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

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8753/1/15 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 18 + CM 2629/1/15 REV 1

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

45. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 18 May 2015

f) Burundi

– **Draft Council conclusions**

8542/15 COAFR 158 ACP 65 RELEX 338 COHAFA 45

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

46. – Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

– **Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**

– **Replies to letters**

8808/15 CFSP/PESC 136 COEST 138 FIN 351

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8921/15 CFSP/PESC 156 CSDP/PSDC 277 MAMA 38 RELEX 380

CONUN 94 CSC 109 EUNAVFOR MED 1

8740/15 CSDP/PSDC 260 CFSP/PESC 128 MAM 30 RELEX 356

CONUN 91 CSC 104 EUNAVFOR MED 2

The following item is **withdrawn**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

36. Draft Revised Mission Plan for EUSEC RD Congo, 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016

8757/15 CFSP/PESC 130 CSDP/PSDC 262 COAFR 166 POLMIL 54

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8805/15 COPS 139 CSDP/PSDC 264 CFSP/PESC 135 POLMIL 56

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The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the summary, **with the exception of item 9** which was postponed. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

Coreper Part 1

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- 11. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods (Legislative deliberation) (First reading)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was informed of the results of the trilogue which took place on 12 May 2015. The trilogue was not conclusive as no institution had a mandate to change its position with respect to the procedure for authorisations of placing on the market of novel foods (delegated or implementing acts).

The Committee will be invited at one of its forthcoming meetings to give further guidance on this issue to the Presidency.

- 12. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on seafarers amending Directives 2008/94/EC, 2009/38/EC, 2002/14/EC, 98/59/EC and 2002/23/EC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
8664/15 SOC 290 EMPL 175 MAR 61 CODEC 673
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The Committee:

- analysed and approved the final compromise text as set out in the Addendum 1 to document 8664/15;
- authorised the Chair to send to the Chair of the EP EMPL Committee a letter containing the agreed text.

- 13. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amending Directive 2003/87/EC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
8606/15 CLIMA 49 ENV 266 MI 289 IND 71 ENER 137 ECOFIN 295
TRANS 156 COMPET 183 CODEC 657

The Committee approved, by qualified majority, the final compromise text as set out in the Annex II to document 8606/15, subject to an adjustment in recital 3b, and authorised the Presidency to send the relevant letter to the European Parliament.

The Chair recalled that the Commission's statements contained in Annex I to document 8606/15 were part of the overall compromise package. PL, RO, BG, CY, HU and HR indicated that they could not support the agreement. In addition to the Commission's statements, FI, PL, RO and HR indicated that they planned to submit statements to be included in the minutes of the relevant Council meeting at the time of the adoption.

14. Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 28 and 29 May 2015

1. Draft Council conclusions on the European Research Area Roadmap 2015-2020 (*Non-legislative activity*)

– **Adoption**

8409/15 RECH 102 COMPET 173 MI 277 TELECOM 100

The outcome of proceedings is set out in 8975/15.

2. Draft Council conclusions on open, data-intensive and networked research as a driver for faster and wider innovation (*Non-legislative activity*)

– **Adoption**

8583/15 RECH 105 TELECOM 106 COMPET 182 IND 70

+ COR 1

The outcome of proceedings is set out in 8970/15.

Coreper Part 2

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38. Preparations for the Eastern Partnership Summit (Riga, 21-22 May 2015) 8669/15 COEST 129

On the basis of a compromise proposal by the European External Action Service (doc. 8669/15), the Committee discussed the outstanding issues in the draft Eastern Partnership Summit Joint Declaration and gave guidance to the European External Action Service for its further negotiations with Partners.

39. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 19 May 2015

- a) Preparation of the European Council on 25-26 June 2015**
 - **Annotated Draft Agenda**
8391/15 CO EUR-PREP 17

The Committee took note of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the President of the EC, setting out the main items the EC is expected to address at its meeting on 25-26 June 2015, namely Migration, Terrorism, the Strategic Review, the Digital agenda, the TTIP.

- b) 4 Presidents report on the EMU**
 - **State of play**

The Committee noted the Presidency's intentions regarding the handling of the 4 Presidents report on the EMU at the Council.

- c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee took note of the state of play of the agenda items listed.

40. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 7 May 2015

The Committee took note of the follow-up to the Foreign Affairs Council in Trade formation held on 7 May 2015, in particular with respect to the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), as well as the preparations for the 10th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference.

The Greek delegation reiterated its point raised as an AOB item on the Council agenda regarding the protection of feta cheese as a geographical indication in the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

41. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 May 2015

The Committee took note of the proceedings of this Council meeting.

42. Relations with the European Parliament (May 2015)
8586/15 PE 88 INST 140 POLGEN 66 CODEC 654

On the basis of the document 8586/15, the Presidency informed the Committee about relevant recent developments in relations between the Council and the European Parliament and in view of the forthcoming May plenary part-session.

43. European Agenda on migration
– **Information from the Commission**

The Commission presented the main points of its Communication on the European Agenda on Migration, adopted the very same day. Several delegations commented and asked questions on some issues of the Communication, in particular on the approach suggested for relocation and resettlement.

44. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (First reading)
– **Preparation of the next trilogue**
8604/15 DROIPEN 43 JAI 273 GAF 14 FIN 330 CADREFIN 22 CODEC 656

In view of the next trilogue, the Committee examined a provisional compromise package, proposed by the Presidency in document 8604/15. Some delegations raised concerns with certain elements of the text. It was decided that this text together with a modified version of Article 7, as agreed during the discussion, will be initially presented at the trilogue.

45. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 18 May 2015

- a) Military CSDP operations and the security situation in the broader neighbourhood**
- b) Strategic review**
- c) Middle East Peace Process**

There was no detailed examination of these items by the Committee. They were addressed briefly in the context of information of the general handling of the Foreign Affairs Council.

d) Follow-up to the Special meeting of the European Council (23 April 2015)

The President confirmed to the Committee that both the draft Crisis Management Concept (CMC) for a possible CSDP operation to disrupt human smuggling networks in the Southern Central Mediterranean and the draft Council Decision on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED) would be discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council.

e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The President informed the Committee that one delegation would like to address the current political situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYROM) under AOB at the Foreign Affairs Council.

f) Burundi

– Draft Council conclusions

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The Committee agreed on the text of the draft Council conclusions on Burundi and sent them to the Council for adoption.

– Any other business

• European semester 2015: Country-specific recommendations

The Commission briefly presented the CSR package adopted on 13 May 2015 and the Presidency informed on future handling, taking note of delegations' comments and concerns.

• Ministerial dinner on COP-21 (requested by FR)

FR informed on the ministerial dinner on UNFCCC COP-21 which will take place in Paris on 21 May 2015.