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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
3, 5 and 8 April 2019

I. Adoption of the agenda

8058/19 OJ CRP1 13 + COR 1
8124/2/19 REV 2 OJ CRP2 13 + CM 2532/19

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

COREPER (PART 1)

Agriculture and Fisheries

2. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 15 April 2019: Preparation

Task Force Rural Africa (TFRA)
Exchange of views

7936/19 + COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019

Foreign Affairs

25. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 8 April 2019:
Preparation

- a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Afghanistan
Exchange of views
Conclusions
Adoption

7977/19

The Committee prepared this item for the Council and agreed to forward the draft conclusions for adoption.

- c) Eastern Partnership
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Venezuela
Exchange of views

The Committee agreed to withdraw this item from the agenda of the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

26. 17th EU-Canada Summit
State of play

The Committee held an exchange of views on the state of play.

27. EU-US trade relations

5462/19
WTO

- a) Council Decision on opening negotiations on the
elimination of tariffs for industrial goods and related
negotiating directives
- b) Council Decision on opening negotiations on conformity
assessment and related negotiating directives
- Endorsement*

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this at its next session.

Justice and Home Affairs

28. Appointment of the European Chief Prosecutor
State of play

The Committee took note of the information provided by the trio of ambassadors.

General Affairs

29. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 9 April 2019:
Preparation

- a) (poss.) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 7931/19
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Conclusions on the Reflection Paper "Towards a sustainable Europe by 2030" 7677/19 + COR 1
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council and agreed to forward the draft conclusions for adoption.

- c) Values of the Union - Hungary / Article 7(1) TEU
Reasoned Proposal
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Rule of Law in Poland / Article 7(1) TEU Reasoned
Proposal
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

30. Relations with the EP (March II 2019)
Debriefing

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

Economic and Financial Affairs

33. High-level Group of Wise Persons on the European financial architecture for development 7414/19 + ADD 1
Endorsement 6559/19

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision establishing the High-level Group of Wise Persons and agreed to forward it to the Council for adoption.

General Affairs

31. Cohesion Policy - ESF+ Regulation 7982/19
Partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament REGIO

The Committee agreed on a partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament, as set out in 8211/19.

32. Cohesion Policy - Common Provisions Regulation 7983/19
Partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament REGIO

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

Foreign Affairs

34. EU-China Summit (Brussels, 9 April 2019)
State of play

The Committee held an exchange of views on the state of play and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

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Justice and Home Affairs

28. Appointment of the European Chief Prosecutor
State of play

The Committee took note of the information provided by the trio of ambassadors.

Foreign Affairs

34. EU-China Summit (Brussels, 9 April 2019)
State of play

The Committee held an exchange of views on the state of play and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

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Foreign Affairs

34. EU-China Summit (Brussels, 9 April 2019)
State of play

The Committee held an exchange of views on the state of play and provided guidance to the negotiator in view of finalising the draft Joint Statement.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Proposal for a Directive discontinuing seasonal changes of time

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Portuguese delegation.

Digital Day 9 April 2019

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission

COREPER (PART 2)

Malaysia PCA

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

"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 3. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 7972/19
PE-QE |
| a) | Jörg Meuthen (EFDD)
'Reservation under international law' | 7312/19 |
| b) | João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
'Ahmad Sa'adat and all the Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons' | 7309/19 |
| c) | João Pimenta Lopes (GUE/NGL)
'Venezuela and the necessary path to dialogue' | 7313/19 |
| d) | Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)
'Israeli obstacle to the start of the school year in Palestine' | 7316/19 |
| e) | Olaf Stuger (ENF)
'European ban on pulse fishing' | 7317/19 |
| 4. | Minutes of Council meetings
<i>Approval</i>

AGRIFISH 28.01.2019 |

5805/19 + COR 1
+ ADD 1 |

Appointments

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| 5. | Members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) 2019 - 2023
<i>Adoption</i> | 7149/1/19 REV 1
7148/19
SOC |
| 6. | Members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofund) 2019-2023
<i>Adoption</i> | 7154/2/19 REV 2
7153/19
SOC |
| 7. | Members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) 2019-2023
<i>Adoption</i> | 7158/1/19 REV 1
7157/19
SOC |

Judicial Affairs

8. Case C-128/17 (Republic of Poland v EP and Council) 7913/19
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee JUR
(Part 1)

Research

9. Decision implementing Horizon Europe - Specific Programme 7911/19
Partial general approach RECH

Statement by Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain

"Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain welcome the agreement on the Horizon Europe Framework Programme Regulation as well as on the Specific Programme Decision. The final compromise reached includes a programme structure with very broad clusters across several thematic areas, such as the clusters "Climate, Energy and Mobility" or "Digital, Industry and Space". The advantages of this structure, which encourages interdisciplinary and intersectorial research and innovation, are obvious, however, it also poses challenges with regard to the implementation of the programme and the involvement of Member States.

The agreement includes the following statement with regard to the Programme Committee Configurations: "*Ad-hoc meetings could be organised within the clusters and/or with different Programme Committee configurations and/or with Committees established by other acts on horizontal and/or cross-cutting issues, such as space and mobility*"

The undersigned delegations therefore call on the Commission to inform the Member States in writing on which measures the Commission intends to take with regard to the above statement, in order to implement all programme clusters effectively, taking into account the specificities of the areas involved, in particular the areas of "Space" and "Mobility", thus enabling full involvement of Member States, including their representation at appropriate expert level."

Statement by Germany, supported by Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, Malta, Spain and Sweden

"The issue regarding the duration of all MFF Programmes – as with the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe in Article 1 paragraph 2 – should be resolved horizontally within the negotiations on the MFF."

Statement by Sweden

"Within Horizon Europe, funding shall be distributed based on excellence in research and innovation. The proposals of the highest quality shall receive funding. Activities for widening the participation are well designed and will be funded in a dedicated part of the programme. Also in that part of the programme, funding shall be distributed based on excellence. These conditions must be reflected and emphasized in the operational objectives of the specific programme."

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary notes with concern that the legal basis of the decision on establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe has not been resolved, as the exchange of views based on point 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016 has not been concluded yet. Consequently, unanimity is required to adopt the decision of the Council on the Horizon Europe Specific Programme.

Hungary acknowledges the progress made in the negotiations on Horizon Europe legislative package, however is of the opinion that the improvements made on widening are not enough to trigger structural change and close the participation gap. As a result, we are not able to endorse - and therefore there is no unanimity on - the Partial General Approach on the Horizon Europe Specific Program decision."

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission underlines that it is contrary to the letter and to the spirit of Regulation 182/2011 (OJ L 55 of 28.2.2011, p. 13) to invoke Article 5 § 4, subparagraph 2, point b) in a systematic manner. Recourse to this provision must respond to a specific need to depart from the rule of principle which is that the Commission may adopt a draft implementing act when no opinion is delivered. Given that it is an exception to the general rule established by Article 5 (4) recourse to subparagraph 2, point b), cannot be simply seen as a "discretionary power" of the legislator, but must be interpreted in a restrictive manner and thus must be justified. While the Commission notes the agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on the recourse to this provision, it regrets that such justification is not reflected in a recital."

Health

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| 10. | Conclusions on "Chemical hazards in our food: EU food safety policy protects us but faces challenges" (CoA SR No 2/2019)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7704/19
FIN |
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Agriculture

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| 11. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the EU and Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade
<i>Adoption</i> | 5969/19
10861/18
10877/18
FORETS |
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Transport

12. Recommendation on small passenger ship guide
Adoption

7824/19 + ADD 1
MAR

Statement by Ireland

"Ireland has consistently raised safety concerns regarding the current proposal for a Recommendation on safety goals and functional requirements for passenger ships below 24 meters in length. Ireland has actively engaged in the work on this Recommendation at the expert level and at the Shipping Working Party seeking to improve the proposed safety levels. We welcome that some of our comments have been included. However, some of our more substantive comments on safety have not been included. In particular, Ireland considers that the safety levels as currently outlined in the Recommendation and its Annex are very low and much lower than those which currently apply in Ireland and at the EU and international level.

Small passenger ship safety is a key national safety issue for Ireland as vessels operating off our coast are operating in some of the most hostile marine environments in the world with severe weather and exposed coast lines. It is the view of Ireland that the proposed safety levels in the Recommendation are too low and would expose EU citizens to unacceptable transport safety risks. On this basis, Ireland considers that there should be a binding standard for passenger ship safety in the EU and that a Recommendation is not a suitable means to achieve passenger safety. Furthermore, Ireland has consistently recommended that the standard of the vessel should be separated from the operation of the vessel. This means that while there would be a binding EU standard for the vessels that the operational issues and plying limits would be regulated by the port state and host state at member state level. This is because the Member State is best placed to assess these using local knowledge of routes, weather and harbours. Additionally, Ireland has raised concerns regarding the verification and implementation measures. As passenger ships are required to be registered and subject to flag state, port state and host state control, it is essential to the safety of such vessels that such controls continue.

Ireland welcomes that further studies in this area will be carried out and we will actively engage with these. However, Ireland considers that the safety levels to be achieved in these studies for passenger carriage in the EU should not be reduced or diluted in any manner and that the safety levels to be achieved should be in-line with the existing passenger ship safety standards at EU and international and national level."

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| 13. | Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Air Transport Agreement between the EU and Canada
<i>Adoption</i> | 12965/18
6730/18
8303/10/09 REV 10
AVIATION |
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Statement by Spain

"Spain declares that the approval of this Decision does not change its legal position in the sovereignty dispute over the territory on which the Gibraltar Airport is located. Spain calls attention to the fact that on 20 November 2012 it notified the Commission that it no longer considered the Cordoba Statement to be in force, and that, therefore, as of that date, Spain could not consider it acceptable for EU regulations on civil aviation to continue referring to the Ministerial Statement of 18 September 2006 on the Airport of Gibraltar (Cordoba Statement) and, consequently, Spain requested that proposals for new regulations refer to the situation prior to 18 September 2006."

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| 14. | Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the EU on the accession of the Republic of Croatia
<i>Adoption</i> | 8029/1/19 REV 1
12255/14
12256/14
AVIATION |
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Statement by Spain

"Spain declares that the approval of this Decision does not change its legal position in the sovereignty dispute over the territory on which the Gibraltar Airport is located. Spain calls attention to the fact that on 20 November 2012 it notified the Commission that it no longer considered the Cordoba Statement to be in force, and that, therefore, as of that date, Spain could not consider it acceptable for EU regulations on civil aviation to continue referring to the Ministerial Statement of 18 September 2006 on the Airport of Gibraltar (Cordoba Statement) and, consequently, Spain requested that proposals for new regulations refer to the situation prior to 18 September 2006."

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| 15. | Directive on port reception facilities
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7881/19 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 85/18
TRANS |
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Statement by Germany

"The Federal Republic of Germany supports in principle the revision of Directive 2000/59/EC and the objectives being pursued. In particular, it welcomes the necessary alignment of EU law with the international legal framework to improve the protection of the marine environment from waste originating from ships.

However, the Federal Republic of Germany does not agree to the introduction of mandatory instead of voluntary cost recovery provisions like in the original proposal for ports under Article 8 (4b) of the revised Directive. The compromise does not take account of the diversity of ports in terms of size and structure. The Federal Republic of Germany underlines that such decisions on port charges lie in the competence of the member states. Accordingly, the Federal Republic of Germany cannot support the agreement found in the 3rd trilogue as a whole."

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| 16. | Regulation on safeguarding competition in air transport
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7872/19 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 77/18
AVIATION |
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Employment and Social Policy

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| 17. | Directive on the accessibility requirements for products and services
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7874/1/19 REV 1
PE-CONS 81/18
SOC |
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Telecommunications

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| 18. | Regulation on the Cybersecurity Act
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7882/19 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 86/18
CYBER |
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Delegated or Implementing Acts

Energy

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| 19. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX laying down ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and household washer-dryers pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 7869/19
6848/19 + ADD 1
ENER |
| 20. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX laying down ecodesign requirements for electric motors and variable speed drives pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Regulation (EC) No 641/2009 with regard to ecodesign requirements for glandless standalone circulators and glandless circulators integrated in products and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 640/2009
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 7867/19
6904/19 + ADD 1
ENER |

Health

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| 21. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the extension of the use of carminic acid, carmine (E 120) in certain meat products traditional in French Overseas Territories
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 7899/19
5364/19 + ADD 1
DENLEG |
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| 22. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E 471) on certain fresh fruits
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 7901/19
7204/19 + ADD 1
DENLEG |
| 23. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the functional class of "stabilisers" and the use of ferrous lactate (E 585) on the mushroom <i>Albatrellus ovinus</i> as a food ingredient in Swedish liver pâtés
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 7904/19
7354/19 + ADD 1
DENLEG |

Environment

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| 24. | Commission Delegated Decision (EU) .../... of 15.2.2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the determination of sectors and subsectors deemed at risk of carbon leakage for the period 2021 to 2030
<i>Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections</i> | 7892/19
6520/19
+ ADD 1-3
ENVI
CLIMA |
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COREPER (PART 2)

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Judicial Affairs

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| 35. | Case C-58/19P (Ukraine restrictive measures regime)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee</i>
<i>(Part 2)</i> | 7943/19
JUR |
| 36. | Case C-72/19 P (Egypt restrictive measures regime)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee</i>
<i>(Part 2)</i> | 7632/19
JUR
RELEX |
| 37. | Case C-145/19 P (Egypt restrictive measures regime)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee</i>
<i>(Part 2)</i> | 7634/19
JUR
RELEX |

Institutional Affairs

38. Minutes of Council meetings *Approval*

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| a) | ECOFIN 12.2.2019 | 6372/19 + ADD 1 |
| b) | FAC 18.2.2019 | 6785/19 + ADD 1 |
| c) | GAC 19.2.2019 | 6786/19 + ADD 1 |

Appointments

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| 39. | An alternate member (CY) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 7828/19
7827/19
CDR |
| 40. | Two members and an alternate member (DE) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 7845/19
7844/19
CDR |
| 41. | An alternate member (DK) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 7832/19
7831/19
CDR |
| 42. | An alternate member (EL) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 7836/19
7835/19
CDR |

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| 43. | An alternate member (LU) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption</i> | 7840/19
7839/19
CDR |
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Transparency

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| 44. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 05/c/01/19
<i>Adoption</i> | 6980/19
INF
API |
| 45. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 06/c/01/19
<i>Adoption</i> | 7014/19
INF
API |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 46. | European Semester 2019 – Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
<i>Adoption</i> | 5644/19
5643/19
UEM |
| 47. | New Latvian Commemorative Coin | 7542/19
UEM |
| 48. | Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - ministerial declaration and mandate
<i>Approval</i> | 7934/1/19 REV 1
+ ADD1
+ ADD2 REV 1
EF |

General Affairs

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| 49. | Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027- State of play on sectoral proposals
<i>Progress report</i> | 6443/3/19 REV 3 |
| 50. | EP Resolutions and decisions (March II 2019) | 7339/19
PE-RE |
| 51. | EU-Canada Ocean Partnership
<i>Approval</i> | 7652/19
POLGEN
POLMAR |
| 52. | Conclusions on including the Republic of North Macedonia in EUSAIR
<i>Adoption</i> | 7793/19
REGIO |

53. European Citizens' Initiative
Adoption of the legislative act

7878/19 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 92/18
INST

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission welcomes the overall agreement reached by the co-legislators on the proposal for a new Regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative. The new Regulation delivers on the calls for action from citizens and stakeholders to make the European Citizens' Initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters. It creates the conditions for significant progress towards achieving the full potential of the European Citizens' Initiative as an instrument to foster debate and participation at European level and bring the EU closer to its citizens.

The Commission remains convinced of the importance of lowering the age of support for the European Citizens' Initiative to 16 years. Allowing younger European citizens to contribute their ideas on what the EU should do would enrich the public debate on EU matters and help bring the Union closer to young generations. The minimum age for supporting a European Citizens' Initiative, which is a non-binding instrument, can be different from the minimum age for voting. The Commission regrets, therefore, that the agreement reached does not lower the age of support to 16 years across the EU as foreseen in its original proposal. The Commission nevertheless welcomes the fact that the proposal includes the possibility for Member States to lower the age should they so wish, and calls on them to do so as soon as possible. The Commission will monitor developments on this issue in its regular review of how the initiative is functioning.

On individual online collection systems, the Commission remains convinced of the importance for organisers of having the possibility to use their own online collection systems, to ensure flexibility and diversity of collection systems. It regrets that the agreement does not ensure the continued existence of the individual online collection systems in spite of the engagement and support for these systems by stakeholders. The Commission will ensure that stakeholders are consulted on the developments and improvements the new central online collection system for the European Citizens' Initiative to take into account their suggestions and concerns."

54. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards
the resources for the specific allocation for the Youth
Employment Initiative
Adoption of the legislative act

7883/19
PE-CONS 66/19
FSTR

Justice and Home Affairs

55. EPPO: Implementing Decision on the transitional rules for the
appointment of European Prosecutors
Approval

7713/19
7267/19
EPPO

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| 56. | Council Decision authorising Member States to become party to the Convention on an Integrated Safety at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (CETS n°218)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7769/19
12527/18
ENFOPOL |
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Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom considers that the *draft Council Decision*, being a measure proposed pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, is subject to Protocol (No. 21) to the Treaties on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in Respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

In accordance with Protocol 21, the United Kingdom notified the Presidents of the Justice and Home Affairs Council by way of letter of 14 August 2018, that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the *draft Council Decision authorising Member States to become party, in the interest of the European Union, to the Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security, and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (CETS n°218)*."

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| 57. | Brussels IIa Regulation: recast [Preamble and Annexes]
<i>General approach</i> | 7915/19
JUSTCIV |
| 59. | ECRIS-TCN Regulation
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7870/19 + COR 1
+ ADD 1
PE-CONS 88/18
COPEN |

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission regrets that the co-legislators have decided to limit the inclusion of fingerprints of convicted third country nationals and dual EU/third country nationals in the ECRIS-TCN system. Since fingerprints are currently the most reliable form of identification of individuals, the Commission regrets these limitations on the inclusion of fingerprints, which in its view will make the ECRIS-TCN system less effective in achieving its aim of ensuring that criminal records information is reliably made available for the purposes of criminal procedures, preventing child abuse, granting licences and other legitimate purposes laid down in national law in line with the Directive."

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| 60. | ECRIS Directive
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 7868/19 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 87/18
COPEN |
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Statement by the Commission

"The Commission underlines that it is contrary to the letter and to the spirit of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 (OJ L 55 of 28.2.2011, p. 13) to invoke point b) of the second subparagraph of Article 5(4) in a systematic manner. Recourse to this provision must respond to a specific need to depart from the rule of principle, which is that the Commission may adopt a draft implementing act when no opinion is delivered. Given that it is an exception to the general rule established by Article 5(4), recourse to point b) of the second subparagraph of that Article cannot be simply seen as a discretionary power of the legislator, but must be interpreted in a restrictive manner and thus must be justified."

Foreign Affairs

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| 61. | Annual Report on the Implementation of the EU Strategy
Against Weapons of Mass Destruction (2018)
<i>Approval</i> | 7442/19
7425/1/19 REV 1
+ ADD 1 + 2
CONOP |
| 62. | Conclusions on strengthening the capacity of the internal
security forces in Niger and Mali (ECA SR No 15/2018)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7279/19
CIVCOM |
| 63. | Council Decision on the EU position to be taken within the Joint
Committee under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership
Agreement as regards the adoption of Rules of Procedure
<i>Adoption</i> | 7605/19 +ADD 1
7606/19
WTO |
| 64. | Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-
Mediterranean agreement with Israel to take account of the
accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU
<i>Adoption</i> | 7956/19
9547/18
MAMA |
| 65. | UN-EU Counter Terrorism Framework
<i>Approval</i> | 7953/19
COTER |
| 66. | Eastern Partnership 10th Anniversary Statement
<i>Endorsement</i> | 7969/19
COEST |
| 67. | EU-Pakistan Strategic Engagement Plan - authorisation for the
signature on behalf of the EU
<i>Approval</i> | 7857/1/19 REV 1
COASI |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Foreign Affairs

68. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 27.2.2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
- 7877/19
6951/19 + ADD 1
7189/19
COMER

Economic and Financial Affairs

69. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 28.3.2019 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2205, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/592 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1178 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the date at which the clearing obligation takes effect for certain types of contracts
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
- 7965/19
7963/19
EF
70. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 28.3.2019 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2251 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the date until which counterparties may continue to apply their risk-management procedures for certain OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a CCP
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
- 7965/19
7964/19
EF

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Justice and Home Affairs

74. Amending Regulation 2018/1806 to prepare for Brexit - visa
Adoption of the legislative act

7192/19
PE-CONS 71/19
VISA

Statement by the United Kingdom

"On Gibraltar in the context of EU provisions for visa-free travel into the Schengen area
The United Kingdom (UK):

- welcomes the fact that this measure provides certainty for British nationals, including those in Gibraltar.
- rejects the way it has been presented and any characterisation of Gibraltar as a colony.
- is clear the Constitution of Gibraltar provides for a modern and mature relationship between the UK and Gibraltar. This is a political status which has been freely determined by the people of Gibraltar, and as such the referendum on that Constitution in 2006 represented an exercise of the right of self-determination.
- reiterates its certainty of its sovereignty over the whole of Gibraltar and rejects this instrument's characterisation of there being a 'controversy' over the 'sovereignty of Gibraltar' which is not its position and is inconsistent with statements made in any previous EU instrument.
- disagrees that the language should reference UN decisions in relation to Gibraltar which have nothing to do with the important issue of visa-free travel, while setting an unhelpful precedent for inappropriately 'importing' disagreements that belong in the UN space.
- notes furthermore that the language does not actually properly reflect the annual decisions of the UN General Assembly which are agreed with the consensus of the UK and Spain, the most recent of which is included below for reference.
- believes it would have been more appropriate to use language adapted from the draft Withdrawal Agreement's Gibraltar Protocol, which both the UK and EU (including Spain) have agreed to: "This is without prejudice to the respective legal positions of the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom with regard to sovereignty and jurisdiction"
- regrets that its approaches to Spain to develop more appropriate wording were not reciprocated."

Economic and Financial Affairs

75. Regulation on measures concerning the implementation and financing of the general budget of the EU in 2019 in relation to Brexit

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Request for the consent of the European Parliament

Decision to use the written procedure

Joint statement by Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Spain on the Council Regulation on measures

"As part of the contingency framework regarding the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU, solution related to the "rebates on the UK rebate" is a practical arrangement, strictly limited to the year 2019 only. This shall not constitute a precedent for 2020 or the future MFF 2021-2027."
