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

doc. 8746/13 OJ/CRP1 15

8739/1/13 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 15

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

The following item is **added**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

41. Enlargement

- **Accession negotiations with Turkey**
= **Fulfilment of an opening benchmark on Chapter 22: Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments**
8780/13 ELARG 74

The following items are **withdrawn**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

15. Website of the Council

- **Update of the web pages on Schengen cooperation**
8584/13 SCHENGEN 10 SCH-EVAL 50 SIRIS 55 COMIX 247

(Coreper Part 1, under II)

34. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
8586/13 SOC 257 ECOFIN 275 FSTR 32 COMPET 216 AGRI 246 CODEC 849

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

Coreper Part 2

II

16. New Multiannual Financial Framework 8288/13 CADREFIN 76 POLGEN 43

The Committee discussed the breakdown of allocations per programme as set out in 8288/13.

17. Information on Mali Donors' Conference

The Committee was informed of the rationale, the objectives and related arrangements of the forthcoming Mali Donors' Conference.

The conference will be held in Brussels on 15 May 2013 and will be co-chaired by President Hollande, President Barroso and President Traoré. It will focus on the sustainable recovery of Mali. Among the expected deliverables of the conference will be concrete pledges by the conference's participants. The conference will be prepared by a Senior Officials Meeting in Paris on 3 May 2013.

18. Cohesion Policy legislative package (First reading)

- a) Elements of a partial general approach**
8507/13 FSTR 30 FC 11 REGIO 61 SOC 245 AGRISTR 49 PECHE 151
CADREFIN 83 CODEC 840
+ COR 1
+ ADD 1

The Committee:

- agreed on another partial general approach on the elements set out in the REV 1 of the Addendum to document 8507/13, bringing the texts of the legislative package in line with the European Council conclusions of 7-8 February 2013 on the MFF and integrating the elements on the Youth Employment Initiative;
- mandated the Presidency to make any necessary technical adjustments to this text in due course to bring it into line with the text of the MFF Regulation.

- b) Validation of preliminary results of the negotiations with the European Parliament**
8497/1/13 REV 1 FSTR 29 FC 10 REGIO 60 SOC 243 AGRISTR 48 PECHE 150
CADREFIN 82 CODEC 836
8497/13 ADD 1 REV 1
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The Committee:

- took note of the progress achieved with regard to the thematic blocs of the Cohesion Policy legislative package as outlined in the fourth column of ADD 1 REV 1, ADD 2 REV 1, ADD 3 and ADD 4 to document 8497/13 and validated these compromise texts, and
- mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that the text outlined in the fourth column of the addenda, except for those parts which are marked as open issues, could constitute a basis for a compromise between the two institutions subject to the principle that "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed" and that it is subject to legal scrutiny and finalisation by the jurist-linguists.

19. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22/23 April 2013

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS debriefed the Committee on the exchange of views that took place at the Foreign Affairs Council on 22/23 April 2013, as well as on the way in which the High Representative intends to follow up on it.

The Foreign Affairs Council, in Foreign Ministers configuration, took place on 22 April 2013. The items discussed were: Energy; Eastern Partnership; Southern Neighbourhood (with particular focus on Syria); Mali; and Myanmar/Burma.

The Foreign Affairs Council, in Defence Ministers configuration started on 22 April 2013 in the evening, and continued on 23 April 2013. The items discussed were: EUTM Mali; Defence Industry Task Force; and the Battlegroups.

20. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 22 April 2013

The Committee took note of the main issues discussed at the April General Affairs Council, namely :

- the state of play of the MFF file, including recent contacts with the EP and further steps;
- the presentation of the annotated draft agenda for the May European Council;
- the presentation of the joint reports on Serbia and Kosovo;
- the exchange of views on the proposal by DE, DK, FI and NL on a new mechanism to safeguard fundamental values in the EU.

21. Preparation of the EU-Russia Summit

- **Orientation debate**
8653/13 COEST 84 PESC 431 POLGEN 49 RESTREINT UE

The Committee had an exchange of views on preparations for the EU- Russia Summit (to be held in Russia in early June) on the basis of a Summit orientation note issued under the responsibility of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the Presidency of the Council, the Commission services, and the European External Action Service (doc. 8653/13 RESTREINT UE). Delegations expressed broad support for the Summit orientation note and the approach proposed. It was noted that a further Committee discussion would take place closer to the Summit.

22. Association Agreements with Georgia and the Republic of Moldova 8677/13 COEST 86 RESTREINT UE

The Committee discussed the outstanding issues in the EU-Georgia and EU-Republic of Moldova Association Agreements on the basis of document 8677/13 RESTREINT UE. Delegations agreed to indicate their positions regarding the Presidency proposal on the open issues in the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Agreement the following day. Discussions on the open issues in the EU-Georgia Association Agreement will continue on the appropriate level.

23. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 14 May 2013

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

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29. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 16 and 17 May 2013

The Committee agreed to the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) as set out in 9276/13.

30. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing "Erasmus for all": the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue held on 23 April 2013 and on the next steps envisaged for the handling of this file, in particular the fact that further informal trilogues will take place on 14 and 27 May 2013.

31. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on serious cross-border threats to health (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
8500/13 SAN 124 PHARM 15 PROCIV 49 CODEC 837

The Committee agreed the mandate for the trilogue planned for 6 May 2013 as outlined in 8500/13 and COR 1. The Commission confirmed that it would make a statement concerning the procedure for selection of experts for risk assessment and their independence.

**32. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 13 and 14 May 2013
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 13 and 14 May 2013 as set out in 9152/13.

- 33. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency debriefed the Committee on the outcome of the fifth trilogue held on 24 April 2013.

- 35. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation (PSCI) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency debriefed on the outcome of the informal trilogue of 23 April 2013. The issue on delegated acts for multiannual work plans needs further consideration and has to be solved horizontally so that the file can be closed.

- 36. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue which took place on 24 April 2013.

- 37. Public procurement package (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
• **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the outcome of the third informal trilogue on Concessions on the above file held on 25 April 2013.

- 38. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down Union Customs Code (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was debriefed by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue.

39. Horizon 2020

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020" - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
8629/13 RECH 112 COMPET 224 ATO 43 CODEC 857

The Committee took note of the document 8629/13 and gave the Presidency the mandate for the informal trilogue.

- 40. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards the placing on the market of portable batteries and accumulators containing cadmium intended for use in cordless power tools (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the key remarks put forward by the Presidency on the trilogue meeting held on 23 April 2013 in advance of the detailed debriefing to be given to the Working Group on 2 May 2013. In particular, the Presidency pointed out that the most controversial issue with the EP is likely to be the deadline for the exemption of cadmium batteries and accumulators.

- **Any other business**

= **Debriefing on the informal meeting of Trade Ministers (Dublin, 17-18 April 2013)**

The Committee took note of the discussions at the above-mentioned informal meeting. The Chair referred delegations to the report set out in the Presidency note for the Committee, circulated on 23 April 2013.

= **Integrated Maritime Policy**

FR raised the procedures for approving the statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation / Launching a Transatlantic Research Alliance in the context of IMP (Integrated Maritime Policy).