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

doc. 11792/13 OJ/CRP1 25

11770/1/13 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 25

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

The following items are **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

50. Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget 2013: General statement of revenue - Statement of expenditure by section - Section III - Commission
11686/13 FIN 379 PE-L 50

51. Draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2013: General statement of revenue
11687/13 FIN 380 PE-L 51

The following item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

6. Transparency - Public access to documents
- **Confirmatory application No 13/c/01/13**
10746/13 INF 104 API 56

The following CRP2 agenda item is **transferred** from Part I to Part II :

21. Convening of a Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States
- **Appointment of a judge to the General Court**
10671/13 JUR 291 INST 285 COUR 44 ADD 1 REV 1

The following CRP1 agenda item is **transferred** from Part II to Part I :

47. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Establishment of position regarding the European Union status**
11661/13 ENV 644 DEVGEN 169 ONU 69 JUR 337

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

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II

21. Convening of a Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States

- **Appointment of a judge to the General Court**
10671/13 JUR 291 INST 285 COUR 44 ADD 1 REV 1

This item was postponed to the next week's meeting.

22. Presidency priorities

- **Presentation by the Presidency**

The Presidency presented its priorities to the Committee. The key objectives of the LT Presidency are :

- Credible Europe, with a stable financial sector and public finance and effective growth oriented EU economic governance and stronger social dimensions ;
- Growing Europe through greater investment into research and technological development, deeper integration of the internal market, as well as better employment opportunities and sustainable social security ;
- Open Europe : safe neighbourhood, protection of EU citizens rights and promoting democratic values.

23. Calendar and venues of EU summits with groups of third countries in 2013-2015 11497/13 POLGEN 122 FIN 368

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council to endorse the changes to the calendar and the venue of EU summits with groups of third countries in 2013-2015, as set out in 11497/13 and in doing so, to derogate from the provisions in paragraph 5b, first indent, of document 14631/1/12 REV 1.

24. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 22 July 2013

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 at the Foreign Affairs Council on 22 July 2013.

The main items foreseen for discussion at this stage are: Human Rights; Southern Neighbourhood, with a focus on Syria and Egypt; Africa, with a focus on the Great Lakes/DRC and Somalia; the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP); Lebanon; and Water Security. Myanmar/Burma and the Eastern Partnership are considered as possible items for the time being.

25. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 23 July 2013

This Council meeting has been cancelled. The first General Affairs Council under the LT Presidency will take place on 30 September 2013.

26. Follow-up to the European Council on 27/28 June 2013

The Committee took note of the follow-up the Council will provide to the orientations set by the EC, notably as regards the MFF file, Youth unemployment, Enlargement and the EMU as well as issues related to the financing of the Economy and the implementation of the Compact for Growth and Jobs.

27. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 26 June 2013

The Committee took note of the agreement reached on a general approach, as set out in 11148/1/13 REV1, as well as of the following position expressed by the UK, SE, CZ and BG on the follow-up to such general approach:

"We welcome the agreement by the Council that EBA's binding mediation role should be revisited in the context of the negotiation of the proposals for a single resolution mechanism (SRM). The UK, Sweden, Czech Republic and Bulgaria strongly consider that it will be imperative for the Council to return to this issue in its consideration of the Commission's forthcoming proposal for a single resolution mechanism to ensure that there is a balanced and durable framework for supporting cooperation between Member States participating in the SRM and non-participating Member States."

28. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 9 July 2013

a) Follow-up to the European Council on 27/28 June 2013

- Exchange of views

The Committee finalised the preparation of the Council item on the follow-up to the report from the Commission and the EIB to the European Council and on the discussions concerning the future of the Economic and Monetary Union.

b) Adoption of the euro by Latvia

i) Council Decision in accordance with Article 140(2) of the Treaty on the adoption by Latvia of the euro on 1 January 2014

11669/13 UEM 270 ECOFIN 643

10713/13 UEM 213 ECOFIN 529

ii) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 974/98 as regards the introduction of the euro in Latvia

11670/13 UEM 271 ECOFIN 644

10715/13 UEM 214 ECOFIN 530

iii) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2866/98 as regards the conversion rate to the euro for Latvia

11809/13 ECOFIN 660 UEM 277

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11671/13 UEM 272 ECOFIN 645

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- Adoption of legal acts

The Committee agreed to submit the three acts for adoption by the Council.

c) Implementation of the two-pack

i) Code of conduct on draft budgetary plans

- Endorsement

9331/13 UEM 69 ECOFIN 341

ii) Commission delegated decision on content and scope of the reporting obligations for Member States subject to an excessive deficit procedure

- Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act

10014/13 UEM 104 ECOFIN 392 DELACT 28

The Committee agreed to submit the documents to the Council for endorsement.

- d) Follow-up to G20 Finance Deputies meeting on 6-7 June 2013 in St-Petersburg and preparation of G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Governors of 19-20 July 2013 in Moscow**
- **Exchange of views**
 - **Terms of reference**

The Committee agreed on the draft EU Terms of Reference for the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Governors of 19-20 July 2013 in Moscow. Presidency and Commission will send a letter to the ECOFIN Council to debrief on the outcome of the G20 ministerial meetings.

- e) 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.

- 29. 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)**
- **Review of the outcome of the sixth informal trilogue**
11612/13 MIGR 66 SOC 546 CODEC 1612

The Committee examined the Presidency suggestions contained in document 11612/13 in view of the seventh trilogue on 8 July 2013.

- 30. EU-US High level expert group on security and data protection**
11812/13 JAI 581 DATAPROTECT 88 COTER 78 ENFOPOL 215 USA 22
RESTREINT UE

The Chair of the Committee stated the following:

"I have concluded the following today :

We need to work quickly. A process will be launched today which will begin with a meeting on Monday in Washington DC. The object of the meeting is to clarify as much as possible the issues at stake. The meeting will deal with data protection and privacy rights of EU citizens falling within the competence of the EU, addressing the scope and composition of future meetings.

There is no remit and format agreed for the process. This issue will be the subject of further reflection by the Committee. We will get back on this next week in the light of the report from the meeting in Washington.

Without prejudice to the division of competences, the EU will be represented at this meeting by the Commission, the Presidency and the EEAS. The meeting will be co-chaired on the EU side by the Commission and the Presidency. Any Member State wishing to participate should inform the Presidency by 5 July 18.00 (through Antici network). The Lithuanian government will represent the interests of Member States not represented at this meeting. If, during the discussions matters relating to national security or intelligence, which fall within Member States sole competence, arise only the Member States and the US will participate in those discussions.

Following the meeting, the Commission, EEAS and Presidency will report back to the Committee.

Decisions about the further development of the process will become the subject of appropriate considerations, including appropriate attendance. At this stage, the holding of the meeting does not prejudice this issue. The Committee will begin an examination of this at its next meeting."

The Commission made the following statement:

"The Commission takes note of the statement by the Chair of the Committee regarding point 30. It welcomes the agreement to work quickly and to launch a process beginning with a meeting on Monday in Washington DC to discuss methodology and process. As regards the practical arrangements of the meeting and the division of work between the participants on the EU side, the Commission will be guided by the provisions of the Treaties. Likewise, the arrangement relating to national security or intelligence is to be interpreted in accordance with Article 4(2) TEU."

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46. Working programme of the Lithuanian Presidency
- Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee on its priorities and its working methods. The Presidency will focus on strengthening financial stability and competitiveness and implementing the growth agenda, in particular through the Single Market.

47. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Establishment of position regarding the European Union status
11661/13 ENV 644 DEVGEN 169 ONU 69 JUR 337

The Committee agreed to turn the "II" item into a "I" item, subsequently approved the establishment of the position regarding the EU status as set out in document 11661/13 and took note of the UK's intention to enter a statement to the Council's minutes when such position will be adopted.

48. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending certain legislative acts in the domain of agricultural and fishery statistics (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)
- Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
11245/1/13 STATIS 57 AGRI 406 CODEC 1529 REV 1

The Committee could not accept the compromise package annexed to document 11245/13 and that it would therefore be necessary to return to the file at a later date after the Working Party has explored the possibility of reopening negotiations with the European Parliament.

**49. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on collective management of copyright and related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works for online uses in the internal market (First reading)
(Legislative deliberation)**

- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
11651/13 PI 101 AUDIO 81 CULT 82 CODEC 1622

The Committee reached agreement on a mandate for the first informal trilogue meeting with the European Parliament on the basis of the text contained in document 11651/13, as amended at the meeting.

- **Any other business**
 - **EU ETS/Aviation**
= **Information from the Commission**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission regarding the results of the meeting of the June 2013 ICAO Council.
