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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2225th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

held in Brussels on 24 April 2008

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11.	Anti-dumping - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 397/2004 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of cotton-type bed linen originating in Pakistan				
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not

13. Anti-dumping

- Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of coumarin originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 extended to India, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia

14. Enlargement

- Accession negotiations with Turkey
 - = Fulfilment of an opening benchmark on Chapter 6 : Company law

15. Relations with Turkey

- Participation of Turkey in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

16. Relations with Egypt

Adoption of the position by the European Union for the fourth Association Council meeting (Luxembourg, 28 April 2008)

17. Relations with the Gulf States/GCC

- Preparation of the 18th EU-GCC Joint Council and Ministerial meeting (Brussels, 26 May 2008)
- 18. Adoption of a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending the Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part
- 19. Draft Council conclusions on the Review of the EU Guidelines on torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment
- 20. Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar

21. Implementation of UNSCR 1373(2001)

- a) draft Common Position amending Common Position 2007/871/CFSP updating Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism
- b) draft Council Decision amending Decision 2007/868/EC implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism
- c) draft statements of reasons concerning certain individuals and one entity

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- c) draft statement of reasons and draft letter of notification concerning one individual

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- 23. Implementation of UNSCR 1373(2001)
 - draft statement of reasons concerning one entity
- Possible co-location of EUSR office in Bosnia and Herzegovina with European Commission 25 Delegation
- 26. Review of Council arrangements related to African matters
- 27. V EU-LAC and related Summits (Lima 16-17 May 2008) - Draft Declaration and communiqués (current state of negotiations)
- 28. SIS II
 - Report on open issues related to the SIS II schedule
- 29. Draft Decision of the Council authorising the Commission to negotiate an updating of the Framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part or a new Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of Korea to replace the aforementioned Framework Agreement

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30.	Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 April 2008					
31.	Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 14 May 2008 - Other items in connection with the Council meeting					
32.	Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 29 April 2008					
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33.	Rela -	Add Neg	with Russia itional elements to complete the overall package for the adoption of Council otiating Directives for a new Agreement to provide a comprehensive framework Russia relations			

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- 34. Replies to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
 - (a) n° E-0487/08 put by Maria Badia i Cutchet "Euro-Mediterranean University at Piran"
 - (b) n° E-0875/08 put by Jens Holm "EUFOR force in Chad"
 - (c) n° E-1050/08 put by Koenraad Dillen
 "Boycott of the Olympic Games in China and the crisis in Darfur"
 - (d) n° E-1246/08 put by Proinsias De Rossa "Transfers of prisoners through EU airports"
 - (e) n° E-1346/08 put by Emilio Menéndez del Valle "Blockage of the Annapolis process"
 - (f) n° E-1347/08 put by Emilio Menéndez del Valle "Towards an intelligent politics in Pakistan"
 - (g) n° E-1379/08 put by Frieda Brepoels "Loss of identity documents"
 - (h) n° E-1389/08 put by Angelika Beer, Raül Romeva i Rueda and Bart Staes "EU arms exports to Chad in parallel are incompatible with the just-launched ESDP mission"
 - (i) n° E-1414/08 put by Jules Maaten and Sophie in 't Veld "Threat to Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) employees and politicians in Serbia"
 - (j) n° E-1462/08 put by Marco Cappato
 "Signature by Cuba of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"
 - (k) n° E-1486/08 put by Marco Cappato and Marco Pannella "Adoption of free software by the EU institutions"
 - (1) n° P-1501/08 put by Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert "Freedom of expression"
 - (m) n° E-1513/08 put by Bill Newton Dunn "Uzbekistan"
 - (n) n° P-1552/08 put by Ana Maria Gomes
 "EU report(s) on the trial of Ethiopian prisoners of conscience"
- 35. Proposal for a Regulation of the Council amending Regulation No 11 concerning the abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions, in implementation of Article 79(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community
- 36. Proposal for a Council Decision on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme

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37.	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
38.	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain Directives (Second reading)
39.	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)
40.	Climate-Energy Legislative Package

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

doc. 8628/08 OJ/CRP1 15 8606/08 OJ/CRP2 15

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes:

The following items are **added**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

41. Report on proceedings in the Council's configurations 8700/08 POLGEN 40

42. Communicating Europe in Partnership

- **Draft Council conclusions** 8528/08 INF 96 JUR 178

The following item is withdrawn:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

9. Outcome of the trilogue of 16 April 2008 (Inter institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006)

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The following item on the agenda of CRP2 under part I, is **transferred** under part II:

- 32. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 29 April 2008
 - B. External Relations
 - e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting
 - 24. Relations with Uzbekistan
 - Council common position concerning restrictive measures
 - **Draft Council conclusions** 8668/1/08 REV 1 PESC 466 COEST 82 8416/08 PESC 422 COEST 72 COARM 29

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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30. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 April 2008

The Presidency presented outcomes of some important items discussed at the Council meeting.

31. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 14 May 2008

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

<u>The Committee</u> reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

32. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 29 April 2008

A. General Affairs

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

- a) Relations with the Western Balkans
 - = **Draft Council conclusions** 8574/08 COWEB 115 COSDP 307 PESC 447

<u>The Committee</u> discussed the draft Council conclusions as set out in document 8574/08 COWEB 115 COSDP 307 PESC 447 concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the Commission's Communication and - registering the reservations of two delegations - sent them to the Council as ST 8574/1/08 REV 1 COWEB 115 COSDP 307 PESC 447 with view to adoption.

b) Burma/Myanmar

= **Draft Council conclusions** 8697/08 COPOL 22 COASI 70 ASIE 45 RELEX 247

Draft Council conclusions on Burma/Myanmar were endorsed without debate.

c) Zimbabwe

= Draft Council conclusions 8602/08 PESC 452 COAFR 122 ACP 54

The work of the Committee is contained in 8602/08.

d) Pakistan

= **Draft Council conclusions** 8685/08 COASI 69 ASIE 44 PESC 469 CONOP 16 COHOM 42 COPS 121 COTER 22 MIGR 30

<u>The Committee</u> discussed the draft of the Conclusions on Pakistan and sent a slightly revised version to GAERC for adoption.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting
 - Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the European Community of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part

The Committee discussed the possibility to sign the English version of the SAA with Bosnia and Herzegovina on 29 April 2008 in Luxembourg in line with Art. 14 (1) of the Council's rules of procedures and on the understanding that the other language versions would be signed as soon as available. As several Member States insisted on the signing of their proper language version, the Committee concluded that this was not possible, but agreed on the principle that the SAA would be signed as soon as possible and that technical preparations were underway.

24. Relations with Uzbekistan

- Council common position concerning restrictive measures
- **Draft Council conclusions** 8668/1/08 REV 1 PESC 466 COEST 82 8416/08 PESC 422 COEST 72 COARM 29

<u>The Committee</u> agreed to the draft Council Common Position concerning restrictive measures against Uzbekistan (as set out in 8416/08 PESC 422 COEST 72 COARM 29) and finalised the Draft Council Conclusions on Uzbekistan (as set out in 8814/08 PESC 495 COEST 86).

33. Relations with Russia

- Additional elements to complete the overall package for the adoption of Council Negotiating Directives for a new Agreement to provide a comprehensive framework for EU-Russia relations

7655/1/08 REV 1 PESC 341 COEST 58 NIS 50 ENER 82 RESTREINT UE

The outcome of discussion on this item is set out in 8829/08 RESTREINT UE.

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- 37. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
 - Preparation for political agreement
 11755/06 AGRILEG 127 ENV 411 CODEC 773
 8423/08 AGRILEG 54 ENV 231 CODEC 465

Les résultats des discussions sont repris au document 8819/08 AGRILEG 60 ENV 246 CODEC 511.

- 38. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain Directives (Second reading)
 - Preparation for the informal trilogue 5050/06 ENV 5 CODEC 3 8453/08 ENV 232 CODEC 471

<u>The Committee</u> prepared the Presidency's mandate for the first informal trilogue scheduled on 5 May 2008.

- 39. 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
 8470/08 ENV 234 COMER 73 SAN 59 CODEC 475

The Committee prepared the Presidency's mandate for the second informal trilogue on 6 May.

- 40. Climate-Energy Legislative Package
 - Information by the Presidency

The <u>Chair informed the Committee</u> about the main subjects discussed so far in the Working Parties and the calendar for the month of May.

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