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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and items "I"
doc. 7938/11 OJ/CRP1 11

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

2. Reply to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament

- (a) n° E-9159/2010 put by Giancarlo Scottà
"Patents: Competitiveness Council of 11 and 12 October 2010"
7868/11 PE-QE 332

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

The BE delegation made the following statement on item 9 :

9. Draft Council Decision concerning a proposal, on behalf of the European Union and together with the Member States, for amendments to Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

- Adoption

7071/11 ENV 144 ENT 42 ONU 27

7072/11 ENV 145 ENT 43 ONU 28

"Belgium, while supporting the substance of the decision, notes that its formulation appears not to be in line with the Treaties. The fact that the nomination has to be done "on behalf of the European Union and together with the Member States", as stated in the decision heading and in its article 1, is questionable considering that it relates to substances that are covered by EU legislation and/or for which the listing in the annexes of the Stockholm Convention would imply a modification of the existing EU legislation. Belgium invites the Commission to verify these aspects and to consider steps to be taken on that basis."

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- 15. Setting of the provisional agenda for the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 14 April 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 14 April 2011 as set out in 8638/11.

- 16. Submission of information on forest management reference levels by the European Union, as requested by Decision -/CMP.6 on land use, land use change and forestry**
- Presentation by the Commission

The Commission informed the Committee about a persisting divergence of views. The Chair announced that the Presidency would submit a compromise suggestion for next Committee's meeting on 30 March.

- 17. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on textile names and related labelling of textile products (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- Preparation for the informal trialogue
7869/11 TEXT 1 MI 147 ENT 68 CHIMIE 18 ECO 25 CONSOM 33 CODEC 439

The Committee has mandated the Presidency to participate in informal negotiations with the representatives of the European Parliament with a view to reaching a second reading agreement on the basis of the suggestions set out in the Annex to document 7869/11.

18. Preparation of the Council meeting "Transport, Telecommunications and Energy" on 31 March 2011

- 1. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the detailed rules for access to the public regulated service offered by the global navigation satellite system established under the Galileo programme (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **General approach**
14701/10 TRANS 267 MAR 98 AVIATION 156 CAB 17 RECH 321 CODEC 996
7639/11 TRANS 78 MAR 35 AVIATION 49 CAB 20 ESPACE 8 CODEC 397

The Committee agreed to submit the draft general approach to the upcoming TTE Council on 31 March 2011 allowing it to reach a general approach on the text of the draft Decision.

- 2. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Mid-term review of the European satellite radio navigation programmes (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Adoption of Council conclusions**
 - **Policy debate**
5530/11 TRANS 15 MAR 8 AVIATION 5 CAB 5 RECH 6 RELEX 56
7635/11 TRANS 77 MAR 34 AVIATION 48 CAB 19 ESPACE 7 RELEX 248

The Committee:

- examined the text of the draft Council conclusions on the Commission's report, as set out in 7635/11;
- resolved the outstanding issues and agreed to submit them to the forthcoming TTE Council on 31 March 2011 for adoption;
- agreed to enter into these minutes the following Commission statement:

"The Commission confirms its strong commitment in favour of Galileo and EGNOS as stated in the mid-term review of the GNSS Programmes and welcomes in this respect the Conclusions which reaffirm the Council's strong commitment in favour of the European satellite navigation programmes. As far as the question of financing is concerned, the Commission underlines that it cannot commit at this stage to the conditions of financing of the European satellite navigation programmes after 2013 and considers that this issue must be discussed in the contest of the next multi-annual financial framework, on the basis of a forthcoming proposal by the European Commission."

3. Proposal for a Regulation (EU) [.../....] of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Progress report**
- **Policy debate**
15717/10 MAR 111 CODEC 1210
7644/11 MAR 36 CODEC 398

The Committee examined the text of the draft progress report and the questions contained therein (doc. 7644/11), and agreed to submit it to the forthcoming TTE Council on 31 March 2011 for a policy debate.

4. Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the accession of the European Union to the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council position**
17511/10 MAR 127 + COR 1
7867/1/11 MAR 40 JUSTCIV 49 REV 1

The Committee examined the proposal for a Council position, as set out in 7867/1/11 REV 1, solved some of the outstanding issues and gave delegations until 28 March (close of business) to indicate if they had any problems with the proposal.

5. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption**
7660/11 AVIATION 51 RELEX 253
7679/11 AVIATION 53 RELEX 255
7702/11 AVIATION 55 RELEX 259

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at Working Party level and decided to submit this file to the TTE Council on 31 March 2011 for adoption.

6. Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations to amend the Air Transport Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption

5541/11 AVIATION 6 RELEX 46 AELE 6 CH 3	RESTREINT UE
7656/11 AVIATION 50 RELEX 252 AELE 12 CH 8	RESTREINT UE
+ COR 1 (da)	RESTREINT UE
7682/11 AVIATION 54 RELEX 258 AELE 13 CH 9	RESTREINT UE

The Committee confirmed the agreement reached at Working Party level and decided to submit this file to the TTE Council on 31 March 2011 for adoption

19. 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 conciliation

Le Comité prépare la réunion du comité de conciliation du 28.3.2011.

- Any other business

= Election of Director-General of IRENA

The Presidency informed the Committee of the coming election of the IRENA Director-General in the first week of April and invited delegations to support the EU candidate, Mr Pedro L. Marin (Spain).

On this occasion the Polish delegation informed the Committee that Mr Marcin Korolec has been proposed as candidate for the IRENA Council.

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