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## **"A" ITEMS**

### **1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity and repealing Directive 86/613/EEC**

- Adoption of
  - (a) the Council's position  
17279/09 SOC 762 CODEC 1426
    - + COR 1
    - + COR 2 (et)
    - + REV 1 (fi)
    - + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)
    - + REV 2 (nl)
    - + REV 2 COR 1 (nl)
  - (b) the statement of the Council reasons  
17279/09 SOC 762 CODEC 1426 ADD 1
    - + ADD 1 COR 1
    - + ADD 1 REV 1 (fi)
- 6324/10 CODEC 107 SOC 99
  - + COR 1
  - + ADD 1

The Council approved its position at first reading, with the German, Hungarian and the United Kingdom delegations abstaining, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 157 of the TFUE).

#### **Statement by the Belgian delegation re Article 7(4)**

The Belgian delegation states that its voucher system ("titres-services") is to be considered as a national social service for the purposes of Article 7(4).

### **2. Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Microfinance Facility for Employment and Social Inclusion (Progress Microfinance Facility)**

PE-CONS 4/10 SOC 83 ECOFIN 83 CADREFIN 6 COMPET 44 CODEC 93  
+ REV 1 (de)

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, with the German delegation voting against, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 175, third paragraph of the TFEU).

### **Statement by the Commission**

#### **Re: Financing of the European Microfinance Facility**

"The financial contribution from the Union budget for the Facility for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2013 has been set at EUR 100 million, to be partly financed by a reduction of EUR 60 million in the Progress programme.

When presenting its draft budget(s), the Commission will leave a sufficient unallocated margin under the expenditure ceiling of Heading 1a whereby the Budgetary Authority i.e. the Council and the Parliament, may decide to increase the amount of the Progress programme by a maximum of EUR 20 million over the period 2011-2013 in conformity with point 37 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management."

### **3. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision**

#### **No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - Progress (LA) (First reading)**

PE-CONS 3/10 SOC 82 ECOFIN 82 CADREFIN 5 COMPET 43 CODEC 92  
6779/10 CODEC 139 SOC 149 ECOFIN 118 CADREFIN 15 COMPET 72

+ COR 1

+ COR 2

+ ADD 1

+ ADD 1 COR 1

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, with the German delegation voting against, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 19, second paragraph, Article 149 and Article 153, second paragraph of the TFEU).

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4. Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the Framework Agreement on prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector concluded by HOSPEEM and EPSU**

- Political agreement  
15305/09 SOC 643 DEVGEN 302 PHARM 20 SAN 292  
6635/10 SOC 133 DEVGEN 56 PHARM 9 SAN 34  
+ COR 1  
+ ADD 1  
+ ADD 2

The Council reached unanimous political agreement on the text of the draft Directive as set in document 6635/10 ADD1. The Council also agreed to attach the statement by the Hungarian delegation, in document 6635/10 ADD 2, hereafter:

### **Statement by Hungary**

"Hungary welcomes the social partners' (HOSPEEM and EPSU) joint clarification of the Framework Agreement on prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector (doc. 6179/10). Hungary considers that the clarification will be very useful for the implementation of the Directive."  
to this minutes.

### **5. Preparation of the European Council of 25-26 March 2010: European Strategy for Growth and Jobs**

- (a) **Commission Communication on EU 2020 Strategy**
  - Presentation by the Commission
- (b) **Presidency background paper**
  - Follow-up to the informal meeting of Ministers of Employment and Social Security (Barcelona, 28 and 29 January 2010)  
6422/1/10 SOC 108 REV1  
+ REV 2 (hu)
- (c) **Contributions by the**
  - **Employment Committee**  
6576/10 SOC 125 ECOFIN 109  
+ REV 1 (hu)
  - **Social Protection Committee**  
6574/10 SOC 123  
+ REV 1 (hu)
- Exchange of views based on indents (a), (b) and (c)  
6610/10 SOC 131

The Council held a substantial policy debate on the basis of these documents and contributions, with a special focus on the questions set out in the Presidency's note in 6610/10. The President summarised the main elements brought forward by Ministers and indicated that the key positions would be part of a consolidated contribution to be submitted, via the General Affairs Council on 22 March, to the European Council.

**(d) Draft Joint Employment Report 2009/2010**

- Adoption  
6575/10 SOC 124 ECOFIN 108 EDUC 33 JEUN 9  
+ REV 1 (hu)  
+ COR 1

The Council adopted the Joint Employment Report as set out in document 6575/10 and agreed to submit it to the European Council.

**(e) Draft Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2010**

- Adoption  
6500/10 SOC 115 ECOFIN 101 FSTR 8 EDUC 31 SAN 33  
+ COR 1  
+ ADD 1  
+ REV 2 (hu)  
+ REV 3 (bg)

The Council adopted the Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion as set out in 6500/10 + ADD 1 and agreed to submit it to the European Council.

**(f) Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: "Equality between women and men, 2010"**

- Presentation by the Commission  
5056/10 SOC 6

The Council took note of the Commission report on equality between women and men, 2010, as set out in 5056/10, and agreed to submit it to the European Council.

**6. Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit**

- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information given by the Presidency on the state of preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit to be held on 25 March 2010.

**7. The Eradication of Violence Against Women in the European Union**

- Adoption of Council conclusions
- Exchange of views  
6585/10 SOC 126 JAI 144 COHOM 44  
+ REV 1 (hu)  
+ REV 2 (pt)  
6712/10 SOC 143 JAI 156 COHOM 50

The Council held an exchange of views, concentrating especially on the question set out in the introductory note from the Presidency in 6712/10. Following the debate, the Council adopted the conclusions set out in 6585/10.

**8. Conclusions on European researchers' mobility and careers adopted by the COMPETITIVENESS Council (Internal Market, Industry and Research)**

- Presentation by a delegation of Ministers for Research
- Exchange of views  
6362/2/10 RECH 53 EDUC 29 SOC 102 COMPET 55 REV 2  
+ REV 3 (hu)

The Council was informed by a delegation of Research Ministers on the main elements of the Conclusions (in doc. 6362/2/10 REV 2) adopted on 2 March by the Competitiveness Council, and had an exchange of views with this delegation and Commissioner for Research and Innovation, Ms Geoghegan-Quinn.

**9. Any Other Business**

**(a) Work Programme of the Employment Committee 2010**

- Information from the EMCO Chair

The Council took note of the Employment Committee's work programme for 2010.

**(b) Work Programme of the Social Protection Committee 2010**

- Information from the SPC Chair

The Council took note of the Social Protection Committee's work programme for 2010.



**(c) European Social Fund: Simplification-oriented ideas and future prospects**

- Information from the Italian Delegation  
6968/10 SOC 163 FSTR 13

The Council took note of the information provided by the Italian delegation.

**(d) Presidency Conferences:**

- (i) European Forum Beijing + 15 (Cadiz, 4 and 5 February 2010)  
6888/10 SOC 160 CONUN 20 ONU 28 COHOM 55 JAI 169
- (ii) European Women in Power Summit (Cadiz, 3 February 2010)  
6889/10 SOC 161
- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

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