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

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6804/2/13 REV 2 OJ/CRP2 8 COMIX 117

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

52. Draft conclusions of the Council of the European Union and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Members States meeting within the Council

- **Future financial contribution by the Swiss Confederation**
6834/13 CH 9 AELE 17 EEE 4 RESTREINT UE

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

53. Council Implementing Decision authorising the Kingdom of the Netherlands to apply a measure derogating from Article 193 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax

- **Adoption**
6718/1/13 FISC 35 OC 84 REV 1
6487/13 FISC 31 OC 68

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 :

21. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Member States which are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage of 21 May 1963 ("Vienna Convention") to ratify the Protocol amending that Convention in the interest of the European Union, or to accede to it

- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

6207/13 JUSTCIV 23 ATO 18

+ COR 1 REV 1

+ ADD 1

6206/13 JUSTCIV 22 ATO 17 OC 78

6658/13 JUSTCIV 35 ATO 22 OC 80

Statement by the delegations of Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Austria and Poland

"Where the European Union adopts internal legislative acts and on this basis, it exercises external exclusive competence, the Member States bound by those legislative acts take part in the acts that the Union adopts as part of this external competence.

In the context of this decision, all the Member States of the European Union bound by Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters consequently take part in the adoption of the Decision authorising the Member States which are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage of 21 May 1963 ("Vienna Convention") to ratify the Protocol amending that Convention in the interest of the European Union, or to accede to it."

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that Protocol 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not apply in the present case and United Kingdom and Ireland are bound by the present decision as a consequence of the fact that they are bound by Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters."

A statement is made by the AT delegation on the following item :

36. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing criteria determining when copper scrap ceases to be waste under Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

- Confirmation of delegations positions

5219/13 ENV 22

6383/13 ENV 113

Statement by Austria

"The present draft Regulation, which determines end-of waste criteria for copper scrap, is not acceptable.

Although the draft Regulation contains several improvements compared to the End-of-Waste-Regulation for metal scrap, basic requirements which should ensure enforcement of the Regulation are not contained in this draft.

Furthermore it is not clarified, whether end-of waste for enamelled cable-waste, where the removal of the coating is not feasible, is possible."

Commission made a statement on the following item :

52. Draft conclusions of the Council of the European Union and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Members States meeting within the Council

- Future financial contribution by the Swiss Confederation

6834/13 CH 9 AELE 17 EEE 4

RESTREINT UE

"The Conclusions on the renewal of the Swiss financial contribution constitute a political decision under Article 16 of the Treaty on European Union. Article 16 confers policy-making powers to the Council. As a consequence, the Conclusions are to be understood as the political decision of the Council, not of the Member States.

The Commission takes note of the political decision taken by the Council and will, on this basis, accept the invitation to engage in discussions with Switzerland on behalf of the EU. The Commission recalls in this regard its position in cases C-28/12 and C-114/12, pending before the Court of Justice."

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II

2. Revised capital requirements rules (CRD IV) (First reading)

- i) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms**
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 - **Updated mandate**
6703/13 EF 30 ECOFIN 130 CODEC 387
+ ADD 1

As a result of the discussion the Presidency received a revised mandate in view of the trilogue with the European Parliament foreseen for 27 February 2013, especially on country by country reporting; own-initiative mediation powers of the European Banking Authority; country-specific prudential measures; remuneration; "point of non viability" and transposition deadline of the Directive.

3. Syria (*restricted session*)

Further to the discussion on 20 February 2013, the Committee continued examining the draft Council Decision extending restrictive measures against Syria and providing for exemptions to the arms embargo against that country, as submitted by the EEAS on behalf of the High Representative. The Committee will revert to this issue at the latest on 28 February 2013, with a view to agreeing to a text of the Council Decision and forwarding it to the Council for adoption.

3. **Council Decision amending Council Decision 2012/739/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria**
6601/13 PESC 198 COARM 26 COMEM 39 FIN 89
6871/13 PESC 221 COARM 28 COMEM 44 FIN 99 RESTREINT UE

Further to the discussion on 20 and 26 February 2013, the Committee agreed on the text of Council Decision amending Council 2012/739/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria, providing for exemptions to the arms embargo against that country, as well as on the text of an accompanying Council Declaration (doc. 6871/1/13 REV 1 RESTREINT UE) for inclusion in the Council minutes. Both texts were forwarded to the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumers Council, meeting on the same day.

27. **Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 11 March 2013**

- a) **Preparation of the European Council on 14/15 March 2013**
- **Draft guidelines for the conclusions**
5640/13 CO EUR-PREP 6

The Committee had an exchange of views on the upcoming European Council on the basis of guidelines, focusing on the European Semester, the implementation of the compact on Growth and Jobs and on the EMU.

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

Le Comité a fait le point de l'état de préparation des autres points figurant à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales.

28. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 7/8 March 2013**

- a) **SIS II**
- **State of play**
i) **Draft Council Decision 2013/XXX/EU of XX XXX 2013 fixing the date of application of Decision 2007/533/JHA on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)**

- ii) **Draft Council Decision 2013/XXX/EU of XX XXX 2013 fixing the date of application of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)**
6429/1/13 REV 1 JAI 104 SIRIS 21 COMIX 101 OC 88
+ REV 1 COR 1
6840/13 JAI 144 SIRIS 26 COMIX 121 OC 89
6841/13 JAI 145 SIRIS 27 COMIX 122 OC 90

Pursuant with Article 55(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 and Article 71(3) of Decision 2007/533/JHA, the Commission stated that:

- the Commission Implementing Decision adopting the SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) was adopted on 27 February 2013;
- all the Member States fully participating in the SIS 1+ have notified the Commission that they have made the necessary technical and legal arrangements to process SIS II data and exchange of supplementary information; and
- the Commission has made the necessary technical arrangements for allowing Central SIS II to be connected to N.SIS II of the Member States concerned.

The Committee confirmed 9 April 2013 as the date for entry into application of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 and Decision 2007/533/JHA and agreed on the draft Council Decisions as set out in documents 6840/13 and 6841/13 being submitted to the Council (JHA) on 7 March 2013 for adoption.

DE stated that it will abstain from voting for the reasons set out in 6937/13.

- b) **Draft Council Decision on the framework for the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania**
- **Adoption**
6777/13 SCH-EVAL 18 COMIX 115

The Committee took note of the outcome of the discussion in the Mixed Committee.

- c) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) (First reading)**
- **Implementation of risk-based approach**
 - **Flexibility for the Public Sector**
 - **Orientation debate**
- 6607/13 DATAPROTECT 18 JAI 125 MI 116 DRS 30 DAPIX 28 FREMP 13
COMIX 108 CODEC 359

The Committee briefly discussed the Presidency note, which was broadly welcomed by delegations. The risk-based approach as outlined by the Presidency was widely supported.

The Chair clarified at the outset of the debate that the Council was not going to discuss the question whether the draft Regulation could provide sufficient flexibility for the public sector. This was welcomed by several delegations and at their request the Chair indicated that the revised document for the Council would contain further clarification in this regard.

- d) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the euro and other currencies against counterfeiting by criminal law (First reading)**
- **Presentation by the Commission**
 - **Orientation debate**
- 6713/13 DROIPEN 21 JAI 129 ECOFIN 133 UEM 28 GAF 9 CODEC 392

The proposal submitted by the Commission on 5 February 2013 will be presented and initially debated at the JHA Council on 8 March 2013. No discussion took place in the Committee.

- e) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters (First reading)**
- **Confirmation of the agreement reached with the European Parliament**
- 6668/13 JUSTCIV 37 COPEN 24 CODEC 377

The outcome of the discussions is set out in 6838/13.

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

- The Presidency informed the Committee on the handling of the Schengen governance item at the Council.
- Under AOB, the three following items will be discussed under the Home Affairs part :

- High Level Conference: "Empowering local actors to counter violent extremism" (29 January 2013)
= Information by the Commission
- Establishment of a Platform in Bogota for the exchange of Information on Transatlantic Cocaine Trafficking
= Information by the Spanish delegation
- The EU-Morocco Mobility Partnership
= Information by the Commission
- Moreover, the Presidency will inform the Council on the state of play of current legislative proposals.
- The lunch topics will be the "Migratory pressures" for the 7 March 2013 and the "Justice scoreboard" for the 8 March 2013.

29. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (First reading)

- **Discussion on outstanding issues in preparation for the informal trilogue**
6402/13 PROCIV 21 JAI 97 COHAFA 20 COCON 9 DEVGEN 39 COTER 20
ENV 116 FIN 79 PESC 165 CODEC 330

The Committee discussed the outstanding issues in the Presidency compromise text (doc. 6402/13): financial support for Member States in addressing capacity gaps (Article 21(i) and (j)), co-financing of transport and deployment costs (Articles 23(2)(3) and (4) and 22(b)), as well as the name of the [Emergency Response Centre] (Article 7(a)).

The Committee will revert to the issue in the coming weeks.

30. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 5 March 2013

- a) **Revised capital requirements rules (CRD IV) (First reading)**
 - i) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms**
 - ii) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Directive 2002/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the supplementary supervision of credit institutions, insurance undertakings and investment firms in a financial conglomerate**
 - **Revised general approach**

The Presidency informed the Committee on the outcome of the trilogue and future steps.

The Council will be called upon to politically endorse that outcome of the trilogue.

- b) **VAT fraud: Quick reaction mechanism - Reverse charge mechanism**
 - **Political guidelines**
6717/13 FISC 34

Following an exchange of views on the Presidency compromise solution set out in 6717/13 it was decided that the file will be submitted to the Council on 5 March 2013 to provide guidance for further work at technical level.

- c) **Economic governance - "Two pack" (First reading)**
 - 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**
 - **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
6724/13 ECOFIN 134 UEM 29 CODEC 395
+ COR 1
6726/13 ECOFIN 135 UEM 30 CODEC 396
6727/13 ECOFIN 136 UEM 31 CODEC 397

The Presidency briefed the Committee on the agreement reached with the European Parliament. The Committee confirmed the agreement reached with the European Parliament, as set out in documents 6726/13 and 6727/13, and authorized the Committee chair to sign and send a letter confirming the agreement to the European Parliament.

The United Kingdom delegation declared its intention to resubmit its unilateral statement, as set out in the minutes of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 4 December 2012 (doc. 17294/12 ADD 1), at the time of the formal adoption of the two legislative texts.

- d) **European Semester: Discussion of certain thematic issues - Report on quality of public expenditure**
 - **Exchange of views and Council conclusions**
6728/13 ECOFIN 137 BUDGET 11

The Committee discussed the draft Council conclusions on the quality of public expenditure and agreed to introduce a minor change in paragraph 3, which did not affect the substance.

The Committee agreed to send the revised version of the draft Council conclusions (doc. 6728/13 REV1) to the ECOFIN Council meeting for adoption.

e) Closer EMU: Response to President of the European Council
- Exchange of views

The Council will hold an exchange of views on the further development of the EU's economic and monetary union focusing on the following issues:

- *ex-ante* coordination of national economic policy reforms;
- mutually agreed contracts for competitiveness and growth;
- solidarity mechanisms that can enhance efforts made by the member states that enter into contractual arrangements for competitiveness and growth.

The Presidency will then send a letter to the president of the European Council summarising the debate.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency confirmed that there will be no formal lunch, but the meeting may continue over sandwiches in the room, if necessary.

The Presidency also informed the Committee that MIFID, SSM and the Bank recovery and resolution items will be taken under the AOB on legislative items and not as separate points. A revised agenda will be issued shortly. In reply to Belgium, the Presidency confirmed that the President of the European Council had no intention making an appearance at the ECOFIN Council meeting, similar to that to be made at the EPSCO Council meeting.

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**38. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 and 19 March 2013
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representative Committee)**

The Committee prepared the agenda for the Council meeting (doc. 7347/13), taking into account the DK request, supported by DE, FR and SE, to include a proposal for setting a TAC for sandeel as a point for discussion.

This could allow setting the TAC for this short-lived species for the start of the fishing season (1 April), in case no agreement is found by that time at technical level. While the Commission confirmed the urgency, it regretted that, following the December AGRIFISH Council, the TAC has to be settled by amending the Council Regulation and not via implementing acts. The Commission also indicated that it has been waiting to formally receive the scientific advice, while preparing additional negotiations with Norway for a potential exchange. The Presidency concluded that it looks forward to technical work starting on 8 March 2013, while a possible B item will be added to the agenda of the AGRIFISH March Council.

39. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Environment) on 21 March 2013

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 7462/13.

40. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing "Erasmus for all": the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
- Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue held on 19 February 2013 and on the next steps envisaged for the handling of this file, in particular the fact that further informal trilogues will take place on 11 and 19 March 2013.

- 41. Public procurement package (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement**
 - (b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors**
 - (c) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts**
 - **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
6756/13 MAP 10 MI 136 CODEC 407

The Committee took note of the state of play in respect of the beginning of the negotiations with the European Parliament, had an exchange of views on the main points, in particular the concerns raised with regard to water sources and confirmed the mandate to the Presidency to start the negotiations on the basis of the General approach adopted by the Competitiveness Council in December.

- 42. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety of offshore oil and gas prospection, exploration and production activities (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**
 - **Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement**
6536/13 ENER 46 ENV 123 MARE 5 COMAR 8 PROCIV 26 CODEC 350

The Committee could endorse the agreement provisionally reached at the 3rd trilogue on 21 February 2013 as reflected in document 6536/13, while noting the concerns of some delegations regarding shorter transposition periods and the inclusion of provisions on public participation.

Once consolidated by the quality advisors of the EP and of the Council the Committee will return, under a "I" item on its agenda, to this proposal for the formal endorsement of the agreement and its notification to the European Parliament.

43. Horizon 2020

- (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in 'Horizon 2020' – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
6712/13 RECH 45 COMPET 105 IND 44 MI 130 EDUC 57 TELECOM 29
ENER 53 ENV 141 REGIO 23 AGRI 107 TRANS 75 SAN 64 CODEC 391

The Committee gave the Presidency the mandate for the second trilogue.

- 44. 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)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
6699/13 ETS 4 MI 125 COMPET 125 EDUC 56 CODEC 386
6823/13 ETS 6 MI 145 COMPET 112 EDUC 61 CODEC 420

The Committee examined the three issues reserved for COREPER (Section V of document 6699/13) and agreed on the following:

- exclusion of notaries with a review clause,
- support for the Council text on transparency (Article 59),
- on delegated and implementing acts, changes need to be made to relevant provisions, and invited the Working Party on Establishment and Services to finalise this drafting.

The Committee also endorsed the mandate to the Presidency to enter into informal contacts with the European Parliament in order to explore the possibility of first-reading agreement on this dossier.

- 45. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2000/60/EC and 2008/105/EC as regards priority substances in the field of water policy (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee was briefed by the Presidency on the outcome of the second informal trilogue.

- 46. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Chairman reported on the first trilogue which turned out to be constructive. A revision of the mandate would be envisaged before the second trilogue meeting.

- 47. (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 as regards electronic identification of bovine animals and deleting the provisions on voluntary beef labelling (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- (b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC as regards computer databases which are part of the surveillance networks in the Member States (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the information presented by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue.

- 48. Preparation of the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunication and Energy) on 11 March 2013**

- 1. Fourth Railway Package**
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast) (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)
- **Orientation debate**
6013/13 TRANS 39 CODEC 226
6627/13 TRANS 69 CODEC 374

The Committee took note of the draft questions presented by the Presidency in order to structure the ministerial debate at the TTE Council on 11 March 2013.

2. Clean Power for Transport

- **Communication from the Commission on "Clean Power for Transport: A European alternative fuels strategy" (*Non-legislative activity*)**
- **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)**
 - **Presentation by the Commission**
 - **Exchange of views**
 - 5736/13 TRANS 25 AVIATION 8 MAR 10 ENER 17 ENV 64 IND 17 RECH 15 CAB 2
 - 5899/13 TRANS 32 AVIATION 12 MAR 12 ENER 21 ENV 74 IND 28 RECH 29 CAB 4 CODEC 193
 - 6654/13 TRANS 68 AVIATION 25 MAR 19 ENER 47 ENV 130 IND 39 RECH 43 CAB 10 CODEC 369

The Committee took note of the report on the initial reactions of Member States on the Communication from the Commission on "Clean Power for Transport: A European alternative fuels strategy" and on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure as set out in 6654/13, and suggested to the TTE Council on 11 March 2013 to hold an exchange of views on these texts.

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on occurrence reporting in civil aviation amending Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 and repealing Directive No 2003/42/EC, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1321/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1330/2007 (First reading) (*Legislative deliberation*)

- **Progress report**
 - 18118/12 AVIATION 203 CODEC 3132
 - 6666/13 AVIATION 26 CODEC 375

The Committee took note of the report on the progress made on the examination of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on occurrence reporting in civil aviation amending Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 and repealing Directive No 2003/42/EC, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1321/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1330/2007, and decided to submit it to the forthcoming TTE Council on 11 March 2013.

49. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee on the results of the first informal trilogue on the TEN-T Guidelines, held in Brussels on 20 February 2013.

50. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council ("Tachograph") (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee on the results of the informal trilogue on the Tachograph Regulation, held in Brussels on 26 February 2013.

51. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/16/EC on port State control (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue of 27 February 2013.

- **Any other business**
= **Draft Council Conclusions on the quality of public expenditure**
6728/13 ECOFIN 137 BUDGET 11

Belgium, supported by the Netherlands, drew attention to the Draft Council Conclusions on the quality of public expenditure (doc. 6728/13) and in particular paragraph 3 on further analytical work on drivers of current and future health expenditures. It stressed the need to associate and consult other channels of the Council in the analysis of these expenditures.

The President of the Committee indicated that the Health Working Party at Senior Level addressed these issues at its last meeting.

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