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

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The above mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes:

The following items are **added** :

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28. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) (First reading)

- **Adoption of the legislative act**

PE-CONS 75/11 VISA 262 COMIX 828 CODEC 2378 OC 77

5438/12 CODEC 128 VISA 10 COMIX 24 OC 14

29. Request for declassification of documents EUFOR TCHAD/RCA

5663/12 COSDP 66 PESC 83 CHAD 1

The following sub-item is **withdrawn** :

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

11. Enlargement

- **Accession negotiations with Iceland**

= **(poss.) Outcome of screening on Chapter 14: Transport Policy**

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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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13. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 24 January 2012

The Presidency debriefed about the outcomes of the Council (ECOFIN) meeting and the meetings in its margins:

- During the two intergovernmental ministerial meetings, Ministers:
 - First agreed on the text of the Treaty establishing the European Stability Mechanism.
 - Then had an exchange of views on the draft text of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union.
- The ECOFIN itself was preceded by breakfast, where:
 - Ministers were debriefed from the Eurogroup the day before and had an exchange of views on the economic situation.
 - Ministers took note both of the French national preparation of the financial transaction tax (FTT), and of the procedural announcement by the Austrian Minister on the selection process for the new EBRD President.
- Concerning the Council meeting, the Presidency highlighted the following:
 - EMIR: The Council updated the negotiating mandate with the European Parliament.
 - Economic governance (two pack): There was a broad majority in favour of the idea of the same reporting standards - issue n° 1. On issue n° 2, the Council had a useful debate, which will be followed in the Working party.
 - The Council adopted its decision on Hungary not taking effective action in the excessive deficit procedure.
 - The Council took note of the endorsement by 26 Member States of the Code of Conduct with the understanding that the EFC and Commission would review it later this year.

The following statement was made by Slovenia :

Slovenia voted against the entire Code of Conduct in the 24 January ECOFIN Council. The main reasoning behind is that the Code addresses in an imbalanced way the existing excessive explicit liabilities in comparison with the implicit potential future liabilities. Since the Code of Conduct has to be adopted by unanimity of all member states, Slovenia expects this issue to be addressed without delay and stands ready to start working on the issue in a constructive way immediately."

14. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 23 January 2012

The Committee received a debrief by its President on the follow-up to the FAC.

Iran sanctions: Council decision was adopted and published the following day; Commission soon to present a consolidated regulation. Efforts are on-going with partners to mitigate negative effects of oil shortage and ensure security of supply; dual-track also to continue.

Burma: suspension of the visa ban.

Syria: support for the efforts of the Arab League.

Support for the planned setting up of a group similar to the Cairo Group for Libya.

Serbia-Kosovo: will be on the agenda of the GAC in February.

Belarus: foreseen rapid adoption of new sanctions, based on new criteria.

Sudan: to be followed up in PSC.

Freedom of Religion: the HR invites proposals in view of the Gymnich, in view of possible reflections in the context of the European Security Strategy (BE, IE: too soon for a revision of the ESS).

15. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 27 January 2012

- a) **Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020)**
- **Questionnaire on the main priorities and the budgetary framework, including the overall amounts**
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The Presidency informed the Committee about its intentions for the discussion on the multiannual financial framework at the General Affairs Council meeting on 27 January 2012.

The Committee had a brief exchange of views on the subject.

b) Follow-up to the European Council on 9 December 2011

The Committee took note of the follow-up the Council will give to the orientations set by the European Council on 9 December 2011, in particular as regards the economic policy, the energy policy and the EU's enlargement process.

c) Preparation of the European Council on 1/2 March 2012

- **Annotated draft agenda**
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The Committee took note of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the EC is expected to address on 1/2 March 2012.

d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee examined the provisional agenda for this Council meeting and took note of the state of play of the agenda items listed.

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23. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 14 February 2012**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda with the following changes:

- to move the item on Energy Efficiency from the main agenda to Any Other Business;
- to present the item on Europe 2020 as a subject for public debate;
- to add two Any Other Business items at the request of the Commission:
 - = Recent developments in the field of international energy relations;
 - = Activities of the Electricity Coordination Group.

24. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 17 February 2012**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council (EPSCO) as set out in 6206/12.

25. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the "Competitiveness" Council meeting (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 20 and 21 February 2012**

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda of the Council as set out in 6208/12.

26. Preparation for the Council meeting on (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 10 February 2012

1. Draft 2012 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the Strategic Framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET2020) - 'Education and Training in a smart, sustainable and inclusive Europe' (Non-legislative activity)

- Adoption

18577/11 EDUC 293 JEUN 79 SOC 1112 RECH 437 MI 669 COMPET 620

5443/12 EDUC 9 JEUN 4 SOC 20 RECH 10 MI 21 COMPET 17

The outcome of the Committee's examination is set out in 5600/12. The Committee decided to forward this document to the Council for adoption.

2. Europe 2020 Strategy (Non-legislative activity)

- Policy debate

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])

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The Committee agrees to forward the discussion paper (doc. 5444/12) to the Council as a basis for the policy debate to be held on this subject.

27. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 89/666/EEC, 2005/56/EC and 2009/101/EC as regards the interconnection of central, commercial and companies registers (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

- (poss.) Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to an agreement

The Committee

- took note of the information provided by the Chair on the outcome of the last informal trilogue with the European Parliament;

- reached an agreement on the text of the draft Directive as set out in 5693/12; and

- gave the Chair the mandate to inform the European Parliament thereof.

- Any other business

The Presidency informed the Committee (Part 2), that an informal Working Group (not a Council Working Group) will start working on the European Endowment on Democracy (EED) statutes. This action is a follow-up to the Foreign Affairs Council and the declaration on the European Endowment on Democracy (EED).