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

doc. 7054/09 OJ/CRP1 9 + AMD 1

6800/09 OJ/CRP2 9

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes:

The following item is **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

42. Corrigendum to the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/19/EC on deposit-guarantee schemes as regards the coverage level and the payout delay

PE-CONS 3743/08 ECOFIN 645 EF 155 CODEC 1912 COR 4

+ COR 5 (pl) + REV 1 COR 2 (cs) + REV 3 COR 1 (ro)

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

5. Appointment of the three members of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)

6710/09 ECOFIN 142 STATIS 22

6. Nomination of the Chairperson of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB)

6709/09 ECOFIN 141 STATIS 21

The Committee approves the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

A declaration is made by the BG delegation on the following item :

3. Draft Council conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2010

6767/09 FIN 60

"Referring to its Declaration attached to the documents relating to the European Council meeting in Brussels on 16 December 2005, the Republic of Bulgaria would like to confirm its expectations that the continuation in the period 2010-2013 of the Community financing, supporting the decommissioning efforts related to the early closure of four nuclear units at Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant, will be examined within the context of the reassessment of the financial framework in 2009, in accordance with the statement of the President of the European Council at its Brussels meeting on 16 December 2005, during the discussions on the Financial Perspective 2007- 2013."

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15. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 26/27 February 2009

The Committee took note of the debriefing from the Presidency on this meeting.

16. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on credit rating agencies

6930/09 EF 37 ECOFIN 156 CODEC 250

6931/09 EF 38 ECOFIN 157 CODEC 251

The Committee reached agreement on the general approach set out in 6931/09 and instructed the Presidency to pursue negotiations with the European Parliament on that basis.

17. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 10 March 2009

- Preparation of the meeting of the European Council (19-20 March 2009)

a) Key Issues Paper

6784/09 ECOFIN 150 UEM 57 EF 40 AG 20 SOC 155 POLGEN 40

The outcome of the work of the Committee is set out in 6784/1/09 REV 1.

b) Common messages to G20 Summit

The Committee took note of the state of preparation of the G20 Summit on 2 April 2009.

c) Country-Specific Integrated Recommendations

6638/09 ECOFIN 133 SOC 122 COMPET 97 ENV 126 EDUC 33 RECH 50
ENER 63

The Committee agreed to forward the text set out in 6638/09 to the Council (ECOFIN).

- d) **Reduced VAT rates**
 - **Political agreement**
7029/09 FISC 27

Following an exchange of views, the President concluded that the compromise set out in 7029/09 FISC 27 + COR 1 would be transmitted to the Council (ECOFIN) on 10 March 2009.

- e) **International financing of climate change**
 - **Council conclusions**
6641/09 ECOFIN 134 ENV 127 POLGEN 38

After the comments made by several delegations, the Presidency concluded that the draft conclusions would be submitted to the Council (ECOFIN) without amendments. The Polish delegation announced that it would intervene at the Council on this issue.

- **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.

18. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 16/17 March 2009

- **A. General Affairs**
 - = **Preparation of the European Council (Brussels, 19/20 March 2009)**

The Presidency informed the delegations on the state of preparations of the Spring European Council and the Commission presented its communication, Driving European Recovery, which will be the Commission input for the Spring European Council.

- = **European Recovery Plan**

The Presidency presented a set of questions on the financing issue with the view of recalling an agreement on the European Economic Recovery Plan by the Spring European Council.

= **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 Affaires générales.

- **B. External Relations**

= **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 Relations extérieures.

19. Preparation of the Summit EU-Canada (6 May 2009)

7061/09 CDN 2 PESC 274 RELEX 190 ECOFIN 164 TRANS 85 ENER 75 ENV 157
POLGEN 36

The Committee discussed preparations of the EU-Canada Summit. Broad support for the Presidency's approach in the paper. Agreement that the deepening economic partnership was the priority and that work on the mandate should start as soon as possible in view of launching negotiations at the Summit. Importance of climate change, energy, air transport and air safety agreements, visa highlighted. Request to add Eastern Partnership.

20. EU-Japan Summit preparations (4 May 2009)

7027/09 PESC 272 COASI 28 RELEX 187 POLGEN 34 ECOFIN 159 ENER 72 ENV 152

The Committee held a first discussion as part of the preparations for the EU-Japan Summit to take place in May 2009.

21. Preparation of the Summit EU-Russia (21 May 2009)

7082/09 COEST 78 PESC 279 POLGEN 39 RESTREINT UE

The Committee had an exchange of views on preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (Khabarovsk in Russia, 21-22 May 2009) on the basis of a note from the Presidency (doc. 7082/09 RESTREINT UE).

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- 29. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 March 2009**
(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 23 March 2009 as set out in 7465/09.

- 30. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on plant protection products (Second reading)**
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

The Committee took note of an oral presentation from the Chair on the outcome of the second trialogue which took place in Brussels on 3 March 2009.

- 31. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (Second reading)**
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue

La Présidence informe le Comité des résultats du trilogue du 2.3.2009.

- 32. Amended proposals for**

- (a) Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems, and determining the content of its annexes (Second reading)**
- (b) Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (Second reading)**
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Committee takes note of the information given by the Presidency.

33. Road transport (European Parliament second reading)

- (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international road haulage market (recast)**
- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator**
- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services (recast)**
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee on the results of the informal trialogue with the rapporteurs which took place on 3 March 2009 and invited the Working Party on Land Transport to pursue the examination of the above texts in order to prepare the Council's position for the next informal trialogue.

34. Internal Energy Market legislative package (Second reading)

- (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/54/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity**
- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators**
- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity**
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Chairperson informed the Committee on the 4th trialogue which took place on 3 March and was devoted to unbundling in the gas sector, consumer issues and the Agency. The texts on unbundling were presented under the Presidency's responsibility. NRAs-related issues were deferred to a technical meeting.

The next trialogue will take place on 10 March and should be devoted to the Electricity and Gas Regulations and to the Agency.

35. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 68/151/EEC and 89/666/EEC as regards publication and translation obligations of certain types of companies (First reading)

- **Examination of a compromise text with a view to an agreement**
7000/09 DRS 16 COMPET 108 CODEC 264 + ADD 1

The Committee examined the latest Presidency compromise proposal, set out in 7000/09 + ADD 1.

Following the discussion, the Presidency reserved its decision as regards future work on this proposal.

36. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products (recast) (First reading)

- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
7014/09 MI 82 ENT 39 CONSOM 42 SAN 40 ECO 23 ENV 150 CHIMIE 22
CODEC 265

The Committee examined the overall compromise proposal submitted by the Presidency with a view to reaching a first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

37. Review of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Second reading)

- **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks, Directive 2002/58/EC concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Group of European Regulators in Telecoms**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trialogue**
- **Preparation for the next trialogue**
7062/09 TELECOM 30 MI 89 COMPET 115 DATAPROTECT 11 CONSOM 43
CODEC 270
7063/09 TELECOM 31 MI 90 COMPET 116 DATAPROTECT 12 CONSOM 44
CAB 7 CODEC 271

To prepare for the next trialogue, the Committee examined the Presidency proposal in documents 7062/09 and 7063/09.

- 38. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (recast) (First reading)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**

The Presidency reported on the outcome of the second trilogue which took place on 3 March and the main elements of the final compromise text which would be submitted to the Committee for agreement.

- 39. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community Ecolabel scheme (First reading)**
- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
6588/09 ENV 120 CODEC 197

The Committee mandated the Presidency to start negotiating a first reading agreement with the European Parliament on the basis of the table annexed to document 6588/09 at the first trialogue, in Strasbourg on 10 March 2009.

- 40. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) (First reading)**
- **Preparation for the informal trialogue**
6587/09 ENV 119 CODEC 196

The Committee mandated the Presidency to start negotiating a first reading agreement with the European Parliament on the basis of the table annexed to document 6587/09 at the first trialogue, in Strasbourg on 10 March 2009.

- 41. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products not intended for human consumption (Animal by-products Regulation)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trialogue**
7142/09 AGRILEG 30 CODEC 291

On the basis of the document 7142/09, the Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency in view of the preparation of the next informal trialogue scheduled for 10 March 2009 on the Commission proposal concerning animal by-products.

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