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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
   The Council adopted the agenda set out in 10893/19.

2. **Approval of "A" items**
   
   a) **Non-legislative list**  
   The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 11068/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements related to these items are set out in the Addendum.

   For the following items the documents should read as follows:

   **Foreign Affairs**

   Adoption approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019

   **Transport**

   14. Preparation of the 40th ICAO Assembly (Montreal, 26 September - 4 October 2019): Third batch of European working papers  
   Endorsement approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019

   b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

   **Economic and Financial Affairs**

   Adoption approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019

   The Council adopted this Decision, with the abstention of the United Kingdom, as set out in doc. 9723/19.
Transport

2. Decision empowering Germany regarding a transport agreement with Switzerland for international bus and coach cabotage
   General approach approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.07.2019
   The Council reached a general approach on this Decision proposal, as set out in the Annex to doc. 10425/19.

3. Decision empowering Italy regarding a transport agreement with Switzerland for international bus and coach cabotage
   General approach approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.07.2019
   The Council reached a general approach on this Decision proposal, as set out in the Annex to doc. 10432/19.

Legislative deliberations
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

3. Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027
   Information from the Presidency
   The Council took note of the information provided by the Finnish Presidency on the handling of the MFF file during its Presidency.

Non-legislative activities

4. Presentation of the priorities of the Finnish Presidency
   The Presidency outlined the priorities for its term, in particular as regards the work of the General Affairs Council. This item was taken in public session.

5. Implementation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024
   Exchange of views
   The Council held an exchange of views on the implementation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024. This item was taken in public session.
6. Commission communication on further strengthening the Rule of Law within the Union
   Information from the Commission

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

8. Any other business

- Special legislative procedure
- Item based on a Commission proposal
- Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
- Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)