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

doc. 7224/10 OJ/CRP1 10

7228/10 OJ/CRP2 10

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

The following item is **added** :

(Copeper Part 2, under I)

36. Projet de rapport du Parlement européen concernant la décharge sur l'exécution du budget du Conseil pour 2008

7311/10 FIN 87

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

A statement is made on the following item by the RO delegation :

7. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Cooperation Agreement on a Satellite Navigation between the European Community and its Member States and the Kingdom of Norway

- Adoption

6647/10 TRANS 36 MAR 10 AVIATION 19 RECH 63 N 5

6303/10 TRANS 33 MAR 9 AVIATION 14 RECH 45 N 6

"Romania declares that, since its national law does not allow the provisional application of an international agreement before carrying out the necessary procedures for its entry into force, the provisional application of the Agreement by the European Union will not affect Romania's competences, in relation to this Agreement."

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- 12. Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 29 March 2010
(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 29 March 2010 as set out in 7836/10.

- 13. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transports modes**
- **Endorsement of the agreement on the remaining open issues (Adaptation to the Lisbon Treaty)**
17564/08 TRANS 493 TELECOM 238 IND 236 CODEC 1896
7109/10 TRANS 54 TELECOM 22 IND 32 CODEC 172

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at the informal technical meeting on 3 March 2010 on the legal modifications, in particular delegated acts, resulting from the entry into force of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). Further, the Committee accepted the text proposed by the European Parliament on recital 14, which aims at clarifying the issue of implementing measures (Art. 291 TFEU). The Presidency will transmit the agreed text to the European Parliament in order to have this proposal adopted as soon as possible.

- 14. 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**
6725/1/10 ENV 98 COMER 29 MI 59 ONU 24 REV 1

The Committee considered options presented by the Presidency. After discussion, the Chair concluded that the Committee would revert to this subject at one of its next meetings.

15. 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

6752/1/10 ENV 100 ENT 15 ONU 25 REV 1

After discussions, the Committee agreed on the text of the Council Decision as set out in document 6752/1/10 and forwarded it to the Council for adoption.

16. 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

6820/1/10 ENV 107 WTO 63 REV 1

After discussions, the Committee agreed on the text of the Council Decision as set out in document 6820/1/10 with slight modifications and forwarded it to the Council for adoption.

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18. Traité de Lisbonne : SEAE (session restreinte)

On the basis of input by the High Representative, the Committee discussed the selection procedures of EEAS staff in view of the future Decision on the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service.

32. 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

6800/1/10 REV 1 EF 18 ECOFIN 121 CODEC 146

6795/2/10 REV 2 EF 17 ECOFIN 120 CODEC 144

The Committee continued the examination of the Presidency compromise proposal for a general approach with regard to the above-mentioned Directive. Further discussion will take place at the Council (ECOFIN) on 16 March 2010.

b) Préparations pour le Conseil européen

i) EU 2020

= Conclusions du Conseil

7166/10 ECOFIN 137 COMPET 87 SOC 178

ENV 138 EDUC 44 RECH 85 POLGEN 31

The Committee discussed the draft conclusions as prepared by the Economic Policy Committee and the Economic and Financial Committee. The Presidency undertook to update the draft to reflect the points raised and to submit this revised draft to the Council (ECOFIN) on 16 March 2010.

- ii) **Stratégies de sortie**
 - = **Conclusions du Conseil**
7169/10 ECOFIN 139 UEM 56
7209/10 ECOFIN 141 UEM 57 SOC 179

The Committee confirmed agreement on the text of two sets of draft Council conclusions and agreed to submit them to the Council (ECOFIN) on 16 March 2010.

- iii) **Financement du changement climatique**
 - = **Conclusions du Conseil**
7168/10 ECOFIN 138 ENV 139 POLGEN 29

The Committee confirmed agreement on the text of draft Council conclusions and agreed to submit it to the Council (ECOFIN) on 16 March 2010.

- c) **Fiscalité: TVA - Directive relative à la facturation**
 - = **Orientation générale**
7132/1/10 REV 1 FISC 23

A l'issue d'un échange de vues, le Président a conclu que le document serait transmis au Conseil, éventuellement amendé.

- d) **Autres points en rapport avec la session du Conseil**

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

33. Préparation de la session du Conseil (Affaires générales) des 22/23 mars 2010

a) Préparation du Conseil européen des 25/26 mars 2010

- = **Rapport sur les travaux du Conseil sur la nouvelle stratégie européenne pour la croissance et emploi**
7217/10 CO EUR-PREP 9 POLGEN 30 AG 4 ECOFIN 142 UEM 58 SOC 180
COMPET 88 RECH 86 ENER 67 TRANS 62 MI 77 IND 35 EDUC 45
ENV 141
- = **Questionnaire de la Présidence sur la nouvelle stratégie européenne pour la croissance et emploi**

En vue de la préparation du prochain Conseil européen, le Comité a eu un échange de vues sur la nouvelle stratégie européenne pour la croissance et l'emploi, sur base d'un questionnaire élaboré par la présidence. Ce débat informera l'élaboration des conclusions du Conseil européen que le Comité examinera lors de sa prochaine session.

34. Préparation du Sommet UE - Japon

- **Débat d'orientation**
6756/10 COASI 28 PESC 227 RELEX 159 ECOFIN 116 POLGEN 22 ENV 101

The Committee held a first orientation debate as part of the preparations for the EU-Japan Summit to take place in April 2010. Based on the orientation note drafted jointly by the Presidency, the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council, delegations were briefed on the priorities for the summit and some possible sensitive issues to be expected. Member states offered their suggestions for EU-positions to be formulated during discussions, or in the Summit outcome document. Presidency promised to take delegations' comments on board.

35. Deuxième révision de l'Accord de Cotonou

6830/10ACP 40 PTOM 7 RESTREINT UE

The Committee confirmed the EU position for the extraordinary ACP-EU Ministerial meeting of 19 March 2010, as set out in document 6830/10 RESTREINT UE.

The Committee also agreed that the negotiators should:

- seek to further improve the provisions on migration, possibly by seeking solutions alternative to renegotiating Article 13 of the Agreement,
- revise the provisionally agreed modifications to Article 61 concerning budget support,

- modify the text proposals concerning preference erosion,
 - establish a text proposal for a joint declaration on the multi-annual financial framework concerning cooperation under the Agreement, which would not prejudice the outcome of discussions on the next EU financial perspectives, notably concerning the legal form and volume of EU financial support for the ACP countries.
- **Any other business**
- **Council Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs on 8 March 2010**
 - **Information from the Presidency on the exchange of views held on "Youth Employment Policies"**

The Presidency informed the Committee about the exchange of views on the most significant issues related to the employment situation of youth in Member States, held during the lunch of the EPSCO Council. Based on a presentation by Commissioner Andor and a Presidency background paper on "Youth Employment Policies", Ministers welcomed the 2 Flagship initiatives under the "Youth on the Move" proposal, in particular to favour youth mobility in the EU.

(19) Délégations de l'UE auprès des organisations internationales
= Information sur les travaux en cours à New York

At the request of the HR the Committee was informed by the Presidency on the informal consultations undertaken in NY, regarding the EU's role in the UNGA, in view of keeping the EU external representation at the same level as it was before the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

(19) Mise en œuvre des dispositions financières du Traité de Lisbonne

Le président a souligné la volonté de la Présidence d'aboutir à un accord rapide au Conseil sur les propositions de la Commission liées à la mise en œuvre des dispositions financières du traité de Lisbonne afin de pouvoir négocier avec le Parlement européen dans les meilleurs délais.
