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

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9509/08 OJ/CRP2 19 COMIX 396

The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 1, under AOB)

- **Follow-up to the Agriculture/Fisheries Council on 19 May 2008 (requested by the FR delegation)**

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

73. Taxation of savings (Directive 2003/48/CE) operational procedures, roles and responsibilities for implementing the revised version of the standard format for the exchange of information and "List of statistics - Disclosure of statistics"

- **Draft Council conclusions**
9467/08 FISC 55

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

67. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 26/27 May 2008

B. External Relations

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9734/08 COSDP 425 COPOL 40 CIVCOM 258 COHOM 56

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l) Burma/Myanmar

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

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9208/08 CRIMORG 70 ENFOPOL 88 ENFOCUSTOM 54

63. Proposal for a Council Decision granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects outside the Community (South-eastern Neighbours, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and Asia and the Republic of South Africa (codified version))

- **Adoption of the legislative act**
8715/08 CODIF 45 ECOFIN 145 RELEX 251
9447/08 CODIF 70 ECOFIN 180 RELEX 313

The following item on the agenda of CRP2 under part II, is **transferred** under part I :

- 70. = Preliminary draft amending budget n° 3 to the general budget for 2008 -
 Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission**
**= Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on
 the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund**
9701/08 FIN 196

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. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 12 and 13 June 2008

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in 10423/08.

2. External relations

- (a) **Draft Decision by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with Australia on a comprehensive air transport agreement**

- **Adoption**

11970/05 AVIATION 116 AUS 15	RESTREINT UE
9004/08 AVIATION 104 AUS 7	RESTREINT UE

The Committee settled most of the outstanding issues and agreed to invite the TTE Council, at its meeting on 12/13 June 2008, to resolve the remaining outstanding issue in order to adopt the Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with Australia on a comprehensive air transport agreement.

- (b) **Draft Decision by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with New Zealand on a comprehensive air transport agreement**

- **Adoption**

12201/05 AVIATION 123 NZ 2	RESTREINT UE
9174/08 AVIATION 105 NZ 3	RESTREINT UE

The Committee settled most of the outstanding issues and agreed to invite the TTE Council, at its meeting on 12/13 June 2008, to resolve the remaining outstanding issue in order to adopt the Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with New Zealand on a comprehensive air transport agreement.

21. Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 9 and 10 June 2008

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

The Committee agrees the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) as set out in document 10087/08 OJ CONS 34 SOC 324 SAN 108 CONSOM 61.

2. Review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action

(a) Indicators in respect of the Girl Child

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9055/08 SOC 261 + COR 1 + ADD 1

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in docs. 9669/08 SOC 297 + ADD 1.

(b) Women in political decision-making

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9057/08 SOC 262 + ADD 1

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in docs. 9670/08 SOC 298 + ADD 1.

3. Elimination of gender stereotypes in society

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
9058/08 SOC 263 + COR 1 REV 1

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in document 9671/08 SOC 299.

4. Antimicrobial resistance

- **Adoption of Council conclusions**
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
9392/08 SAN 77 DENLEG 48 VETER 5

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft conclusions as set out in the annex of document 9392/08 for adoption during the Council (EPSCO) meeting on 10 June 2008. The Presidency informed that it would propose a public debate on this item, pursuant to Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

5. Implementation of the EU Health Strategy

- Adoption of Council conclusions

(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))

14689/07 SAN 193

9393/08 SAN 78

The Committee agreed to transmit the draft conclusions as set out in the annex of document 9393/08 for adoption during the Council (EPSCO) meeting on 10 June 2008. The Presidency informed that it would propose a public debate on this item, pursuant to Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

6. Commission Recommendation on enhanced administrative cooperation in the context of the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

- Adoption of Council conclusions

9081/08 SOC 281 COMPET 179

The results of the Committee's work are to be found in document 9935/08 SOC 316 COMPET 194 + Rev 1 (hu) and in Addendum 1 to the document containing a draft minutes statement by seven delegations (DE, BE, BG, FR, IT, NL and AT).

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) No xxx/xxxx

- Progress report

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)

9278/08 DENLEG 47 CODEC 571

The Committee agreed with the progress report set out in document 9278/08 and decided to submit it to the EPSCO Council on 9/10 June 2008.

22. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy and amending Directives 82/176/EEC, 83/513/EEC, 84/156/EEC, 84/491/EEC, 86/280/EEC and 2000/60/EC (Second reading)

(a) Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

(b) Preparation of the next informal trilogue

11486/3/07 ENV 378 CODEC 757 REV 3

9488/08 ENV 298 CODEC 596

After hearing a report on the outcome of the first trilogue, the Committee mandated the Presidency to continue negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the third column of the table annexed to 9448/08, with the changes agreed during the meeting, with a view to securing a second-reading agreement.

- 23. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain Directives (Second reading)**
- **Preparation for the next informal trilogue meeting**
11406/4/07 ENV 368 CODEC 744 REV 4
9331/08 ENV 287 CODEC 584

The Committee agreed to a modification of the Presidency mandate in view of a second informal trilogue to reach a second-reading agreement on this Proposal.

24. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 5 June 2008

- 1. Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Community with regard to proposals for amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling**
- **Adoption**
16833/07 ENV 733 PECHE 399
9358/08 ENV 289 PECHE 101

The Committee's deliberation is set out in 9818/08.

- 2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles**
- **Progress report**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
5089/08 ENV 4 ENT 1 CODEC 8
9343/08 ENV 288 ENT 96 CODEC 585

The Committee took note of the progress report by the Presidency (9343/08). The public debate at the Council (Environment) on the abovementioned issue will be organised around the identified outstanding issues.

25. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 6 June 2008

1. Internal Energy Market Legislative Package

9512/08 ENER 148 CODEC 608

(a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/54 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity

- General approach

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)
9355/08 ENER 139 CODEC 587 + COR 1

(b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/55 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas

- General approach

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)
9354/08 ENER 138 CODEC 586 + COR 1

(c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

- General approach

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)
5193/4/08 ENER 7 CODEC 22 REV 4

(d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1228/03 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity

- General approach

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)
6989/3/08 ENER 62 CODEC 268 REV 3

(e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1775/05 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks

- General approach

(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1) (c) CRP)
8098/08 ENER 98 ENV 198 TRANS 109 AGRI 92 CODEC 428

Le Comité a procédé a un échange de vues sur la base du doc. 9512/08. Au terme de cet échange le groupe de travail sur l'énergie a été chargé de revoir un certain nombre de questions concernant les propositions sur le secteur du gaz, la certification et l'actionnariat minoritaire.

Les délégations concernées et la Commission ont été invitées à finaliser la rédaction des dispositions concernant la coopération régionale et diverses dérogations.

Le Comité reprendra ce dossier lors de sa session du 28 mai.

2. **International relations in the field of energy**
 - (a) **OPEC**
 - (b) **Energy efficiency**
 - (c) **Energy Community**
 - (d) **Other initiatives**
 - **Information from the Presidency / Commission**
9408/08 ENER 142 ENV 293 RELEX 309

Le Comité a pris note du doc. 9408/08. Le représentant de la Commission a confirmé que le Commissaire Piebalgs fournirait des informations sur les points couverts par ce document. Des demandes d'informations additionnelles ont également été présentées en ce qui concerne la Charte de l'énergie, le partenariat énergétique avec l'Afrique et les protocoles d'accord avec l'Algérie et l'Egypte.

26. **Preparation for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 29 and 30 May 2008**

1. **Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking**
 - **Adoption**
8244/08 RECH 117 ENER 102
9074/08 RECH 165 ENER 149

The Committee endorsed the text as set out in document 8541/08, with a view to its adoption by the Competitiveness Council meeting on 29/30 May 2008. The text in document 8541/08 contains the General Approach agreed by the Competitiveness Council on 25 February 2008 and the subsequently agreed amendments, taking into account concerns of the European Parliament. The vote in the ITRE Committee took place on 8 April 2008, and the Opinion by the European Parliament was received on 20 May 2008.

2. **Commission Recommendation on the management of intellectual property in knowledge transfer activities and Code of Practice for universities and other public research organisations ("IP Charter Initiative")**
 - **Adoption of Council Resolution**
8513/08 RECH 131 EDUC 112 COMPET 134 MI 124 PI 18
9073/1/08 RECH 164 EDUC 141 COMPET 171 REV 1

The Committee endorsed the text of the Council Resolution as set out in document 9073/1/08 REV 1, with a view to its adoption by the Competitiveness Council meeting on 29/30 May 2008. Notably, the Committee agreed on the revised wording of footnote 14, with the German delegation announcing its intention to make a declaration to the Council minutes.

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II

66. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs), on 5/6 June 2008

- a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law (First Reading)**
 - = **Approval of the final compromise text with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament**
9271/1/08 REV 1 DROIPEN 44 ENV 282 CODEC 570

The Committee approved the final compromise text as set out in 9271/1/08 DROIPEN 44 ENV 282 CODEC 570 REV 1 with a view to a first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

- b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals**
8812/08 MIGR 34 CODEC 510 COMIX 339

The Committee took note that the Presidency would inform Parliament on the outcome of the discussion in Mixed Committee.

- c) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**
 - i) **e-Justice**
 - **Report by the Council Working Party on Legal Data Processing**
8955/08 JURINFO 31 JAI 213 JUSTCIV 87 COPEN 82

The Committee took note that :

- a) this report would be submitted to the JHA Council;
- b) the Council would have an exchange of views on the work achieved and future priorities.

ii) Draft Council Decision on the implementation of Decision 2008/.../JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime

- General approach

9320/08 CRIMORG 73 ENFOPOL 91

9152/08 CRIMORG 59 ENFOPOL 87 + ADD 1

The draft Council decision is forwarded to the Council for general approach.

d) Counter-Terrorism Session (restricted session)

- Presentation by the Director of Slovenian Intelligence and Security Agency on current developments in counter-terrorism fields

- Report by the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

= Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Terrorism

9416/08 JAI 242 ECOFIN 178 TRANS 148 RELEX 310 ECO 57

PESC 564 COTER 29 COSDP 384 PROCIV 64 ENER 143

ATO 40 DATAPROTECT 24 TELECOM 70 + ADD 1

= Follow up of the CTC discussion paper on the implementation of the EU Counter-terrorism strategy

9417/08 JAI 243 ECOFIN 179 TRANS 149 RELEX 311 ECO 58

PESC 565 COTER 30 COSDP 385 PROCIV 65 ENER 144

ATO 41 DATAPROTECT 25 TELECOM 71

The chairman of the CTG group, made a presentation on the group's main areas of work mentioning the main threats and current trends.

The CTC presented follow up of his discussion paper on the implementation of the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy highlighting 3 issues: sharing of information; radicalisation and recruitment; and technical assistance to third countries. He was mandated to report on the implementation of the EU CT Strategy on 6-monthly basis.

- e) **Draft Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the processing and transfer of European Union sourced passenger name record data by air carriers**

9127/1/08 REV 1 JAI 222 AUS 6 RELEX 281 DATAPROTECT 21 RESTREINT UE
+ REV 1 COR 1 RESTREINT UE
9508/08 JAI 249 AUS 8 RELEX 320 DATAPROTECT 26 RESTREINT UE

Delegations welcomed the draft agreement which was submitted by the Presidency. Many delegations congratulated the Presidency on the negotiation of this agreement. There was some discussion on the procedures to be followed. The Chairman concluded that a consensus had been reached and that the draft agreement would be submitted to the June JHA Council meeting. Following the finalisation of the lawyer-linguist scrutiny process, the decision authorising the Presidency to sign would be submitted to the Council in order to allow for the signing of the Agreement in June.

67. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations), on 26/27 May 2008

A. General Affairs

- a) **Preparation of the European Council on 19/20 June 2008**
- **Annotated Draft agenda**
9410/08 POLGEN 46

The Committee took note of the Annotated Draft Agenda to be submitted to the General Affairs and External Relations Council on 26 May. The Chair took note of delegations' comments.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Affaires générales.

B. External Relations

- a) **Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child in the European Union's external action - the development and humanitarian dimensions**
9176/08 DEVGEN 56 COHOM 46 PESC 532 RELEX 284 CONUN 44
SOC 270 JEUN 55 COSDP 362 ACP 64 JAI 246

The outcome of the Committee's proceedings is set out in 9643/08 EXT 1 LIMITE.

- b) **Draft Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the EU as a global partner for development : Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

9177/1/08 REV 1 DEVGEN 57 POLGEN 44 RELEX 285 ACP 65 WTO 83
ENV 274 PESC 533 AGRI 121 PECHE 95 SOC 271 ASIM 37
RECH 171 TELECOM 65 TRANS 139 ENER 132 ONU 32

Delegations reached an agreement on conclusions. These are set out in 9178/08 + COR 1.

- c) **Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the Economic Partnership Agreements**

9179/08 ACP 63 WTO 82 PTOM 10 DEVGEN 59 RELEX 283

The work of the Committee is set out in the report to the Council (doc. 9239/08).

- d) **Western Balkans**

- **Draft Council conclusions**
9463/08 COWEB 138 COSDP 389 PESC 574
- **Draft Council conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The Committee approved draft Council conclusions concerning Serbia as set out in documents ST 9463/1/08 REV 1 COWEB 138 COSDP 389 PESC 574 and concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina as set out in document ST 9888/1/08 REV 1 COWEB 148 COSDP 446 PESC 654 and sent them to the Council with view to adoption.

- e) **Afghanistan**

- **Draft Council conclusions**
9708/08 PESC 620 COASI 93 CIVCOM 255 COSDP 423 COPOL 39
RELEX 340

The Committee endorsed the draft Council conclusions on Afghanistan (9708/08) and forwarded them to the Council for approval.

- f) **Africa**

- **Somalia**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
9585/08 PESC 596 COAFR 155 ACP 72

The work of the Committee is contained in document 9585/1/08 REV 1.

- **Zimbabwe**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
9586/08 PESC 597 COAFR 156 ACP 73

The work of the Committee is contained in document 9586/08.

- g) **Iraq**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
9659/08 COMEM 88 PESC 608

Le Comité a approuvé le projet de conclusions concernant l'Irak (doc. 9659/08 COMEM 88 PESC 608) et l'a transmis au Conseil pour l'adoption.

- h) **Georgia**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
9685/08 PESC 614 COEST 107

The Committee discussed this item on the basis of document 9685/08. One delegation proposed changes to the text, but it was agreed that Ministers will discuss draft Council conclusions on the basis of the same document (doc. 9685/08).

- i) **Middle East**
 - **Draft Council conclusions**
9674/08 COMEP 22 PESC 610

Le Comité a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur le Processus de Paix au Moyen-Orient (doc. 9674/08 COMEP 22 PESC 610).

- **Draft Council conclusions on Lebanon**
9692/08 COMAG 13 COMEP 23 PESC 617

Le Comité a approuvé le projet de Conclusions du Conseil sur le Liban (doc. 9692/08 COMAG 13 COMEP 23 PESC 617).

j) **ESDP**

- **Draft Council conclusions**

9516/08 COSDP 400 PESC 586 CIVCOM 239 COPOL 34 RELEX 322

The Committee :

- agreed the draft Council conclusions on ESDP as set out in 9516/08 and agreed to submit them to the Council for approval, on the understanding that the texts between brackets in paragraphs 22, 36, 39 a), 39 c), 57 and 62 are subject to the outcome of the Steering Board of the European Defence Agency and the Council on 26 May.

k) **Other items in connection with the Council meeting**

Le Comité met au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session Relations extérieures.

- **Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency to the Council**

9378/08 COSDP 382 POLARM 12 IND 40 RECH 174 ECO 56

The Committee :

- took note of the report by the Head of the Agency as set out in 9378/08 and agreed to submit it to the Council for notation.
- **General review of the Implementation of the Checklist for the Integration of the Protection of Children affected by Armed Conflict into ESDP Operations**
9734/08 COSDP 425 COPOL 40 CIVCOM 258 COHOM 56
DEVGEN 84 PESC 624 RELEX 345 CONUN 53

The Committee reached agreement on the text of the draft "General Review of the Implementation of the Checklist for the Integration of the Protection of Children affected by Armed Conflict into ESDP Operations", in view of its approval by the Council on Monday 26 May.

l) Burma/Myanmar

The Committee discussed the Presidency draft for Council Conclusions on Burma/Myanmar and reached an agreement on the text. The draft Council Conclusions were forwarded to the GAERC for adoption on 26 May 2008 (doc. 9754/08).

68. Preparation of the EU-US Summit

9464/08 USA 24 PESC 575 RELEX 315 ECOFIN 181 ENER 145 TRANS 151 JAI 247
ENV 297 DEVGEN 73 POLGEN 48 RESTREINT UE

The Committee exchanged views on the preparation of the EU-US Summit and provided guidance for the ongoing negotiations on the draft Summit declaration.

69. Preparation of the EU-South Africa Summit

9468/08 PESC 577 COAFR 151 ACP 68

The work of the Committee is contained in document 9468/08.

71. Follow up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 14 May 2008

The Committee took note of the proceedings of the ECOFIN Council of 14 May 2008.

72. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 3 June 2008
- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

- Any other business

= Follow-up to the Agriculture/Fisheries Council on 19 May 2008 (requested by the FR delegation)

Se référant à l'examen de ce dossier par le dernier Conseil "Agriculture/Pêche" du 19 mai 2008, la délégation française a tenu à préciser que sa position sur ce dossier n'avait pas variée depuis la réunion du Comité ayant préparé cet examen.

= **Follow up to the Second Meeting of the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) of the 13 May 2008**

At the request of the French Delegation, the Committee agreed on the need to improve the organisation of the TEC, in particular by increasing the involvement of Member States in the preparations of TEC meetings.

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