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

doc. 7931/08 OJ/CRP1 12

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The above mentioned agenda is approved with the following changes :

The following items are **withdrawn** :

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8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Framework for Community Action in the field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (Second reading)

- Approval of the European Parliament's amendments

16340/07 CODEC 1440 ENV 698 MAR 130

PE-CONS 3695/07 ENV 708 MAR 135 CODEC 1459

7634/08 CODEC 378 ENV 169 MAR 45

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

26. Relations with Turkmenistan

- Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of energy between the European Union and the Republic of Turkmenistan

6639/1/08 REV 1 ENER 52 NIS 40 COEST 46

36. (poss.) Draft note on the Implementation of the Joint Africa/EU Strategy

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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10. **Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the further implementation of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) (First reading) (This item will be taken in restricted session)**
- **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue on 25 March 2008**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
 - **Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue on 3 April 2008**

At its meeting on 2 April, the Committee took note of the results of the fourth informal trilogue meeting on 25 March with the European Parliament. It examined the outstanding issues, in particular the introduction of the regulatory (comitology) procedure with scrutiny in Article 11 of the Regulation, and agreed on a text proposal to be submitted to the European Parliament side at the next informal trilogue on 3 April 2008.

At its meeting on 4 April, the Committee took note of the agreement reached with the Parliament at the fifth informal trilogue meeting on 3 April. It also endorsed the draft general approach on the above proposal, presented by the Presidency, to be adopted by the TTE Council on 7 April.

11. **Preparation for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 7 April 2008**

1. **Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the further implementation of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) (First reading)**
- **General approach**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
13113/07 TRANS 281 MAR 68 AVIATION 156 RECH 247 CAB 32
FIN 438 CODEC 990
7843/08 TRANS 94 MAR 50 AVIATION 80 RECH 99

The Committee endorsed the results of the fifth and final informal trilogue meeting on 3 April 2008 in preparation of a first reading agreement with the European Parliament. It also agreed that the Chair of the Committee would send a letter to the President of the ITRE Committee and the rapporteur confirming the agreement of the Council to the negotiated text.

Furthermore, the Committee agreed to submit the text of the Regulation as set out in Annex I to document 8031/08 to the TTE Council on 7 April 2008 with a view to reaching a general approach. The Committee also took note of the Joint Declaration and the statements set out in Annex II of document 8031/08 to be included in the Council minutes.

2. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on airport charges

- **Political agreement**
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP)
5887/07 AVIATION 27
7628/08 AVIATION 76 CODEC 372

The Committee examined the draft political agreement on the above proposal and agreed on the text, which will be submitted to the TTE Council on 7 April 2008. LU, supported by EE, indicated it had a reservation on that text.

12. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS)

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
12413/07 TELECOM 102 MI 193 CODEC 863
7650/08 TELECOM 26 MI 95 CODEC 379
7938/08 TELECOM 31 MI 106 CODEC 407

The Committee endorsed the text in document 7650/08 as a mandate to the Presidency in view of the first informal trilogue with the European Parliament on 8 April 2008.

13. Preparation of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 April 2008

1. Proposal for a Council Regulation providing for the adaptation of cod fishing quotas to be allocated to Poland in the Baltic Sea (Subdivisions 25-32, EC Waters) from 2008 to 2011

- **Political agreement / Adoption**
7580/08 PECHE 58
7641/08 PECHE 60

The Committee discusses this Proposal and agrees to modify it at the request of the Swedish delegation.

The item is maintained on the Council agenda for adoption.

2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing**
 - **Policy debate**
14236/07 PECHE 305
7645/08 PECHE 61

The Committee prepares the Council by approving the questions for the policy debate.

The item is maintained on the Council agenda.

3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2004 as regards the recovery of cod stocks**
 - **Exchange of views**
7676/08 PECHE 63

The item is maintained on the Council agenda.

14. **Sustainability criteria for biofuels**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Committee agreed that the ad hoc Working Party should continue its work on sustainability criteria for biofuels with a view to concluding it in time for the Committee to consider a final report and to seek to resolve any outstanding issues at its meeting on 7 May, so as to provide a basis for negotiations with the European Parliament.

15. **Climate - Energy Legislative Package**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Presidency informed the Committee on the work programme until the next Environment and Energy Councils in June. The Presidency intends to complete a first detailed reading of all the proposals in the Working Parties on Energy and Environment by the end of April. After completing this first reading of all the proposals, the Committee will be informed on the state of play of negotiations. The second round of discussions at working-party level will start in May and a progress report by the Presidency will be prepared for the Environment and Energy Councils on 5 and 6 June respectively.

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40. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 April 2008
- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Council Legal Service was requested to provide a written opinion on the Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement with the USA regarding certain conditions for access to the United States' visa waiver programme (VWP) in accordance with section 711 of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007" (doc. 7512/08 JAI 129 USA 14 RELEX 171 RESTREINTE UE).

It was agreed to add the problem of illegal migration in Greece as EU's external border to the agenda of the Council at the request of the EL delegation.

41. Draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office
- Budget Neutrality
7771/08 EUROPOL 30

The text of the draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office, as it results from the discussions, is set out in document 8026/08 + COR 1.

42. Relations with Russia
- Preparations for the EU-Russia Summit
7924/08 COEST 62 PESC 364 RELEX 189 COHOM 29 ECOFIN 116 WTO 55
ENER 90 TRANS 97 JAI 144 RECH 103 POLGEN 31 RESTREINT UE

The Committee had an exchange of views on preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (Khanty-Mansiisk, end of June 2008) on the basis of a note from the Presidency (doc. 7924/08 RESTREINT UE).

- **Any other business**

- **Barcelona Process : Union for the Mediterranean**

FR introduced the item as an information point, reiterating that the objective was to give a new impetus to Euro-Med co-operation on the basis of the Euro-Med Partnership. More concrete proposals to be distributed in view of Senior Officials Meeting of the Barcelona Process on 8 April. The Commission informed about President Barroso's intention to meet the Ambassadors of partner states of the Barcelona Process on 14 April. It is working on proposals as mandated by the European Council with a view to making its submissions during May. Several member states took the floor, all of whom were generally supportive of the initiative. A number (NL, SW, CZ, PL, LU, LT, FI, AT, MT) said that there are still a number of questions to be answered and advised caution especially with the new structures. Some (CZ, PL, LU, LT, FI) recalled the need for a balanced approach with the east. A number of interventions defended the ideas that have been presented so far (DE, SP, IT, MT, GR). The Presidency concluded that it would ensure that the Committee was kept informed on ongoing work on this issue, with a view to preparing appropriately for the July Summit.

- **Debriefing on the Informal Meeting of Foreign Ministers (28-29 March 2008, Brdo)**

The Presidency informed delegations on the discussions held at the Informal meeting of Foreign Ministers on 28-29 March 2008, in Brdo.
