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

doc. 9198/15 OJ/CRP1 20 + COR 1

9162/1/15 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 20

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

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

15. (poss.) Enlargement

– **Adjustment of Council working procedures in relation to Iceland**

9123/15 ELARG 25

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

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22. Debrief of the Eastern Partnership Summit (Riga, 21-22 May 2015)

The European External Action Service and the Commission gave to the Committee a debrief of the Eastern Partnership Summit held in Riga on 21-22 May 2015 and a brief overview of the way forward.

23. Preparation of the EU-Mexico Summit (Brussels, 12 June 2015)

- **Orientation debate and state of preparations**
8838/15 COLAC 50 CFSP/PESC 142 RESTREINT UE
9154/15 COLAC 56 WTO 113 JAIEX 26 ASIM 28 AVIATION 56

The Committee had a preliminary discussion in relation to the preparations for the EU-Mexico Summit on the basis of an orientation note (doc. 8838/15 EU RESTRICTED) and a presentation by the EEAS and the Commission.

Delegations welcomed the presentation and gave their support to the orientation note, while highlighting the priorities and deliverables, and defending an ambitious Summit.

The Committee took note of the comments and tasked the relevant preparatory bodies of the Council to further prepare the event.

24. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Development) on 26 May 2015

The Committee took note of the oral summary by the European External Action Service on the main outcomes of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Development) on 26 May 2015.

25. Investment Plan for Europe

- **Commission Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 (First reading)**
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9059/15 ECOFIN 371 CODEC 754 POLGEN 78 COMPET 239
RECH 147 ENER 184 TRANS 173 ENV 322 EDUC 154 SOC 334
EMPL 209 EF 91 AGRI 269 TELECOM 124 UEM 168 JAI 345

The Committee gave guidance to the Presidency for the ongoing negotiations with the European Parliament.

26. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 15/16 June 2015

a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting the free movement of citizens and businesses by simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 (First reading)

– General approach¹

9037/15 JUSTCIV 122 FREMP 115 CODEC 748

+ ADD 1

+ ADD 2

+ ADD 3

Subject to some minor changes, the Committee agreed to submit the Presidency's compromise proposals to the Council. The outcome of the discussion is set out in 9332/15 + ADD 1 to 3.

b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) (First reading)

– Article 6 and recital 40 in Chapter II and Chapter III

= Preparation for a general approach¹

9082/15 DATAPROTECT 85 JAI 343 MI 334 DIGIT 40 DAPIX 82

FREMP 116 COMIX 237 CODEC 757

On the basis of the Presidency compromise text annexed to document 9082/15, the Committee identified the main issues that will need further work with a view to reaching a General approach in the Council on 15/16 June 2015.

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency briefly mentioned that the JHA Council on 15/16 June 2015 will be informed by:

- Slovenia, regarding the Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Conference of the Brdo Process and South East European Cooperation Process held in Budva (Montenegro) on 16/17 April 2015.

¹ When adopting a General approach after the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading, the Council is not acting within the meaning of Article 294(4) and (5) TFEU.

- Austria, about the outcomes of the Salzburg Forum Ministerial Conference held in St. Pölten (Austria) on 4/5 May 2015 and of the International Ministerial Conference on Foreign and Interior Ministers on "Tackling Jihadism Together" held in Vienna on 20 March 2015.
- Luxembourg, who will present its working programme and priorities during its Presidency.

27. Draft general budget of the European Union for 2016

– Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the main elements of the draft budget for the financial year 2016 presented by the Commission.

The incoming Luxembourg Presidency informed about the envisaged calendar for the detailed examination of the Commission's proposal and the adoption of the Council's position on the draft budget for 2016.

The Committee instructed the Budget Committee to further examine the draft budget and to prepare a global compromise on the Council's position. It agreed to come back to this issue at the beginning of July 2015.

28. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new psychoactive substances

8963/15 CORDROGUE 34 DROIPEN 49 MI 318

On the basis of the discussion held, the Committee decided that the discussion on the proposal should be pursued on the criminal law legal basis (Article 83(1) TFEU) and mandated the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs to resume its work on that basis, including the examination of the possibility to include the temporary bans.

29. European Agenda on Migration

– Information from the Commission on the Implementation package

The Committee took good note of the presentation by the Commission of its proposals related to the migration policy concerning relocation, resettlement, smuggling and fingerprinting. The competent Council preparatory bodies were invited to pursue their examination.

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34. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 18 and 19 June 2015**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) as set out in 9748/15.

35. **Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 8 June 2015**

1. **Implementation of the Energy Security Strategy - Security of supply (*Non-legislative activity*)**

– **Policy debate**

8982/15 ENER 177 ENV 313 CLIMA 54 POLGEN 75

Delegations took note of the above document including the questions to steer the policy debate to be held at the Council meeting.

2. **Draft Council conclusions on the Implementation of the Energy Union: empowering consumers and attracting investments in the energy sector (*Non-legislative activity*)**

– **Adoption**

8910/15 ENER 161 CLIMA 53

Delegations examined the Presidency compromise text as set out in the above document. Following some remaining concerns raised by delegations, the Presidency will develop a further revised compromise text (doc. 8910/1/15 REV 1) in view of the Council meeting.

36. Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 11 and 12 June 2015

1. Fourth Railway Package (Market pillar) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area, as regards the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail and the governance of the railway infrastructure**
- b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 concerning the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail**
- **Progress report**
8959/15 TRANS 165 CODEC 729
5985/13 TRANS 36 CODEC 216
5960/13 TRANS 35 CODEC 209

The Committee took note of the progress report, as set out in 8959/15, and decided to submit it to the forthcoming TTE Council on 11 June 2015.

2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **General approach ¹**
9008/15 TRANS 167 MAR 65 CODEC 738
13717/13 TRANS 475 MAR 133 CODEC 2035

The Committee took note of the draft general approach, as set out in 9008/15, and decided to submit it to the forthcoming TTE Council on 11 June 2015 for adoption.

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accessibility of public sector bodies websites (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Progress report**
8977/15 TELECOM 121 CONSOM 83 MI 321 CODEC 733
17344/12 TELECOM 250 CONSOM 155 MI 811 CODEC 2936

The Committee agreed to the submission of the progress report set out in 8977/15 to the Council.

4. Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe (*Non-legislative activity*)

– **Presentation by the Commission**

– **Exchange of views**

9163/15 TELECOM 126 COMPET 246 AUDIO 14 DIGIT 42 MI 340 PI 36
DATAPROTECT 88 CYBER 41 EDUC 157

8672/15 COMPET 185 TELECOM 109 AUDIO 11 DIGIT 32 RECH 107 MI 291
PI 32 IND 72 ECOFIN 308 ENER 139 DATAPROTECT 70
CYBER 31 JUSTCIV 101 EJUSTICE 56 CULT 29 EDUC 122
+ ADD 1

The Committee took note of the above document (doc. 9163/15) including the questions to steer the exchange of views to be held at the Council meeting.

5. Draft Council conclusions on the transfer of the stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to the multi-stakeholder community (*Non-legislative activity*)

– **Adoption**

9075/15 TELECOM 125 DEVGEN 70 CYBER 39

The Committee approved the Council conclusions including two amendments proposed by the UK.

6. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme on interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA 2) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

– **General approach**

9027/15 TELECOM 123 COMPET 236 CODEC 744

11580/14 TELECOM 139 COMPET 437 CODEC 1567

The Committee endorsed the Presidency compromise text as set out in 9027/15 and invited the TTE Council to adopt the General approach.

37. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Environment) on 15 June 2015

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 9581/15, taking into account comments made during the meeting.

38. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– Preparation for the informal trilogue

9057/15 ENV 321 ENER 183 IND 85 TRANS 172 ENT 89 SAN 148

PARLNAT 46 CODEC 753

The Committee examined the Presidency's compromise suggestions set out in 9057/15 and the full four column table in document 9273/15, which reflected the outcome of the tripartite meeting at technical level held on 26 May 2015. The Committee agreed on a modified mandate for the Presidency (set out in the Annex to document 9328/15) for the second informal trilogue with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament. The trilogue will be held on 2 June 2015 in the Council premises.

39. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 16 June 2015

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 16 June 2015 as set out in 9610/15.

40. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– Preparation for the informal trilogue

8847/1/15 PECHE 164 CODEC 715 REV 1

9081/15 PECHE 174 CODEC 756

The Committee endorsed the negotiating mandate as set out in 8847/1/15 REV1 in view of the first informal trilogue on 1 June 2015.

- 41. Fourth Railway Package (Technical pillar) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004**
 - b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast)**
 - c) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on railway safety (Recast)**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
 - 8543/15 TRANS 152 CODEC 645
 - 6012/13 TRANS 38 CODEC 225
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2
 - 6013/13 TRANS 39 CODEC 226
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2
 - 6014/13 TRANS 40 CODEC 227
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2

The Committee confirmed the mandate for the eight trilogue as set out in 8543/15 and addenda 1 to 4, as modified during the debate.

- 42. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
 - 9167/15 TELECOM 128 COMPET 248 MI 342 CONSOM 91 CODEC 768
 - 13555/13 TELECOM 232 COMPET 646 MI 753 CONSOM 161 CODEC 2000
 - + REV 1 (sv)
 - + ADD 2

The Committee granted the Presidency a mandate, as set out in 9167/15 with the drafting changes proposed by the Latvian Presidency.

– **Any other business**

- **Uptake of Galileo by civil aviation sector (requested by the FR delegation)**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission on the uptake of Galileo by civil aviation sector.

- **Impact of the EU sanctions on Russia**

The Commission gave an overview of the impact of the EU sanctions on Russia to the Russian and EU economies, followed by a presentation by the EEAS on the implementation of the Minsk Agreement.
