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9943/2/15 REV 2 OJ/CRP2 23 + CM 3064/15 + CM 3113/15

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

77. Draft Council conclusions on Lebanon

9979/15 MAMA 64 CONUN 114 CFSP/PESC 270

78. Political and Security Committee Decision on the establishment of the Committee of Contributors for the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) (EUAM Ukraine/1/2015)

= **Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal**

10017/15 CFSP/PESC 274 CSDP/PSDC 361 COEST 187 PSC DEC 36
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79. Political and Security Committee Decision on the acceptance of third States' contributions to the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) (EUAM Ukraine/2/2015)

= **Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal**

10018/15 CFSP/PESC 275 CSDP/PSDC 362 COEST 188 PSC DEC 37
EUAM UKRAINE 6

9636/15 CFSP/PESC 215 CSDP/PSDC 323 COEST 168 PSC DEC 31
EUAM UKRAINE 2

80. Draft Council conclusions on Burundi

10109/15 COAFR 194 ACP 94 RELEX 499 COHAFA 57

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= **Amended statements of reasons**

10020/15 COTER 82 CFSP/PESC 276 RELEX 491 FIN 443
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9990/15 COTER 81 CFSP/PESC 272 RELEX 488 FIN 442

82. Council Decision launching the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED)

10080/15 CSDP/PSDC 367 CFSP/PESC 284 MAMA 68 RELEX 497
CONUN 118 CSC 153 EUNAVFOR MED 10

10008/15 CSDP/PSDC 360 CFSP/PESC 273 MAMA 65 RELEX 490
CONUN 115 CSC 150 EUNAVFOR MED 8

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

83. Debrief from the informal meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the euro zone

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

27. Council Decision determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee

= **Adoption**

9753/15 CES 22 INST 196 AG 20

9754/15 CES 23 INST 197 AG 21

45. (poss.) Enlargement

Accession negotiations with Serbia

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9916/15 ELARG 33

The following CRP 2 agenda items are **transferred** from Part II to Part I:

62. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22 June 2015

a) Draft Council conclusions on the forthcoming elections in Myanmar/Burma

9827/15 COASI 73 ASIE 27 COPS 175 CFSP/PESC 241 RELEX 470

DEVGEN 93 COHOM 58 WTO 130

Draft Council conclusions on EU-ASEAN relations

9828/15 COASI 74 ASIE 28 COPS 176 CFSP/PESC 242 COHOM 59

COHAFA 52 TRANS 205 DEVGEN 94 CONOP 46 CLIMA 61

ENV 405 AVIATION 66

b) EU priorities at the United Nations and the Seventieth United Nations General Assembly (September 2015 - September 2016)

9871/15 CONUN 113 COHOM 63 CFSP/PESC 254 COPS 180 CSDP/PSDC 348

CONOP 52 COTER 76 DEVGEN 97 CLIMA 63 COHAFA 54

GENDER 10 CYBER 56 COAFR 189 COASI 77 MAMA 59 COEST 178

COTRA 6 COLAC 67

The following CRP 2 agenda item is **transferred** from Part I to Part II:

- 70. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**
= **Draft Council conclusions**
9886/15 COWEB 53

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

UK made a statement on the following item:

- 11. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 24.4.2015 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of local space heaters**
- **Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act**
9676/15 ENER 236 ENV 391 DELACT 59
8514/15 ENER 133 ENV 257 DELACT 44
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"The purpose of an energy label is to both inform consumers when making a purchase and incentivise manufacturers to make their products more efficient. This proposal does not achieve these objectives, so the UK is unable to support this label."

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HU made a statement on the following item:

- 44. Draft Council conclusions on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in 2014**
- 9319/15 FREMP 120 JAI 387 POLGEN 85 ASILE 10 COHOM 46 COPEN 140 CULT 34
DATAPROTECT 92 DROIPEN 52 ECOFIN 415 INF 98 JUSTCIV 132 MI 352
SOC 378 VISA 198 COMPET 292 DIGIT 48 CYBER 43

"Hungary considers the "Council conclusions on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in 2014" to be without prejudice to the ongoing broader discussions on migration policy issues related to the European Agenda on Migration."

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14. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 18 and 19 June 2015

- **European Semester 2015: Contribution to the European Council (Brussels, 25-26 June 2015) (*Non-legislative activity*)**
 - **Policy debate**
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
9304/15 SOC 372 EMPL 244 ECOFIN 409 EDUC 189
 - a) **Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2015 to each Member State and Draft explanatory note**
 - **Approval**
9224/15 ECOFIN 376 UEM 171 SOC 339 EMPL 213 COMPET 250
ENV 332 EDUC 158 RECH 149 ENER 190 JAI 354
9229/15 UEM 172 ECOFIN 377 SOC 340 COMPET 251 ENV 333
EDUC 159 RECH 150 ENER 191 JAI 355 EMPL 214
9305/15 UEM 201 ECOFIN 410 SOC 373 COMPET 282 ENV 370
EDUC 190 RECH 178 ENER 225 JAI 385 EMPL 245
9306/15 UEM 202 ECOFIN 411 SOC 374 COMPET 283 ENV 371
EDUC 191 RECH 179 ENER 226 JAI 386 EMPL 246
 - b) **Assessment of the 2015 Country-specific Recommendations (CSRs) and the implementation of the 2014 CSRs**
 - **Endorsement of the opinions of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC)**
9311/15 SOC 377 EMPL 249 ECOFIN 414 EDUC 194 SAN 187
 - c) **Employment Performance Monitor and Benchmarks**
 - **Endorsement of the EMCO report**
9307/15 SOC 375 EMPL 247 ECOFIN 412 EDUC 192

The Committee agreed to:

- a minor change regarding the Country-Specific Recommendation CSR 2 of EE (following a vote requested in accordance with Article 3.2 of Protocol 36 on Transitional Provisions that the qualified majority as defined in paragraph 3 to that article be applied; the same was requested by HU concerning its CRS 4, which was not accepted);
- submit the Country-specific Recommendations (as listed in 9229/1/15 REV1) to the Council with a view to approve the employment-related elements therein;

- submit to the Council for endorsement the:
 - EMCO and SPC Opinions on the examination of the 2015 National Reform Programmes and the implementation of the 2014 Country-Specific Recommendations (contained in document 9311/15);
 - Employment Performance Monitor (contained in document 9307/15);

The Presidency provided a note (doc. 9304/15) for guiding the policy debate.

15. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee of the outcome of the first informal trilogue held in Brussels on 16 June 2015.

16. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 on trade in seal products (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
9775/15 ENV 398 AGRI 319 MI 394 COMER 86 PECHE 210 CODEC 861

The Committee agreed, subject to some adjustments to the text in the third column of document 9775/15, to give the Presidency a mandate to negotiate with the European Parliament with a view to a first reading agreement on the above-mentioned proposal. The informal trilogue is scheduled for 25 June 2015. The mandate can be found in 10046/15.

17. **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**
9781/15 ENV 400 ENER 242 IND 98 TRANS 203 ENT 114 SAN 179
PARLNAT 59 CODEC 863

The Committee examined the proposed revised mandate as set out in 9781/15 for the third trilogue foreseen on 23 June 2015. Several delegations submitted text proposals which were taken into account in the agreed mandate as set out in 10102/15.

18. Technical harmonisation

- a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cableway installations (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- b) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on personal protective equipment (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on appliances burning gaseous fuels (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogues which took place on 11 and 16 June 2015.

- 19/AOB. 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)**
- **Information from the Presidency**

The Committee has been informed of the latest developments in the negotiations with the European Parliament.

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II

62. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22 June 2015

The Committee took note of the presentation by the European External Action Service on the preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22 June 2015.

a) Strategic debate on Asia

9725/15 ASIE 25 COASI 71 COPS 171 CFSP/PESC 231 RELEX 462 ECOFIN 467
+ COR 1

Strategic discussion on the basis of an Issues Paper. The three questions being discussed are:

- i) how to promote multilateral security structures especially in the context of ASEAN;
- ii) how to adjust the strategic partnership with China to new challenges;
- iii) how to make use of opportunities provided by better connectivity.

b) EU-UN Cooperation

Exchange of views with UNSG over lunch. Adoption of the "EU priorities at the United Nations and the Seventieth United Nations General Assembly September 2015 - September 2016".

c) Energy Diplomacy

The European External Action Service informed the Committee that draft Council conclusions on Energy Diplomacy had been added to the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council. As there was no competent Council working party for the subject, the EEAS suggested that the Committee discuss the draft conclusions the next day, in view of their submission to the Foreign Affairs Council on 22 June 2015.

d) (poss.) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

This item was not discussed.

e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The European External Action Service informed the Committee that the High Representative would debrief ministers on her recent visit to the Middle East, on migration and launch of operation EUNAVFOR MED and on EC preparations.

63. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 23 June 2015

a) Preparation of the European Council on 25/26 June 2015

= **Draft conclusions**
8393/15 CO EUR-PREP 19

The Committee discussed the draft EC conclusions. Main items of the discussion were migration, security and defence as well as jobs, growth and competitiveness.

b) Better Regulation Agenda

= **Exchange of views**
9804/15 INST 198 POLGEN 95 JUR 381 IA 6 CODEC 868
= **State of play on the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation**
9806/15 INST 199 POLGEN 96 JUR 382 IA 7 CODEC 869

The Committee took note of the Presidency's report on the state of play of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation as well as the Note of the Presidency and the incoming Presidency on the Better Regulation Agenda.

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Council meeting will start at 09h30 and finish with the lunch. The lunch topic will be the draft Action Plan on Strategic Communication. Under AOB, Presidency will provide information of the informal meeting of the EU Ministers responsible for the Cohesion Policy and the Territorial Cohesion and Urban matters that took place in Riga on 9/10 June 2015.

d) European Semester: Integrated Country-specific recommendations

= Approval and report to the European Council

9743/15 CO EUR-PREP 27 POLGEN 92 AG 19 ECOFIN 466 UEM 220
SOC 411 COMPET 300 ENV 396 EDUC 208 RECH 191 ENER 241
JAI 435 EMPL 267

The Committee agreed to submit the integrated CSRs to the General Affairs Council for approval and subsequent submission to the European Council on 25/26 June 2015.

e) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Committee was briefed by the Chair of the COWEB Working Party on the state of play of preparations of Council conclusions on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

64. The Action Plan on Strategic Communication

= Presentation by the EEAS

The European External Action Service gave to the Committee a presentation of the Action Plan on Strategic Communication. The Committee welcomed the Action Plan and had an exchange of views.

65. Letter by the European Ombudsman on Own-initiative inquiry OI/8/2015/FOR concerning transparency of trilogues

9666/15 CODEC 842 OMBUDS 4 JUR 364 INST 194 PE 108

The Committee took note of the content of the letter of the European Ombudsman opening an Own-initiative inquiry concerning transparency of trilogues, and agreed on the need to ask for legal clarification before answering the request (deadline for answering is 30 September 2015).

66. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 19 June 2015

a) Banking Structural Reform

- **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions (First reading)**

= **Presidency's mandate to start negotiations with the European Parliament**

9579/15 EF 100 ECOFIN 438 CODEC 828

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9580/15 EF 101 ECOFIN 439 CODEC 829

The Committee agreed to submit the compromise text put forward by the Presidency to the ECOFIN Council with a view to further discussion and subsequent agreement at its meeting on Friday 19 June 2015.

b) Capital Markets Union

- = **Adoption of Council conclusions**

9852/15 EF 110 ECOFIN 473 SURE 14 UEM 223

The Committee agreed to submit to the Council for adoption the draft Council conclusions as set out in 9852/15.

**c) Contribution to the European Council meeting on 25-26 June 2015
European Semester 2015**

- **Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2015 to each Member State and draft Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes**

9229/15 UEM 172 ECOFIN 377 SOC 340 COMPET 251 ENV 333 EDUC 159
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9305/15 UEM 201 ECOFIN 410 SOC 373 COMPET 282 ENV 370 EDUC 190
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8886/15 UEM 130 ECOFIN 327 SOC 297 COMPET 198 ENV 283 EDUC 125
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- **Draft Council Recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro**

= **Approval**

8888/15 UEM 131 ECOFIN 328 SOC 298 COMPET 199 ENV 284 EDUC 126
RECH 112 ENER 147 JAI 293 EMPL 179

The Committee agreed to submit the CSRs to the ECOFIN Council on Friday 19 June 2015 for approval and subsequent submission to the European Council on 25/26 June 2015.

- d) **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**
= **Adoption of Council Decision / Recommendation**
9457/15 ECOFIN 427 UEM 209
9456/15 ECOFIN 426 UEM 208
9453/15 ECOFIN 424 UEM 206
9454/15 ECOFIN 425 UEM 207

The Committee agreed to submit to the Council for adoption the documents 9457/15, 9456/15, 9453/15 and 9454/15.

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

The Committee finalised the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

67. **Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union**
= **Draft Position of the Council at first reading**
= **Draft Statement of the Council's reasons**
9375/15 JUR 341 COUR 21 INST 181 CODEC 797
+ ADD 1
9843/15 JUR 387 COUR 22 INST 201 CODEC 874

The Committee suggested that the Council adopts, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, its position at first reading set out in 9375/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 9375/15 ADD 1.

68. **Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 15/16 June 2015**

The Presidency referred to its "follow-up note" distributed to delegations. Portugal, supported by the Netherlands, objected on the drafting in the above mentioned note in relation with the "Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office" (EPPO). After some discussions that took place in the Committee, the Presidency presented a compromise text to be included in the minutes of the Committee and which read as follows:

"The Council

- broadly expressed conceptual support for Articles 1-16 of the Regulation as indicated in Annex 1, on the understanding that the details of the text will need to be re-examined, including once the Council has reached an agreement in principle on the full text of the Regulation;
- welcomed the progress made in Articles 17-33 and took note of the current text of these Articles, as indicated in Annex 2 to document 9372/15."

The Committee took note of the information by the Presidency without further comments on the remaining items of the Council.

70. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

= **Draft Council conclusions**
9886/15 COWEB 53

The Committee submitted the draft Council conclusions as set out in 9924/15 to the Council (General Affairs). The outcome of the deliberations of the Committee on this item is set out in 9924/15.

72. EU-China Summit (Brussels, 29 June 2015)

= **State of play of preparations**
9799/15 ASIE 26 COASI 72 COPS 174 POLGEN 94 CLIMA 60 CSDP/PSDC 336
CFSP/PESC 236 RELEX 465 DEVGEN 92 CONOP 45 WTO 129 ECOFIN 470
ENER 245 COMPET 308 RECH 193 JAI 443 CYBER 53

The Committee held a discussion on the state of play of preparation of the 17th EU-China Summit on the basis of document 9799/15 and the information provided by the EEAS and the Commission.

The Committee invited EEAS and the Commission to reflect Member States' positions during the remaining negotiations ahead of the Summit.

73. EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 10/11 June 2015)

- = **Debriefing**
 - 9839/15 COLAC 66 ACP 90 CFS/PESC 248
 - + COR 1
 - + COR 2 (es)

The Committee received a de-brief of the Summit, on the basis of a note established by the EEAS and a presentation by the Commission.

The EEAS qualified the Summit as a success given the high level of attendance: the event had reinvigorated the relationship between both regions. It was now agreed to extend the Political Dialogue by yearly meetings of the Foreign Ministers.

The Commission reported on ongoing contacts with partners regarding trade and on the recent shift concerning development cooperation.

One delegation voiced its satisfaction and commended the results obtained, i.a. in the area of people-to-people contacts (EU-LAC Foundation, visas, participation of Civil Society in the Summit).

74. EU-Mexico Summit (Brussels, 12 June 2015)

- = **Debriefing**
 - 9895/15 COLAC 68 CFSP/PESC 258

The Committee received a de-brief of the Summit, on the basis of presentations by the EEAS and by the Commission.

The EEAS underlined the like-mindedness and reliability of this strategic partner and the central achievement of this Summit: the joint commitment to modernise the Global Agreement. The EEAS also reported on a number of other issues dealt with at the Summit (Human Rights, Energy and PNR).

The Commission called for the modernisation of the Global Agreement to be as ambitious as CETA and TTIP.

Delegations recalled the economic engagement of their countries in Mexico.

75. Extension of restrictive measures in view of Russia's action destabilising the situation in Ukraine

= **Exchange of views**

9963/15 CFSP/PESC 265 COEST 184 FIN 440

The Committee agreed on the draft Council Decision to extend the sanctions regime and to forward it to the Foreign Affairs Council for adoption as an "A" item, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts.

76. Restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

= **Tasking to COEST and RELEX to begin technical and legal work with a view to a political decision later**

The Committee agreed that the Eastern Europe and Central Asia (COEST) and the Foreign Relations Counsellors (RELEX) Working Parties can begin carrying out the technical and legal work necessary for a possible renewal beyond 15 September 2015 of the restrictive measures set out in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP. The decision regarding the extension of the measures will be taken at a later date.

83. Debrief from the informal meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the euro zone

The Committee took note of the outcome of the informal meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the euro zone.
