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

doc. 9552/11 OJ/CRP1 16

9603/11 OJ/CRP2 16

The above mentioned agendas are approved.

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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20. Setting of the provisional agenda of the "Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting on 19 May 2011

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) as set out in document 10036/11.

21. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer rights (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trialogue**
- **Preparation for the next informal trialogue**
9507/11 CONSOM 65 JUSTCIV 107 CODEC 707
- **Preparation for the next informal trialogue**
9525/11 CONSOM 66 JUSTCIV 108 CODEC 708

On 4 May, 2011, the Committee took note of the oral de-briefing on the outcome of the trialogue of 3 May 2011 made by the Presidency.

Concerning the mandate asked by the Presidency for the next trialogue of 10 May 2011 and related to Chapters IV, VI and VII (see document 9507/11), the Committee agreed on a mandate for this trialogue based on the Presidency proposals in the above document, with the following exceptions:

- concerning Article 22(1) which partly took EP amendment 139 into account, some modifications were made to the wording;
- concerning the new Article 28(a) which partly took EP amendment 165 into account, some modifications were made to the wording.

The Committee also agreed that the wording of Recital 38 (as in the general approach of 24 January 2011) remains unchanged.

On 6 May 2011, concerning the mandate asked by the Presidency for the next trialogue of 10 May 2011 and related to Chapters I and III (see document 9525/11), the Committee agreed on a mandate for this trialogue based on the Presidency proposals in the above document, with the following exceptions:

- concerning Article 2(6) which partly took EP amendment 65 into account, some modifications were made to the wording, following the Commission's remarks, and it was agreed to add a Recital complementing these provisions regarding organised distance sales or service-provision scheme;
- concerning the new Article 10(2aa), some modifications were made to the wording of option 1 but no decision is taken on a choice between the two proposed options which will be presented to the EP;
- concerning Article 11(1) and (1a) ("cost-trap solution"), a compromise text will be elaborated on the basis of the contributions made notably by LV and DE;
- concerning Article 11(2a) which partly took EP amendment 108 into account, some modifications were made to the wording;
- concerning Article 17(1) which partly took EP amendment 122 into account, the text of the general approach is kept.

22. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 97/68/EC as regards the provisions for engines placed on the market under the flexibility scheme (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal dialogue**
- **Preparation for the next informal dialogue**
9380/11 ENT 103 ENV 319 CODEC 694 MI 225

The Committee endorsed the compromise text annexed to document 9380/11 and mandated the Presidency to proceed to a second informal dialogue with the European Parliament with a view to reaching a first reading agreement.

23. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (Eurovignette) (Second reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Preparation for the next informal dialogue**
9310/11 TRANS 126 FISC 41 ENV 310 CODEC 686

The Presidency submitted to the Committee a compromise package for the fourth dialogue on the abovementioned Directive (document 9310/11). Some of the Presidency suggestions, contained in the third column of document 9310/11, were modified (amendments 14, 15, 16, 23, 24 and 29) in order to accommodate drafting proposals submitted by delegations during the meeting and to better reflect the positions of Member States.

24. Preparation for the "Education, Youth, Culture and Sport" Council meeting on 19 and 20 May 2011

1. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Union action for the European Heritage Label (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Political agreement**
9213/11 CULT 29 CODEC 669
+ COR 1 REV 1

The Committee agrees to forward the text as contained in 9213/11 + COR 1 REV 1 to the Council for political agreement.

2. Recommendation for a Council Decision on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2015 (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of a Council Decision**
7762/11 CULT 18
9050/11 CULT 26

The Committee agrees to forward the text as contained in 9050/11 - on the designation of PLZENĚ (Czech Republic) as a European Capital of Culture in 2015 - to the Council for adoption.

3. Contribution of culture to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9057/11 CULT 27 EDUC 80 SOC 347 COMPET 149

The Committee takes note of the unanimous support for the text in the Annex of document 9057/11 and accordingly forwards the draft conclusions to the Council.

4. Mobility information services for artists and for culture professionals (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Policy debate**
- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
9058/11 CULT 28 SOC 348
+ COR 1 REV 1
9440/11 CULT 30 SOC 369

The Committee agrees to forward the discussion paper (doc. 9440/11) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate, and to forward the text of the draft Council conclusions on the same topic (doc. 9058/11 + COR1 REV 1) to the Council for adoption.

5. **Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on encouraging new and effective forms of participation of all young people in democratic life in Europe (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Adoption of a Council Resolution**
8064/11 JEUN 16 SOC 272

The Committee agrees to forward the draft Resolution as contained in the Annex of document 8064/11 for adoption by the Council.

6. **Structured dialogue with young people on youth employment (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- (a) **Overview of the structured dialogue between young people and EU Institutions on youth employment (1 January 2010 to 30 June 2011)**
 - **Information from the Presidency**
9170/11 JEUN 27 SOC 354
 - (b) **Resolution of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on the structured dialogue with young people on youth employment**
 - **Adoption of a Council Resolution**
9048/11 JEUN 25 SOC 344

The Committee notes the intention of the Presidency to submit an Information Note (doc. 9170/11) to the Council and agrees to forward the draft Resolution set out in 9048/11 for adoption by the Council.

7. **Voluntary activities of young people and their contribution to the development of local communities (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Policy debate**
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
9053/11 JEUN 26 SOC 345

The Committee agrees to forward the discussion paper (doc. 9053/11) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

8. Council Recommendation on policies to reduce early school leaving (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of a Council Recommendation**
9035/11 EDUC 76 SOC 338

The Committee takes note of the broad support for the text as contained in 9035/11 and the 2 outstanding reservations from the UK delegation. The draft Council recommendation will be forwarded to the ECYS Council for political agreement prior to legal-linguistic verification and adoption at a subsequent Council meeting.

9. Council Recommendation on promoting the learning mobility of young people (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of a Council Recommendation**
8730/11 EDUC 69 JEUN 22 SOC 320 COMPET 134 RECH 77

The Committee takes note of the broad support for the text as contained in 8730/11 and the outstanding reservation from the IT delegation (the PT reservation having been withdrawn). The draft Council recommendation will be submitted to the ECYS Council for political agreement prior to legal-linguistic verification and adoption at a subsequent Council meeting.

10. Council conclusions on early childhood education and care (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9038/11 EDUC 78 SOC 340

The Committee takes note of the unanimous support for the text as contained in 9038/11 (the NL reservation having been withdrawn) and forwards the text to the Council to be considered for adoption.

11. Prevention policies to combat early school leaving aimed at the children with the socio-economically disadvantaged background including Roma (*Non-legislative activity*)

- **Policy debate**
(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])
9043/11 EDUC 79 SOC 343

The Committee agrees to forward the discussion paper (doc. 9043/11) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

12. Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on a European Union Work Plan for Sport (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Adoption of a Council Resolution

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])

9047/11 SPORT 13

+ COR 1

The Committee noted the agreement of delegations on the text as set out in 9509/1/11 REV 1 and accordingly forwards the draft Resolution for adoption by the Council.

13. Sport-related aspects of on-line betting (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Policy debate

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])

9059/11 SPORT 14 MI 207 ECOFIN 197 EF 51 ETS 11 JUR 178 COMPET 150

The Committee agrees to forward the discussion paper (doc. 9059/11) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

25. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers (Second reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trialogue

9426/11 DENLEG 63 SAN 77 CONSOM 64 CODEC 695 AGRI 319

The Committee gave a mandate to the Presidency for the trilogue of 10 May 2011 as outlined in the third column of the Annex to the above document.

On the issue of the repetition of part of the nutrition information on the principal field of vision of the food packaging, the Committee agreed:

- to allow for two alternatives: the indication of energy alone or the indication of energy together with four other nutrients, and
- to require that energy would always be expressed per 100g/100ml.

- 26. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Active Ageing (2012) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trialogue**
9027/11 SOC 336 SAN 70 CODEC 643

The Presidency informed the Committee on the outcome of the second informal trialogue held on 3 May 2011.

The Committee agreed on a mandate to negotiate with the European Parliament during the trialogue on 10 May on the budget as outlined in document 9027/11.

- 27. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2000/25/EC as regards the provisions for tractors placed on the market under the flexibility scheme (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
- **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
9473/11 AGRI 323 ENT 104 ENV 323 CODEC 699 MI 228

The Committee approved the text annexed to document 9473/11 and agreed to send a letter to the European Parliament with a view to reaching a first reading agreement (Procedural decision according to Art. 19 (7) (k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

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49. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 17 May 2011

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed. Amongst others, it took note of the presentation of the Commission of its draft budget for 2012.

50. Economic governance

- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1466/97 (preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
- **Regulation amending Council Regulation 1467/97 (corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact)**
- **Regulation on the effective enforcement of budgetary surveillance in the euro area**
- **Regulation on the prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances**
- **Regulation on enforcement measures to correct excessive macroeconomic imbalances in the euro area**
- **Council Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of Member States**
= **State of play**

The Presidency informed the Committee about procedural issues related to, and the schedule of, the trialogues as well as the outcome of the first two trialogue meetings held with the European Parliament.

51. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and guarantees for projects outside the European Union

- Information on the informal trialogue

The Presidency informed the Committee on the outcome of the informal trialogue held on 3 May 2011.

52. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 12 April 2011 (restricted session)

Member States discussed with the Secretary General of the EEAS how to ensure amore effective preparation and conduct of the FAC meetings ; a more effective cooperation between the Committee and the PSC, as well as the working groups chaired by the EEAS.

53. Presentation of the agenda for the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs Defence/Development) on 23-24 May 2011

The Committee takes note of an information provided by the EEAS (SG Vimont) on the agenda FAC/Defence/Development on 23/24 May as well as the interventions by delegations.

54. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State
9186/11 MIGR 94 SOC 355 CODEC 659

The Committee confirmed that the Council is not in a position to approve the European Parliament's position on the above proposal as voted by the Plenary in first reading. The Committee agreed that the Council should continue negotiating with the European Parliament with a view to adopting a pre-negotiated common position and mandated the Presidency to start informal contacts with the European Parliament on the basis of the main lines set out in 9186/11.

55. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 12 May 2011
- **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

The Committee issued a revised version of the agenda of the extraordinary JHA Council on 12 May 2011, taking the CY request to inform on the Ministerial meeting of 19 April which took place in Nicosia as well as the Commission report on data retention. The point on the EU Readmission Agreements remained on the agenda.

Presidency decided to start the Council with a breakfast where the director of SITCEN will give an overview of the security aspects of the situation in North Africa and a short informal brief on the situation of terrorism.

56. Discussion on the involvement of the European Parliament in the preparatory work of the next Multiannual Financial Framework

A l'approche de la présentation par la Commission de ses propositions concernant le cadre financier pluriannuel post-2013, la Présidence a informé le Comité de ses intentions en ce qui concerne les relations avec le Parlement européen dans ce dossier.

Soutenu par le futur trio présidentiel, la Présidence a notamment fait part des réunions qui ont déjà eu lieu avec les représentants du Parlement européen et a invité les délégations à un échange de vues sur les modalités de leur continuation. Suite à l'échange de vues, il a été acté que le Comité reviendra à cette question dans le courant du mois de mai.

57. Relations with the European Parliament

9193/11 PE 184 INST 214 POLGEN 70 CODEC 661

Le Comité a eu un échange de vues sur les relations entre le Conseil et le Parlement européen sur base d'une note fournie par le Secrétariat Général du Conseil.

58. External financial instruments:

- **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1934/2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories (Second reading)**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (Second reading)**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (Second reading)**
- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (Second reading)**
 - = **Preparation of informal triologue**
 - 8763/11 CODEC 604 DEVGEN 104 NIS 39 PESC 460 RELEX 358 FIN 243
ACP 86 CADREFIN 21 COHOM 100 COEST 118 COLAT 7 COMEM 119
ASIE 19 COASI 66 AGRI 281 WTO 159
 - 9577/11 CODEC 717 COASI 78 ASIE 27 COMEM 131 COLAT 13 COEST 141
DEVGEN 127 RELEX 423 CADREFIN 28
 - 9578/11 CODEC 718 DEVGEN 128 NIS 51 PESC 536 RELEX 424 FIN 281
ACP 104 CADREFIN 29 COHOM 115
 - 9581/11 CODEC 719 DEVGEN 129 NIS 52 PESC 538 RELEX 425 FIN 282
ACP 105 CADREFIN 30 COHOM 116
 - 9584/11 CODEC 720 DEVGEN 130 ACP 106 AGRI 333 WTO 188

Le Comité prépare, sur base des documents 8763/11, 9577/11, 9578/11, 9581/11 et 9584/11, le trilogue du 11.5.2011.

- **Any other business**

- = **Linguistic regime at the informal meeting convened by Commissioner Ciolos on CAP reform on 17 May 2011 - the same day as the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") meeting (requested by the IT delegation)**

The Committee took note of the request made by the Italian delegation which was supported by Spanish, Netherlands and Portuguese delegations. Moreover the Committee took note of the concerns of the Spanish, French, Italian and Netherlands delegations that such a meeting was being held, as well as of the reaction from the Commission representative. The Presidency, indicating that it had not been informed about the meeting in advance, regretted that it was to take place in parallel with the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 17 May 2011.

- = **"Education, Youth, Culture and Sport" Council meeting on 19/20 May 2011**
 - **Information on European Schools**

The Commission informed delegations that the Vice President Šefčovič is to write a letter to the delegations about seconding of teachers to European schools. At the Council the Commissioner would like to inform orally Ministers on this initiative.

- = **Follow-up to the preparation of item 12 (Resolution on a EU Work Plan for Sport) of the "Education, Youth, Culture and Sport" Council meeting on 19/20 May 2011 (requested by the IT delegation)**

At its previous meeting on Wednesday, the Committee accepted a text proposal by the FR delegation for Annex I together with a minor modification requested by IT. However, accidentally, this modification was not added to the final draft. The Presidency announced that the IT modification would be taken on board in the version which will be submitted to the Council.

- = **Kaliningrad (requested by the PL delegation)**

PL presented a paper on local border traffic in relation to Kaliningrad, which since has issued as document 9837/11. Following a brief first exchange of views, it was concluded that the matter would be addressed at the Committee/Mixed Committee on 11 May 2011.

= **Enlargement**

The Committee took note of a debrief by the Presidency on the Ministerial dinner discussion which took place on 18 April, ahead of the EU-Croatia Stabilisation and Association Council on 19 April, as well as on the informal Ministerial lunch discussion which took place ahead of the EU-Turkey Association Council on 19 April.
