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

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17193/1/12 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 42 COMIX 701 + CM 5723/1/12 REV 1 + CM 5739/12

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

The following items are **added**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

85. Action-Oriented Paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings - second implementation report/update of information on Member States' external action

17207/12 GENVAL 91 JAIEX 121 RELEX 1107 JAI 868 COSI 128

13661/3/12 REV 3 GENVAL 63 JAIEX 67 RELEX 796 JAI 603 COSI 72

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17329/12 PESC 1497 RELEX 1119 CONUN 163 COMEM 364 CONOP 178
COARM 263 FIN 1011

88. Draft Council conclusions on the situation in the eastern DRC

17390/12 COAFR 391 ACP 244 DEVGEN 334 RELEX 1121 COPS 457

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17391/12 COAFR 392 ACP 245 PESC 1504 DEVGEN 335 COTER 121
COMAG 130 COHAFA 155 RELEX 1122

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86. (poss.) Letter from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council in relation to the expiry of certain provisions of the Staff Regulations on 31st December 2012

- Exchange of views

17154/12 STAT 45 FIN 991 CODEC 2898

90. Draft Council Conclusions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

17478/12 COASI 205 ASIE 106 PESC 1512 RELEX 1134

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ii) Proposal for a Regulation on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability in the euro area

16493/1/12 RE V 1 ECOFIN 964 UEM 315 CODEC 2737

17150/12 ECOFIN 1014 UEM 330 CODEC 2896

17152/12 ECOFIN 1015 UEM 331 CODEC 2897

17430/12 ECOFIN 1036 UEM 333 CODEC 2956

The following items are **withdrawn**:

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

75. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 10 December 2012

g) (poss.) Preparation of the Summit of EU-CELAC (Santiago 26/27 January 2013)

h) (poss.) Preparation of the Summit of EU-Brazil

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

Statements are made on the following item :

53. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation (market abuse) (MAR) (First reading)

- General approach

16512/12 EF 269 ECOFIN 968 DROIPEN 165 CODEC 2741

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16416/1/12 REV 1 EF 267 ECOFIN 958 DROIPEN 164 CODEC 2722

Statement by Austria

"The Austrian constitutional law presently does not allow for administrative pecuniary sanctions in the amount provided for in Article 26 para 1a and para 2 MAR. Therefore, we cannot currently commit to the implementation of this provision, as implementation would require an amendment to constitutional law. It is not predictable whether such an amendment to the Constitution will be adopted."

Statement by Portugal, Italy, Spain, Belgium and France

"Despite the acceptance of the proposed approach, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France consider that the possibility provided in the Market Abuse Regulation for Member States not to lay down administrative sanctions and to establish new criminal measures for MAR sanctions by 24 months after the entry into force of this Regulation will not ensure the desired harmonization of the sanctioning regimes for market abuse at the European Union level.

We acknowledge that the imposition of administrative sanctions must take into account the existence of criminal sanctions for similar offences, but regret it was not possible to achieve a more coherent, effective and harmonized regime, as envisaged by the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions reinforcing sanctioning regimes in the financial services sector (Brussels, 8.12.2010 - COM(2010) 716). The crucial role of a full administrative system was strongly recommended by FESCO (now ESMA) more than ten years ago (FESCO/00-0961) and more recently stressed by ESMA – as a powerful tool for competent authorities to perform the task of ensuring compliance with EU Directives - in the response to the Communication on Reinforcing Sanctioning Regimes in the Financial Services sector of 22 February 2011 and in the Report Actual use of sanctioning powers under MAD - ESMA/2012/270 of 26 April 2012.

Portugal, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France expect that these subjects can be revisited during the negotiations with the European Parliament to achieve a more effective and harmonised regime."

Statement by Spain and Portugal

"Despite the acceptance of the proposed approach, Spain and Portugal consider that the direct application of MAR provisions will imply in some cases important changes to the enforcement and sanctioning of market abuse. In view of its direct applicability, some new provisions, notably in Article 7a, would warrant further discussion to reduce the uncertainty as to how they will be interpreted and applied.

Spain and Portugal expect that these subjects can be revisited during the negotiations with the European Parliament to achieve a clearer regime on these issues."

DE made a statement on the following item :

54. (poss.) Credit Rating Agencies (CRA III)

- a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/65/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU in respect of the excessive reliance on credit ratings (First reading)**
- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Regulation (EC) N° 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies (First Reading)**
 - = Approval of the final compromise text**
 - 17106/12 EF 285 ECOFIN 1009 CODEC 2883
 - + ADD 1
 - 16678/12 EF 279 ECOFIN 988 CODEC 2781
 - 16680/12 EF 280 ECOFIN 989 CODEC 2782

"With regard to Recital 32a and Article 39aa para 2 subpara 2 Germany is of the view that the content of the Commission's report should be broad. In particular, the Commission should explore the appropriateness of a private and a public European credit rating agency as well as an European Credit Rating Foundation for all ratings including ratings of the creditworthiness of Member States sovereign debt."

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II

14. **Setting of the provisional agenda of the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18, 19 and 20 December 2012**
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representative Committee)

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18, 19 and 20 December 2012 as set out in 17620/1/12 REV 1.

15. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 20 December 2012**

1. **Setting of the agenda**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the next TTE Council meeting as set out in 17644/12.

2. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation and exploitation of European satellite navigation systems**
(Legislative deliberation)

- **Progress report**

17844/11 TRANS 338 MAR 154 AVIATION 254 CAB 54 CODEC 2250
ESPACE 80 FIN 1021

16871/12 TRANS 425 MAR 136 AVIATION 184 CAB 35 CODEC 2823
ESPACE 58 FIN 960 CSC 85

The Committee took note of the above mentioned progress report, as set out in 16871/12, and agreed to forward it to the TTE Council of 20 December 2012.

16. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 6 and 7 December 2012**

- **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on serious cross-border threats to health (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**

- **Progress report**

16570/12 SAN 288 PHARM 86 PROCIV 193 CODEC 2759

The Commission reiterated its reservations on Article 4 and 10 of the text of the draft Decision and disagreed with the deletion of the former Article 12 from the text.

Germany indicated that Article 2 (scope) of the text of the draft Decision should be defined in a way to avoid duplications.

The Chair concluded that the Presidency's progress report in document 16570/12 will be submitted to the Council (EPSCO) on 7 December 2012 and recalled that this item will fall under public deliberation, in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union.

17. Preparation of the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 10 and 11 December 2012

1. Customs policy (*Non-legislative activity*)

(a) Report on the implementation of the EU Customs Action Plan to Combat Intellectual Property Right Infringements for the Years 2009 to 2012

- **Presentation by the Commission**
15699/12 UD 262
16931/12 UD 314

(b) EU Customs Action Plan to combat Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) infringements for the years 2013-2017

- **Adoption of Council Resolution**
16517/12 UD 293
16935/12 UD 315

The Committee took note of a Commission report to be presented at the Competitiveness Council and agreed on the text of a Council resolution on a EU Customs Action Plan to Combat Intellectual Property Right Infringements for the years 2013-2017.

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down Union Customs Code (Recast) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Orientation debate**
6784/12 UD 49 ENFOCUSTOM 10 MI 120 COMER 36 TRANS 53 CODEC 450
16924/12 UD 312 ENFOCUSTOM 135 MI 790 COMER 248 TRANS 429
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The Committee took note of the orientation debate to take place at the Competitiveness Council on 10 December 2012.

3. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Action Programme for Customs in the European Union for the period 2014-2020 (Customs 2020) and repealing Decision No 624/2007/EC (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Partial general approach

13265/12 UD 221 AELE 61

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16928/12 UD 313 AELE 86 CODEC 2839

The Committee agreed on a partial general approach to the Presidency compromise text concerning a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Action Programme for Customs in the European Union for the period 2014-2020 (Customs 2020) and on two statements to be entered in the Council minutes, as laid down in documents 17005/12, 16928/12 ADD 1 + ADD 2.

4. Horizon 2020 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the Specific Programme Horizon 2020 – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)

- Partial general approach

17935/11 RECH 412 COMPET 580 IND 163 MI 632 EDUC 284

TELECOM 198 ENER 390 ENV 920 REGIO 144 AGRI 827

TRANS 343 SAN 261

16908/12 RECH 439 COMPET 738 IND 210 MI 789 EDUC 362

TELECOM 233 ENER 502 ENV 900 REGIO 142 AGRI 809

TRANS 427 SAN 297

The outcome of the proceedings of the Committee is set out in 17029/12.

5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Progress report

18899/11 ETS 22 MI 679 COMPET 629 EDUC 297 CODEC 2507

16293/12 ETS 28 MI 737 COMPET 697 EDUC 346 CODEC 2693

The Committee took note of the progress report prepared by the Presidency and set out in 16293/12 and agreed to forward it to the Competitiveness Council of 10-11 December 2012.

18. Preparation of the Council meeting (Environment) on 17 December 2012

1. Greening the European Semester (*Non-legislative activity*)

- Exchange of views

16952/12 ENV 904 ECOFIN 999 SOC 970 COMPET 739 MI 791 RECH 443
ENER 506 FISC 182

The Committee took note of the background note and the questions for the ministerial debate prepared by the Presidency.

2. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 "Living well, within the limits of our planet" (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Orientation debate

16498/12 ENV 872 DEVGEN 314 ECO139 SAN 313 PECHE 515 AGRI 826
IND 216 CHIMIE 93 ENER 510 RECH 449 TRANS 438 CODEC 2874
+ ADD 1
+ ADD 2

16953/12 ENV 905 DEVGEN 325 ECO146 SAN 314 PECHE 516 AGRI 827
IND 217 CHIMIE 94 ENER 511 RECH 450 TRANS 439 CODEC 2847

The Committee took note of the questions prepared by the Presidency to structure the orientation debate.

19. (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC (Directive on consumer ADR) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

(b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes (Regulation on consumer ODR) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue
- (poss.) Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee took note of the oral debriefing made by the Presidency on the informal trilogue of 5 December 2012.

On this basis, the Presidency put forward a final compromise package text presented by the European Parliament on 5 December 2012. The Committee agreed on this text.

- 20. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings (Accounting Directive) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
17013/12 DRS 134 COMPET 742 ECOFIN 1004 CODEC 2859

The Committee approved a revised mandate for the informal trilogue to take place on 6 December 2012, insisting notably on the need to extend the scope of negotiations to include all chapters of the draft Directive.

- 21. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on accounting rules and action plans on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities related to land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
16825/12 ENV 894 ONU 149 FORETS 82 AGRI 800 CODEC 2814

The Committee agreed to give the Presidency a mandate for the third informal trilogue with the European Parliament on 13 December 2012 on the basis of the Presidency compromise text contained in the Annex to document 16825/12, as modified following Committee (changes to/deletion of proposals relating to recitals 4 and 6, and Articles 3(1), 4(4)(2), 4(7), 7(1), 7 (2)(3b) and 9(2)).

- 22. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on food intended for infants and young children and on food for special medical purposes (PARNUTS) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for political agreement**
16958/12 DENLEG 113 AGRI 819 SAN 299 CODEC 2849

The Committee agreed by qualified majority (UK and DE against) to submit, as an "A" item, the text set out in the Annex to document 16958/12 to the Council for political agreement, subject to receiving an approval letter from the Chair of the EP ENVI Committee confirming that this text is agreeable to the European Parliament.

The Commission informed that it would make a statement with respect to Article 10.2(b) related to the specific requirements on the use of pesticides.

- 23. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a consumer programme 2014-2020**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the oral debriefing made by the Presidency on the informal trilogue of 4 December 2012.

- 24. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Chair informed delegations about the cancellation by the rapporteur of the 3rd trilogue due to take place on 4 December 2012, on the grounds that the European Parliament considered the last offer of the Council as unsatisfactory in many respects including on issues other than the three political priorities mentioned so far by the EP (executive board, appointment of officers, branch office). A further offer by the Presidency to reschedule the trilogue was also met by a negative response by the EP side, which is not envisaging to resume negotiations before next January.

- 25. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the debriefing given by the Presidency on the results of the third informal trilogue meeting held on 4 December 2012.

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73. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 11 December 2012

a) Preparation of the European Council on 13-14 December 2012

- **Draft conclusions**
15632/12 CO EUR-PREP 43

The Committee examined the draft of the European Council conclusions as prepared by the President of the European Council.

The main issues of the conclusions are the Economic policy, the Annual Growth survey, the Common security and Defence policy, the Enlargement and the Foreign Policy.

b) Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process

- **Council conclusions**
16564/3/12 REV 3 ELARG 119 COWEB 194

The outcome of the deliberations of the Committee on this item is contained in 17482/12.

c) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Annex I thereto

- **Appointment of additional judges for the General Court**
17016/1/12 REV 1 JUR 607 COUR 81 INST 693 CODEC 2862
17017/1/12 REV 1 JUR 608 COUR 82 INST 694 CODEC 2863

The Committee took note of the Presidency proposal to the Council (doc. 17017/1/12 REV 1) in view of the discussion on the appointment of additional judges for the General Court at the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 11 December 2012.

d) European Semester

- **Roadmap on the implementation of the 2013 European Semester**
16833/12 CO EUR-PREP 49 POLGEN 200 ENV 896 ENER 498 MI 784
RECH 437 COMPET 734 IND 207 ECOFIN 992 SOC 965 EDUC 359
TELECOM 230

The Committee took note of this roadmap, prepared by the incoming Presidency, which sets out the key steps of the 2013 European Semester.

The roadmap is divided in two phases : one until the March European Council and the second one for the period between the European Council meeting in March and June 2013.

e) 18 month programme of the Council (1 January 2013 - 30 June 2014)
17426/12 POLGEN 213

The Committee took note of the draft 18 month programme of the Council prepared by the future Irish, Lithuanian and Greek Presidencies and the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Council. It agreed to submit the draft programme to the General Affairs Council for endorsement.

f) Preparation of the European Council on 7-8 February 2013
= **Annotated Draft Agenda**
15662/12 CO EUR-PREP 46

The Committee took note of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items (trade and external relations), which the European Council is expected to address at its meeting on 7 and 8 February 2013.

g) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité a mis au point l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales du 11 décembre 2012.

74. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6/7 December 2012

a) Draft Council Conclusions on Aviation Security against terrorist threats
17008/12 ENFOPOL 396 AVIATION 185 JAI 855

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft Council conclusions and decided to submit them to the Council on 6-7 December 2012 for approval.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency briefly informed the Committee on the handling at the Council of the following items:

- Information from the Presidency on current legislative proposals - Right of access to a lawyer
- Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017.

75. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 10 December 2012

a) Western Balkans

The EEAS informed the Committee that, ahead of the GAC on 11 December 2012, the discussions in the Foreign Affairs Council on this item would focus on Serbia and Kosovo and the outcome of the meeting of the Belgrade - Pristina dialogue on 4 December 2012.

b) Southern Neighbourhood

= **Syria**

- **Draft Council conclusions**

16388/12 COMAG 120 PESC 1406 COHAFA 142 SY 29

= **(poss.) Libya**

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee of the way in which the High Representative intends to conduct the exchange of views on Southern Neighbourhood. Several Member States requested Council Conclusions on Syria. Further to its meeting on 10 December 2012, the Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on Syria as set out in 16388/12, and decided to forward them to the Council for adoption. There are outstanding issues in brackets in paragraphs 3 and 6.

c) MEPP

= **Draft Council conclusions**

17036/12 COMEP 32 PESC 1470

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee of the way in which the High Representative intends to conduct the exchange of views on the Middle East Peace Process.

Further to its meeting on 10 December 2012, the Committee examined the draft Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP) as set out in document 17036/12 and decided to forward them to the Council for adoption.

d) Russia

EEAS informed that this item would be dealt over lunch and that no conclusions were foreseen.

e) USA

The EEAS informed that the High Representative would have an exchange of views with Member States on the outcome of the US elections and their impact on the EU as well as on the foreign policy priorities during President Obama's second term. A document to prepare the meeting had been transmitted to delegations.

f) (poss.) Iran

The Executive Secretary General of the EEAS informed the Committee that this item will not be discussed at the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 10 December 2012.

i) (poss.) Ukraine

This sub-item was not addressed.

j) 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.

76. Relations with Russia

- **Preparation of the 30th EU-Russia Summit (Brussels, 21 December 2012)**
17084/12 COEST 422 PESC 1474 POLGEN 205

The Committee heard a presentation by the EEAS and the Commission on the state of preparations of the 30th EU-Russia Summit. No views were exchanged.

77. Relations with the European Parliament (December 2012)

16861/12 PE 549 INST 684 POLGEN 201 CODEC 2821

The Committee held a discussion on relations with the European Parliament on the basis of the document 16861/12.

78. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (First reading)

- Presidency non-paper

16954/12 INST 690 PE 550 FIN 971 CODEC 2748

The Committee took note of the Presidency non-paper as set out in the Annex to the note (doc. 16954/12). The CZ delegation raised some legal issues raised by the proposal. The Council Legal Service replied that a CLS opinion (doc. 17096/12) had been issued and that other legal clarifications were being addressed.

79. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 4 December 2012

The Council had an extensive exchange of views on the Banking Supervision Mechanism. No deal has yet been reached.

The Council also discussed:

- negotiations on the Two-pack ;
- the authorisation for enhanced cooperation for FTT ;
- the VAT quick reaction mechanism.

80. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 29 November 2012

The Committee took note of the follow-up points to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 29 November 2012, in particular impending developments in the trade-related negotiations with Singapore, Canada and Japan.

81. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment (First reading)

- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

17100/12 MIGR 140 SOC 980 CODEC 2882

The outcome of the Committee's work on this item is set out in 17456/12.

82. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status (recast) (First reading)

- **Review of the outcome of the informal trilogues**
17075/12 ASILE 142 CODEC 2880

The Committee reviewed the state of play of the negotiations in the informal trilogues on the recast proposal of the Asylum Procedures Directive.

The Committee discussed in particular the most appropriate approach with regard to procedural guarantees for unaccompanied minors and victims of torture. In light of this discussion, the Presidency stated that it would prepare suggestions for amending the relevant provisions of the recast proposal for the purpose of taking work forward.

83. Council Regulations on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS+1) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (recast)

16960/12 SIRIS 104 SCHEGEN 74 COMIX 670
11142/2/12 REV 2 SIRIS 44 SCHENGEN 45 COMIX 371
11143/2/12 REV 2 SIRIS 45 SCHENGEN 46 COMIX 372

The Committee confirmed the outcome of the discussion in the Mixed Committee as set out in 17782/12.

84. OECD Enlargement

The Commission presented its issues paper, insisting in particular that eligible countries should be treated equally and stressing the opportunity to have a shared position before the OECD Ministerial meeting taking place in May 2013.

Romania informed of its intention to submit a formal application and Croatia informed that it was considering this possibility too.

Following the exchange of views, the Presidency concluded that the matter was not ripe for decision yet, suggesting to work with the Commission on the matter and to revert to this issue at a future meeting.

86. Letter from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council in relation to the expiry of certain provisions of the Staff Regulations on 31st December 2012

- Exchange of views

17154/12 STAT 45 FIN 991 CODEC 2898

On 5 December 2012, the Committee could not reach a unanimous decision, as necessary, on amending the Commission proposal on Staff Regulations' review (doc. 18638/11) with a view to extending by one year (until 31 December 2013) the effects of the provisions on the special levy (Article 66a SR) and on the method (Article 15 of Annex XI), which will cease to apply after 31 December 2012.

90. Draft Council Conclusions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

17478/12 COASI 205 ASIE 106 PESC 1512 RELEX 1134

The Committee approved the draft Council conclusions (doc. 17478/1/12 REV 1) and submitted them to the Council for adoption.

91. Economic governance - Two pack

- i) Proposal for a Regulation on common provisions for monitoring and assessing draft budgetary plans and ensuring the correction of excessive deficit of the Member States in the euro area**
- ii) Proposal for a Regulation on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability in the euro area**

16493/1/12 RE V 1 ECOFIN 964 UEM 315 CODEC 2737

17150/12 ECOFIN 1014 UEM 330 CODEC 2896

17152/12 ECOFIN 1015 UEM 331 CODEC 2897

17430/12 ECOFIN 1036 UEM 333 CODEC 2956

The Committee examined the outstanding issues and confirmed its support for the Presidency compromise proposal on review clause as presented in the document 17430/12.

- Any other business

At the request of the IT delegation, the Presidency informed on the procedures applicable to EU coordination for the ICAO High Level Group (HLG) on ETS/Aviation.

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