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LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

"A" ITEM

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on permanent crops

PE-CONS 54/11 STATIS 70 AGRI 649 CODEC 1581

+ REV 1 (bg)

The Council adopted the above Regulation, with the German delegation abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 338(1) of the TFEU).

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3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

General approach

5063/11 SOC 7 CODEC 8

17421/1/11 SOC 1030 CODEC 2166 REV 1

+ ADD 1

The Council reached a general approach on the text of the draft Regulation as set out in doc. 17998/11 and decided to enter in its minutes the statements as set out in Annex I.

4. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (XXth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)

Progress report

11951/11 SOC 598 CODEC 1075

+ COR 1

17019/11 SOC 1001 CODEC 2059

The Council took note of the Presidency's Progress report as set out in doc. 17019/11.

The Commission expressed strong reservations on the latest Presidency compromise text as set out in doc. 16722/11 REV 1, in particular with regard to the issues of derogations and of exposure limitations and methodology. The Commission also hoped that the co-legislators would be able to finalise their work before 30 April 2011, the legal deadline for transposing the Directive 2004/40/EC in force.

DE and UK invited the Commission to present a proposal regarding the extension of the transposition deadline beyond 30 April in order to allow for more in-depth discussions, DE specifically mentioning a period of 2 years.

IT supported the efforts deployed by the Polish Presidency and hoped that the Danish Presidency would use the Presidency compromise proposal as a basis for further work on this dossier.

5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 175 (3) of the TFEU)

Progress report / Political agreement

12122/11 SOC 609 ECOFIN 463 FSTR 25 COMPET 343 CODEC 1111

16706/4/11 SOC 979 ECOFIN 758 FSTR 72 COMPT 501 CODEC 1980 REV 4

The Council took note of the Presidency's Progress report as set out in doc. 16706/4/11 REV 4 and held an in depth discussion on the proposal. While a large number of delegations was in favour of extending the crisis derogation, several of them considered that the derogation did not fulfil its objective and that this issue should remain under national competence.

As the required majority for the prolongation of the crisis derogation was not attained, no political agreement could be reached on this file.

In this context, the Council agreed to enter a minutes statement by BE, CY FR, EL, IE, IT, PT, RO and ES as set out in annex II.

6. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/85/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding

- Progress report
13983/08 SOC 575 SAN 217 CODEC 1285
+ COR 1
17029/11 SOC 1002 SAN 246 CODEC 2061

The Council took note of the Presidency's progress report (doc. 17029/11).

7. Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation

- Progress report
11531/08 SOC 411 JAI 368 MI 246
16525/11 SOC 963 JAI 806 MI 553 FREMP 102

The Council took note of the Progress report set out in doc. 16525/11.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES

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

9. Contribution to the European Council (9 December 2011)

Implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the field of employment and social policy

- Policy debate
17426/11 SOC 1033 ECOFIN 821
- (a) **Annual Growth Survey (2012) and Joint Employment Report**
 - Presentation by the Commission
17229/11 ECOFIN 804 COMPET 534 SOC 1017 ENV 891 EDUC 274
RECH 380 ENER 376 FISC 151
+ ADD 3
- (b) **Follow-up of the first European Semester and thematic surveillance in employment and social policies**
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
17239/11 SOC 1018 ECOFIN 808
17423/11 SOC 1031 ECOFIN 820
+ COR 1
- (c) **The Europe 2020 social dimension: delivering on the EU commitment to poverty reduction and inclusion (2011)**
 - Endorsement of the opinion of the Social Protection Committee
17050/11 SOC 1008 CODEC 781

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the Presidency questionnaire in doc. 17426/11 and of the different documents concerning this agenda item (Commission's Annual Growth Report and draft Joint Employment Report 17229/11 + ADD 3; draft Council conclusions 17423/11 + COR 1; report "Reaching the employment target: Progress and Thematic Surveillance" by the Employment Committee 17239/11; and opinion "The Europe 2020 social dimension" by the Social Protection Committee doc. 17050/11).

The Council adopted conclusions as set out in doc. 17921/11.

The Council endorsed the Social Protection Committee's opinion as set out in doc. 17050/11.

Following the Council session, the Presidency transmitted its report in doc. 17938/11 summarising the main elements of the EPSCO debate to the European Council on 9 December, in particular with a view to the discussion of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States taking part in the Euro Plus Pact on progress made in the implementation of their national commitments and on best practices as regards their employment policies.

10. Ageing as an opportunity for the labour market and for the development of social services and community activities

- Adoption of Council conclusions
16474/11 SOC 958
+ REV 1 (lv, hu)
+ ADD 1

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 16474/11.

The final version of the conclusions is to be found in doc. 17909 /11.

The Council agreed to enter a minutes statement by CY as set out in the annex III and in doc. 16474/11 ADD 1.

11. Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action - Women and the Economy: Reconciliation of work and family life as a precondition for equal participation in the labour market

- Adoption of Council conclusions
17420/11 SOC 1029
+ REV 1 (fr)

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 17420/11.

The final version of the conclusions is to be found in doc. 17816/11.

12. Report from the Commission to the Council on the functioning of the transitional arrangements on the free movement of workers from Bulgaria and Romania

- Presentation by the Commission
16923/11 SOC 995 MI 566 ECOFIN 769 EDUC 272 ETS 20
+ ADD 1

The Council took note of the Commission's presentation of the report in doc. 16923/11, as well as of the comments of the Bulgarian and Romanian delegations.

13. Prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of chronic respiratory diseases in children

- Adoption of Council conclusions
16709/11 SAN 239
+ REV 1 (pl)

The Council adopted conclusions as set out in doc. 16709/11 and agreed to its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

14. Early detection and treatment of communication disorders in children, including the use of e-Health tools and innovative solutions

- Adoption of Council conclusions
16620/11 SAN 234
+ REV 1 (pl)

The Council adopted conclusions as set out in doc. 16620/11 and agreed to its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

15. Closing health gaps within the EU through concerted action to promote healthy lifestyle behaviours

- Adoption of Council conclusions
16708/11 SAN 238
+ REV 1 (pl)

The Council adopted conclusions as set out in doc. 16708/11 and agreed to its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

16. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Health for Growth Programme 2014-2020

- Exchange of views
16796/11 SAN 241 PHARM 4 MI 562 CADREFIN 128 CODEC 2002
17263/11 SAN 252 PHARM 5 MI 600 CADREFIN 150 CODEC 2144

The Council held an exchange of views on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Health for Growth Programme 2014-2020 on the basis of the Presidency questionnaire in doc. 17263/11.

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