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ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES

Subject:**3074th** meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS
(Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) held in Brussels on 9 and
10 March 2011

PUBLIC DELIBERATION ITEMS¹

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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

NON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES

(in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

3. Europe 2020 strategy - Annual Growth Survey; contribution to the European semester

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views (Proposed by the Presidency) 18066/10 ECOFIN 866 COMPET 443 SOC 858 ENV 878 EDUC 235 RECH 426 ENER 37 + REV 1 (fr) + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 6828/1/11 RECH 34 COMPET 49 POLGEN 31 + REV 1 + REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1

<u>The Council</u> took note of the Commission presentation and proceeded to an exchange of views on this item, on the basis of the leading questions contained in doc. 6828/1/11 REV 1.

- 8. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection
 - Adoption of the Council decision (Proposed by the Presidency) 6524/11 PI 10 + ADD 1 5538/11 PI 3 18115/10 PI 154

<u>The Council</u> agreed, with the <u>Italian</u> and <u>Spanish delegations</u> voting against, to adopt the Decision contained in 5538/11 and decided to enter the statements contained in the Addendum 1 to 6524/11 in its minutes. The <u>Presidency</u> stated that it will do its utmost to make substantial progress in the field, the objective being that final decisions on the unitary patent regulation and the translation arrangements regulation within the enhanced cooperation would be taken together.

<u>Statements by the Commission and by the Member States participating in the enhanced</u> <u>cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection</u>

<u>Statement 1</u>

"The Commission and the Member States participating to the enhanced cooperation confirm that, as far as translation arrangements are concerned, the enhanced cooperation should rely on the existing framework of the EPO and should not be considered, to that extent, as creating a specific EU linguistic regime, or as creating a precedent for a limited language regime in any future EU legal instrument.

The Commission will reflect these elements in the proposals for specific measures implementing enhanced cooperation in the appropriate form."

Statement 2

"The place of establishment of an economic operator will be immaterial for the access to unitary patent protection to be created through enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection."

Statement by the Commission

"Any Member State listed in Article 1 may notify to the Council and the Commission that it is withdrawing from the enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection as authorized in this Decision, provided that at the time of that notification no acts have yet been adopted within the framework of the enhanced cooperation."

9. Europe 2020 strategy - Annual Growth Survey; contribution to the European semester

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views (industrial part)
- (Proposed by the Presidency)
 - 18066/10 ECOFIN 866 COMPET 443 SOC 858 ENV 878 EDUC 235 RECH 426 ENER 372
 - + REV 1 (fr)
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2
 - + ADD3

7234/1/11 COMPET 76 ECOFIN 102 SOC 196 ENV 162 EDUC 43 RECH 50 ENER 45 REV 1

<u>The Council</u> took note of the Commission presentation and proceeded to an exchange of views on this item, on the basis of the leading questions contained in doc. 7234/1/11 REV 1.