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NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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5. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

- Adoption
10339/11 TDC 4
+ COR 1 (lv)

The Council adopted the above Regulation (Legal basis: Article 31 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

PUBLIC DEBATES

(Pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

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3. The European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being: results and future action

- Adoption of Council conclusions
10384/11 SAN 99
+ COR 1 REV 1
+ **COR 2 (pt)**
+ REV 1 (hu)
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The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 10384/11 + COR 1 REV 1 + COR 2 (pt) + REV 1 (hu) + REV 1 COR 1 (hu). The Council decided, moreover, to publish the conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

4. Innovation in the medical device sector

- Adoption of Council conclusions
10391/11 MI 270 SAN 103 COMPET 197 RECH 121 ECO 67 ENT 119 IND 68
+ REV 1 (hu)
+ **REV 2 (es)**

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 10391/11. The Council decided, moreover, to publish the conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

5. **Childhood immunisation: successes and challenges of European childhood immunisation and the way forward**

- Adoption of Council conclusions
- Exchange of views
 - 10390/11 SAN 102
 - + COR 1 REV 1
 - + **COR 1 REV 2 (et)**
 - + REV 1 (hu)
 - + REV 1 COR 1 (hu)
 - 10386/11 SAN 100
 - + **COR 1 (et)**
 - + REV 1 (hu)

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 10390/11. The Council decided, moreover, to publish the conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Based on a presidency questionnaire (10386/11), Ministers exchanged views on the re-emergence of measles in the European Union.

Ministers expressed concern about the continuing outbreaks of measles in the EU and agreed that vaccination was the best and most effective mean against this disease as well as against other infectious diseases. Some of them also stressed the need to organise catch-up vaccination programs for young adults and adolescents who have not been vaccinated during their childhood. Ministers considered that information campaigns could contribute to strengthen public confidence in vaccination and to improve the measles vaccination coverage. This measure could be supplemented at EU level by an exchange of experience and of good practice.

6. **Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems**

- Adoption of the Council conclusions
- Exchange of views
 - 10392/11 SAN 104
 - + COR 1 REV 1
 - + REV 1 (hu)
 - + REV 1 COR 1 (hu)
 - 10387/11 SAN 101

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 10392/11. The Council decided, moreover, to publish the conclusions in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Based on a Presidency questionnaire (10387/11), Ministers exchanged views on the sustainability of health care systems in times of scarce resources.

Ministers considered that health constitutes an important precondition for a prosperous economy and should therefore be considered as an investment rather than solely as an expenditure. They also expressed the view that despite the tightening resources equitable access to high quality health services should be maintained. Measures which have been taken or are currently considered in the Member States in order to reach this target include, *inter alia*, the regulation of the pharmaceutical sector, incentives for buying generic medicines, e-health-prescriptions and prevention. Ministers concurred that the EU wide reflection process initiated by the conclusions could assist member states to meet the challenges of national health systems by providing a basis for the exchange of information and best practices. Several ministers considered that the Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level was the right forum for this exchange.

The Presidency, on the reflection process to identify effective ways of investing in health, so as to pursue modern, sustainable and effective health systems, concluded from the debate that it should continue in the framework of the Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level.

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