangères.

23. Préparation du Sommet UE-Pakistan (21 avril 2010)

- Débat d'orientation

6942/10 PESC 251 COASI 31 ASIE 11 COTER 17 RELEX 172 POLGEN 24
COMER 31 COHOM 56 CONOP 7

The Committee had a first discussion on the EU-Pakistan Summit and gave guidance on further handling to the relevant working parties. The Committee will return to this issue right before the Summit is held.

24. Préparation du Sommet UE-Maroc
- État des travaux

Le Comité a eu un échange de vues sur l'état des travaux de préparation du Sommet UE-Maroc (Granada, 7 mars 2010).

Le Comité s'est penché notamment sur le projet de déclaration conjointe en vue dudit sommet.

25. Présentation de l'ordre du jour du Conseil (Affaires générales) des 22/23 mars 2010

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales.

26. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires économiques et financières) du 16 mars 2010

a) Services financiers: Directive sur les gestionnaires de fonds d'investissement alternatifs

= **Orientation générale**
6800/10 EF 18 ECOFIN 121 CODEC 146
6795/1/10 REV 1 EF 17 ECOFIN 120 CODEC 144

The Committee examined the latest Presidency compromise proposal and agreed to revert to the issue at its next meeting.

b) Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil

Le Comité fait le point sur l'état de préparation des différents points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil visée en objet.

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35. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 11 and 12 March 2010

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **General approach**
6835/10 AVIATION 22 CODEC 152

The Committee settled a number of remaining outstanding issues and invited the TTE Council to pursue the examination of the text with a view to reaching a general approach on the above-mentioned Regulation at its meeting on 11 March 2010.

2. External relations: negotiations on second stage of air services with the USA (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Information from the Commission / Policy debate**
6592/10 AVIATION 16 USA 28 RELEX 144
+ COR 1 (en)

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission on the current state of play of the second stage EU-US negotiations on the Air Transport Agreement. The Committee agreed to invite the Ministers, at the TTE Council on 11 March 2010, to examine the information provided by the Commission on the state of play of the negotiations and to give a steer on a possible follow-up to the negotiations.

3. European Single Sky Conference (Madrid, 25-26 February 2010) (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Information from the Presidency / Policy debate**
6708/10 AVIATION 20

The Committee took note of the Presidency's intention to inform Ministers of the results of the European Single Sky Conference, held in Madrid on 25-26 February 2010, under "Any Other Business" at the TTE Council meeting on 11/12 March 2010.

36. Draft Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in the negotiations on a legally binding instrument on mercury further to Decision 25/5 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- Adoption

12177/09 ENV 501 COMER 114

6725/10 ENV 98 COMER 29 MI 59 ONU 24

After discussion, the Chair concluded that the Committee would revert to this subject at its next meeting on 10 March.

37. Draft Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in the negotiations on the revision of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

- Adoption

11526/09 ENV 478 ENT 152 ONU 58 RESTREINT UE

6752/10 ENV 100 ENT 15 ONU 25

After discussion, the Chair concluded that the Committee would revert to this subject at its next meeting on 10 March.

38. Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on the European Union's behalf with regard to certain proposals submitted to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 15) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Doha, Qatar, 13-25 March 2010

- Adoption

6759/10 ENV 102 WTO 57 RESTREINT UE

6820/10 ENV 107 WTO 63

After examination of various outstanding issues, the Chair concluded that the Committee would revert to the draft decision at its next meeting on 10 March.

39. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 15 March 2010

1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the protection of soil (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

13388/06 ENV 495 AGRI 305 DEVGEN 232 FORETS 32 FSTR 64 RECH 242
REGIO 53 TRANS 246 CODEC 1012

6124/10 ENV 64 AGRI 35 DEVGEN 42 FORETS 19 FSTR 5 RECH 40
REGIO 5 TRANS 27 CODEC 89

The Committee took note of the intention of the Presidency to present a progress report to Council.

2. Preparation of the European Council on 25 and 26 March 2010: European Strategy for Growth and Jobs (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Presentation by the Commission of its Communication EUROPE 2020**
- **Exchange of views (Environmental issues)**
6909/10 ENV 113 POLGEN 23

The Committee took note of the two questions proposed by the Presidency for the exchange of views in Council.

3. Climate change: Follow-up to the Copenhagen Conference (7-19 December 2009) (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
6594/1/10 ENV 86 ONU 20 DEVGEN 55 ECOFIN 111 ENER 42 FORETS 24
REV 1

The Committee examined the abovementioned conclusions. On the basis of that discussion, it agreed to forward a revised version of those conclusions as contained in 6939/10 to the Council (Environment) on 15 March 2010 for discussion and adoption.

- **Any other business**

- **Council meeting on Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 1 and 2 March 2010:**

- (a) **Relaunch of the Internal Market**

- **Information from the Presidency on the exchange of views**

The Committee took note of the information given by the Presidency on the main points made during the lunchtime discussion in the context of the Competitiveness Council on 1 March 2010, held between ministers, Professor Mario Monti and Commission Vice-Presidents Michel Barnier and Antonio Tajani on the relaunch of the Internal Market.

- (b) **Development of the European Research Area (ERA): Targets and indicators to measure it**

- **Information from the Presidency on the exchange of views**

The Committee took note of the information given by the Presidency on the ministerial lunch that took place in the context of the Competitiveness Council (Research part) on 2 March 2010.