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

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8115/08 OJ/CRP2 13

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

24. (b) Council Joint Action on support of WHO activities in the area of laboratory bio-safety and bio-security in the framework of the European Union Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

7872/08 PESC 360 CODUN 4 RELEX 187

7871/08 PESC 359 CODUN 3 RELEX 186

27. Relations with Russia

- EU-Russia Common Spaces - 2007 Progress Report

8134/08 COEST 63 NIS 52 POLGEN 35

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

26. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 April 2008

(f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

(iii) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals

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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25. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 28/29 April 2008

Le Comité prend acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer aux ordres du jour provisoires des sessions du Conseil susvisées.

26. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 April 2008

- (a) **Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the United States of America regarding certain conditions for access to the United States' Visa Waiver Program in accordance with Section 711 of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007"**

8081/08 JAI 151 USA 18 RELEX 197	RESTREINT UE
8088/08 JUR 149 JAI 153 USA 19 RELEX 198	RESTREINT UE
7960/08 JAI 145 USA 17 RELEX 191	RESTREINT UE

The outcome of proceedings on this point is set out in 8089/08 JAI 154 USA 20 RELEX 199 (RESTREINT UE).

- (b) **Initiative of the Republic of Slovenia, the French Republic, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Slovak Republic, the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany with a view to adopting a Council Framework Decision on the enforcement of decisions rendered *in absentia* and amending Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States, Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties, Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to confiscation orders and Framework Decision 2008/.../JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union**
8074/08 COPEN 65

The Committee discussed some outstanding issues in respect of the draft Framework Decision and requested the JHA Counsellors to continue the examination of the text in the light of the discussions in the Committee. It was decided to resume the examination of this file in the Committee on 16 April 2008.

(c) Council Framework Decision amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism
7785/2/08 REV 2 CATS 24 DROIPEN 30

The objective of this Framework Decision is to incorporate into EU legislation the offences of "public provocation to commit terrorism", "recruitment for terrorism" and "training for terrorism". The Committee discussed a possible compromise combining adequate safeguards on the protection of human rights, a criminalisation of the attempt to commit "training for terrorism" and appropriate rules on jurisdiction. The discussions led to further refinement of the compromise which can be found in 7785/3/08 CATS 24 DROIPEN 30 REV 3 + COR 1 REV 1.

(d) Draft report to the Council on the setting up of a Common Frame of Reference for European contract law
8092/08 JUSTCIV 64 CONSOM 37

The outcome of these discussions is set out in 8286/08 JUSTCIV 68 CONSOM 39.

(e) Draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office
- **Consolidated version**
8026/08 EUROPOL 44 + COR 1

The text of the Draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office (EUROPOL) as it results from the discussions in the Committee is set out in 8296/08 EUROPOL 46. This draft Decision will be submitted to the Justice and Home Affairs Council for political agreement.

(f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

(i) EU Action plan for enhancing the security of explosives
8109/08 ENFOPOL 69

The Committee confirmed the agreement of Article 36 Committee ; the document is forwarded to the Council for approval.

(ii) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection
8067/08 ASIM 23

The Presidency informed delegations of their intention to hold an orientation debate at Council on the most important outstanding issues. This debate will be based on three questions put forward in 8067/08 ASIM 23.

(iv) The problem of illegal migration in Greece as EU's external border

The Committee was informed of the Greek Minister's intention to inform their colleagues about the current situation.

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41. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the banning of exports and safe storage of metallic mercury (Second reading)

– Preparation for the informal trilogue

14629/06 ENV 580 COMER 194 SAN 215 CODEC 1210

7954/08 ENV 185 COMER 60 SAN 51 CODEC 410

The Committee gave the Presidency a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament in the context of a first informal trilogue on 16 April, with a view to a possible second-reading agreement. The Presidency will report on 18 April.

42. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS) (First reading)

– Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue

– Preparation for the informal trilogue

12413/07 TELECOM 102 MI 193 CODEC 863

8111/08 TELECOM 38 MI 113 CODEC 431

The Committee endorsed the text in document 8111/08 as a mandate to the Presidency in view of the second informal trilogue with the European Parliament on 15 April 2008.

- Any other business

- Debriefing of the informal meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (Brdo, 4/5 April 2008)

The Committee took note of the outcome of the Informal Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Brdo on 4-5 April 2008.
