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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
15 and 16 April 2025

I. Adoption of the agenda

7910/1/25 REV 1 OJ CRP1 15

8005/1/25 REV 1 OJ CRP2 15

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

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Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

2. Meeting of the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 12 and 13 May 2025: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda and of AOB items requested by Sweden on “European Capital of Culture 2029: Kiruna”, by Portugal and Spain on “The value of the Culture and creative sectors in the development of AI: safeguarding copyright and related rights and ensuring transparency in the Code of Practice under the AI Act” and by Italy on “The European and Social Dimension of the XXV Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, Milano-Cortina 2026: Major Sporting Events, the European Sport Model, and the role of Volunteering” and decided to hold these AOBs in public session.

It also took note of AOB items requested by Estonia on “Contribution of culture to the EU preparedness: long-term preservation of digital cultural heritage”, and by Italy on “The negative impact of the use of smartphones in schools” and on “Informal Conference ‘One year after the Ministerial Meeting of the G7 on Education: what steps should be taken to further improve cooperation on education?’ (Rome, 27-28 June 2025)”.

Environment

3. Regulation on preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution IC
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the provisional agreement reached at the final trilogue which took place on 8 April 2025.

4. Soil Monitoring Law IC
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the provisional agreement reached at the final trilogue which took place on 9 April 2025.

Internal Market and Industry


5. Regulation on the safety of toys IC
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the provisional agreement reached at the final trilogue which took place on 10 April 2025.

COREPER (PART 2)

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Foreign Affairs

14. EU-US trade relations 
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025

General Affairs

15. Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 2015/1017, (EU) No 2021/523, (EU) No 2021/695 and (EU) No 2021/1153 as regards increasing the efficiency of the EU guarantee under the InvestEU programme and simplifying reporting requirements.  7882/25
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

16. EU-UK relations 
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

Foreign Affairs

17. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 14 April 2025:
Follow-up


The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

18. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on
15 May 2025: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

19. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Development) on
26 May 2025: Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda.

20. EU-US relations 
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

Economic and Financial Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 13 May 2025: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

IV. Any other business

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None.

COREPER (PART 2)

Safe third countries of origin



The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission.

Non-discussion items "I"**COREPER (PART 1)****WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**


6. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure
-  7898/25
PE-QE
- a) Özlem Demirel (The Left) 7893/25
"Cooperation with EUROGENDFOR"
- b) João Oliveira (The Left) 7530/25
"Use of lethal autonomous weapons systems"
- c) Sebastian Tynkkynen (ECR) 7896/25
"Measures to restrict access to EU airspace from Russian airspace"
- d) Martin Schirdewan (The Left) 7390/25
"Travel routes"
7. **Minutes of Council meetings**  PV CONS
Approval
- a) EPSCO 10.03.2025 6964/25
- b) TTE (Energy) 17.03.2025 7173/25 + ADD 1
- Other**
8. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) on 24 April 2025
Approval 7844/25
COMPET

EU positions for international negotiations

9. Consultation of the Council by the European Commission on the EU position regarding the fourth revision by the Regional Steering Committee of Annex I to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community
Approval 7771/2/25 REV 2
TRANS


10. Council Decision on the EU position at COP 12 to the Stockholm Convention as regards extension of specific exemptions and proposal to amend Annex A to that Convention
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure
-   7993/25
7111/1/25 REV 1
ENV

Fisheries



11. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Implementing Protocol (2024-2029) to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
Adoption
-  7805/25 + ADD 1
12475/24
PECHE

A statement by the Commission is set out in document 7805/25 ADD 1.

Telecommunications

12. Endorsement of the Letter of Intent (LoI) on Strengthening Cooperation in the Area of Quantum Science and Technology between the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and the Cabinet Office of Japan
Approval of a non-binding instrument
Decision to use the written procedure
-  7656/25
TELECOM

Environment

13. Directive amending Council Directive 92/43/EEC as regards the protection status of the wolf (*Canis lupus*)
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament
-   7836/25
7018/25
ENV

Statement by the Commission

“Pursuant to Article 193 TFEU, Member States are allowed to maintain or introduce more stringent measures to protect the environment than those already in place, as long as they are compatible with the Treaties and are notified to the Commission. In turn, the Commission verifies the compatibility of the said measures with EU law. As regards the amendment of the Habitats Directive consisting in moving the wolf from Annex IV to Annex V of the Directive, national authorities need to notify the Commission of the corresponding transposition measures within 18 months from publication of the amending directive in the Official Journal of the European Union. In case Member States intend to maintain a higher protection level of the wolf at national level, this should be signaled at the time of the notification of their transposition measures to the Commission. This does not require adopting any specific legal instrument.”

Statement by Portugal

“Em Portugal, os resultados obtidos no Censo 2019-2021 apontam para que tenha ocorrido uma contração da área de presença de lobo nas duas últimas décadas, nomeadamente na região de Trás-os-Montes e a sul do rio Douro, na zona envolvente ao vale desse rio.

O número de alcateias detetadas sofreu também uma ligeira redução a nível nacional, apresentando tendências muito diferentes nos quatro núcleos populacionais existentes.

Entre os principais fatores que estarão a comprometer a conservação do lobo em Portugal, encontra-se a mortalidade causada diretamente por humanos, que continua, em muitas áreas, a ser responsável pelo desaparecimento da espécie e/ou de alcateias.

Apesar das medidas de conservação em curso, nomeadamente de melhoria do mecanismo de indemnização por prejuízos atribuídos ao lobo, e da promoção de uma melhor proteção dos efetivos pecuários, através do apoio técnico e financeiro aos criadores de gado, para implementarem as medidas mais adequadas a cada contexto, o estado de conservação da espécie permanece desfavorável.

Portugal não se opôs à proposta de Decisão do Conselho para a apresentação, pela União Europeia, de uma proposta para alteração dos Anexos II e III da Convenção de Berna, em solidariedade com as necessidades específicas de Estados-Membros que vivem realidades diferentes da portuguesa, quanto ao estado de conservação do lobo, poderem rever esse estatuto à luz das suas necessidades concretas.

No momento da adoção da proposta de Decisão (datada de 24 de setembro), Portugal apresentou uma Declaração de voto deixando claro que manterá a atual política de conservação do lobo no nosso território, com vista a garantir que esta espécie alcance um estado de conservação favorável e de acordo com o compromisso assumido relativamente ao objetivo de conservação estabelecido pela Diretiva Habitats.

Portugal reitera os termos da Declaração de 24 de setembro de 2024, e afirma que, apesar das alterações verificadas nos Anexos da Convenção de Berna e da presente proposta de alteração à Diretiva 92/43/CEE, pretende manter, no seu território nacional, o atual estatuto de proteção rigorosa do lobo-ibérico, ao abrigo da faculdade prevista no artigo 193.º do TFUE, nos termos do qual os Estados-Membros estão autorizados a manter ou introduzir medidas de proteção reforçadas, compatíveis com os Tratados e notificadas à Comissão.

Assim, para esse efeito e, tendo também em conta o disposto no Considerando (6) da presente proposta de alteração à Diretiva 92/43/CEE, Portugal irá notificar a Comissão Europeia, dentro do prazo para a transposição da Diretiva, da sua decisão de manter, ao abrigo da referida faculdade, o atual estatuto de proteção rigorosa do lobo-ibérico no seu território nacional.”

Courtesy translation

“In Portugal, the results obtained in the 2019-2021 Census indicate that there has been a contraction in the area of wolf presence in the last two decades, namely in the Trás-os-Montes region and south of the Douro River, in the area around the valley of that river.

The number of packs detected also suffered a slight reduction at a national level, showing very different trends in the four existing population centers.

Among the main factors that would be compromising the conservation of the wolf in Portugal is mortality caused directly by humans, which continues, in many areas, to be responsible for the disappearance of the species and/or packs.

Despite ongoing conservation measures, such as improving the compensation mechanism for damages attributed to wolves, and promoting better protection of livestock herds, through technical and financial support for livestock farmers, to implement the most appropriate measures for each context, the conservation status of the species remains unfavorable.

Portugal did not oppose the proposal for a Council Decision for the presentation, by the European Union, of a proposal to amend Annexes II and III of the Bern Convention, in solidarity with the specific needs of Member States that live in different realities to Portugal, regarding the conservation status of the wolf, to be able to review this status in light of their specific needs.

At the time of the adoption of the proposed Decision (dated 24 September), Portugal presented a Declaration of Vote making it clear that it will maintain the current wolf conservation policy in our territory, with a view to ensuring that this species reaches a favourable conservation status and in line with the commitment made in relation to the conservation objective established by the Habitats Directive.

Portugal reiterates the terms of the Declaration of 24 September 2024, and states that, despite the changes made to the Annexes to the Bern Convention and the present proposal to amend Directive 92/43/EEC, it intends to maintain, in its national territory, the current status of strict protection of the Iberian wolf, by applying the option provided for in Article 193 of the TFEU, under which Member States are authorised to maintain or introduce more stringent protective measures, compatible with the Treaties and notified to the Commission. Therefore, to this end and also taking into account the provisions of Recital (6) of this proposal to amend Directive 92/43/EEC, Portugal will notify the European Commission, within the deadline for transposition of the Directive, of its decision to maintain, under the aforementioned option, the current strict protection status of the Iberian wolf in its national territory.”

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025

Judicial Affairs

22. Case T-111/25, action for annulment, restrictive measures (Ukraine)
Information note 7667/25
JUR
23. Case T-176/25, action for annulment, restrictive measures (Russia)
Information note 7928/25
JUR

Institutional Affairs

24. **Minutes of Council meetings** 
Approval
- a) GAC on 18.03.2025 7207/25 + ADD 1

Appointments



25. A member of the Court of Auditors (RO)
Adoption 6370/25
6374/25
INST

Other

26. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP) on 14 May 2025
Approval 7823/25
JAI
MIGR
27. Attendance of additional third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) on 23-24 April 2025
Approval 7881/1/25 REV 1
COHAFA
28. Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Export Credits Group on 29 April 2025
Approval 7892/25
CCG
29. Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Working Party on Dual-Use Goods on 24 April 2025
Approval 7925/25
DUAL USE

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| 30. | Attendance of a third party at the informal meeting of the members of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) on 29 April 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7931/25
COPS
CFSP/PESC |
| 31. | Attendance of a third party at the Asylum Working Party on 24 April 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7918/25
JAI
MIGR |
| 32. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) on 14 May 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7938/25
COHOM |
| 33. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) on 30 April 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7939/25
COHOM |
| 34. | Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Working Party on Own Resources (WPOR) on 29 April 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7921/25
RESPR |

Economic and Financial Affairs


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| 35. | ECA SR No 13/2025 on support from the Recovery and Resilience Facility for the digital transition in EU member states
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i>
<i>Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working party meeting</i> |  7862/25
FIN |
| 36. | Joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2025
<i>Approval</i> | 7912/25
7913/25
FIN |
| 37. | Joint statement on the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)
<i>Approval</i> | 7914/25
7915/25
FIN |
| 38. | Transfer No DEC 05/2025 (Section III - Commission) (Art. 31(1) FR)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> |  7916/25
FIN |

General Affairs

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| 39. | EP Resolutions and Decisions (April 2025)
<i>Information note</i> | 7591/25
PE-RE |
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40. EP debates (April 2025)
Information note 7600/25
AG
PE

Justice and Home Affairs

41. Accession of Tunisia to the Istanbul Convention  7900/25
FREMP
JAI

a) Council Decision on the extension of the term for
accession of Tunisia to the Istanbul Convention with
regard to matters related to institutions and public
administration of the Union 7653/25
FREMP
JAI
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure






b) Council Decision on the extension of the term for
accession of Tunisia to the Istanbul Convention with
regard to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal
matters, asylum and non-refoulement 7649/25
FREMP
JAI
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

42. Istanbul Convention  7903/25
FREMP
JAI

a) Council Decision on the amendments to the Committee's
Rules of Procedure, with regard to matters related to
institutions and public administration 7294/25
FREMP
JAI
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

b) Council Decision on the amendments to the Committee's
Rules of Procedure of the Istanbul Convention: judicial
cooperation in criminal matters, asylum and non-
refoulement 7295/25
FREMP
JAI
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

Foreign Affairs






43. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure  7365/25
7363/25
7364/25
CORLX
44. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure  6816/25
6812/25
6815/25
CORLX
- A statement by Malta is set out in ADD 1 to this document.
45. Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure  6869/25
6868/25
CORLX
46. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure  6096/25 + COR 1
6093/25
6095/25
CORLX
47. PSC-NAC meetings
Information note 7908/25
COPS
48. Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova with military equipment designed to deliver lethal force
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure  6924/25
6923/25
CORLX

Statements by Austria, Ireland and Malta are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

Institutional Affairs

Other

49. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT) on 29 April 2025
Approval 8049/25
HYBRID
DISINFO

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-  First reading
-  Silence procedure (Article 12(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Restricted item
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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