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

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

The following item is **added** :

(Coreper Part 2, under II)

43. Debrief of the G20 Summit (St Petersburg, 5-6 September 2013)

The following items are **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 1, under I)

15. Proposal for a Council Decision on the adaption, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union

- **Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament**
13360/13 AGRI 541 FORETS 45 DEVGEN 220 ENV 804 RELEX 782
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17. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union

- **Adoption**
13305/13 AGRI 534 FORETS 44 DEVGEN 218 ENV 797 RELEX 779
JUR 442 UD 219 PROBA 36

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

35. Case before the Court of Justice (Opinion 2/13)

- **Request by the Commission for an Opinion pursuant to Article 218/(11) TFEU on the compatibility with the Treaties of the draft agreement on the accession of the European Union to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**
 - **Authorisation to submit written observations on behalf of the Council**
13346/13 JUR 443 FREMP 119 JAI 740 COHOM 191

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

A statement was made by the SK delegation on the following item :

37. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Statistics on Demography (First reading)

– **Approval of the final compromise text**

13009/1/13 REV 1 STATIS 80 POLGEN 156 ECOFIN 743 SOC 629 REGIO 172

DATAPROTECT 119 CODEC 1894

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"The Slovak Republic has continuously expressed reservations with regard to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Statistics on Demography.

The Slovak Republic is convinced that the final text of the Regulation does not meet the necessary preconditions to guarantee consistency of the data on the population. Furthermore, the Slovak Republic is of the opinion that definitions in the proposed Regulation could have negative consequences as they create inconsistencies in the European legislation. The definitions in the proposed Regulation on European Statistics and Demography do not fully correspond with the definitions used in legislative acts in force, for instance the Regulation on migration or Regulation on population and housing censuses.

The Slovak Republic abstains from voting due to the abovementioned reasons."

HU joined this statement.

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23. **Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be taken in HELCOM and IMO concerning the designation on the Baltic Sea as Nitrogen Oxyde Emission Control Area (NECA)**
- **Consideration of the outcome of discussions within the Working Party on the Environment**
10120/13 ENV 469 MAR 61 TRANS 269
13348/13 ENV 801 MAR 122 TRANS 459

The Chair recalled the outcome of the discussions of the Working Party on the Environment on 18 July 2013, namely that it was not possible to adopt a Council Decision on the basis of the aforementioned Commission proposal, as a large majority of delegations had considered that the Union had not exercised its competence on the particular area of NO_x emissions from international shipping and that it would not be opportune to do so.

The Commission expressed its dissatisfaction with the outcome, while recalling the environmental problems in the Baltic sea and called delegations to pursue coordination on the spot, even in the absence of a Council Decision. A number of delegations took the floor and confirmed the conclusions of the Chair. One delegation indicated it could have accepted a Council decision on this issue.

The Council Legal Service, invited to provide clarification, indicated that its legal assessment of the situation differed from the Commission's insofar it considered that the Union competence had not been exercised in that area and that, consequently, the Council was free to decide whether to exercise it or not. In that latter case, the fact that no Union position was established did not preclude the HELCOM riparian Member States from choosing voluntarily to coordinate on the spot and from inviting the Commission to assist in this exercise, if they so wished.

Following this exchange the Chair invited delegations to indicate who could not agree with the conclusions suggested by the Presidency, which would then be recorded verbatim in the Committee minutes as follows:

"The Committee considers that the Commission proposal set out in document 10120/13 bears on an area of unexercised Union competence. In view of the above and in the light of today's discussions, the Committee confirms there is a large blocking minority against the adoption of a Council Decision on the basis of that Commission proposal and decides not to pursue the matter further."

No delegation disagreed. The Commission noted its regret with the conclusions reached by the Committee and reserved its right to any future action it would deem appropriate.

24. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC clarifying provisions on the timing of auctions of greenhouse gas allowances (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– **Preparation for the informal trilogue**

13391/13 ENV 810 ENER 405 IND 245 COMPET 631 MI 732 ECOFIN 770
TRANS 464 AVIATION 144 CODEC 1965

The Committee considered the Presidency suggestions set out in document 13391/13. A number of delegations requested additional time to enable them to scrutinise the European Parliament amendment. The Committee agreed to temporarily defer the discussions on this item to a future date.

25. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

– **Presidency debriefing and consideration of the outcome of the informal trilogue**

Following the information on the major results of the second informal trilogue held on 5 September 2013, the Committee held an exchange of views on the preliminary compromise proposals.

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39. **Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 30 September 2013**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency regarding the main issues of the September General Affairs Council, including inter alia, preparation for the October European Council and the Cohesion policy legislative package.

40. **European Union Civil Service Tribunal**

- **Appointment of a judge**
 - 12409/13 JUR 372 COUR 69
 - 12232/13 JUR 364 COUR 67
 - + COR 1
 - 12031/13 JUR 353 COUR 60
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2

Representatives of the governments of the Member States concluded to propose to the Council to appoint by written procedure Mr Svenningsen as judge at the European Union Civil Service Tribunal.

41. **EU-Ukraine Association Agreement**

13347/13 COEST 254 NIS 48 PESC 1040 JAI 741 WTO 191 ENER 397

The Committee discussed the open issues related to the draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, on the basis of the note to the Committee (doc. 13347/13). The Committee decided to revert to the matter at its meeting on 18 September 2013.

42. Proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 (2014-2020) (First reading)

- **Preparation of the sixth informal trilogue (*restricted session*)**
13381/13 CADREFIN 221 DEVGEN 222 ACP 139 RELEX 787
COASI 124 ASIE 38 COMAG 83 COHOM 193 COEST 256
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The Committee held an exchange of views on the Presidency proposal for a revised mandate for negotiations on the proposals for external financing instruments under Heading 4 contained in document 13381/13. The Chair noted broad support for the proposed revised mandate, while taking note of the additional observations made by delegations.

43. Debrief of the G20 Summit (St Petersburg, 5-6 September 2013)

The Commission debriefed the Committee on the main outcomes of the G20 Summit.
