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

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The above-mentioned agendas are approved with the following changes:

The following items are **withdrawn**:

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

28. Transparency - Public access to documents

- **Confirmatory application No 20/c/01/12**

14526/12 INF 152 API 98

41. (poss.) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Libya and the European Union, on cooperation in the area of capacity building for crisis response coordination and public security

15506/12 COPS 411 COMAG 104 LIBYE 8 CIVCOM 425

15545/12 COPS 413 COMAG 105 LIBYE 9 CIVCOM 426

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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18. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 1999/4/EC, 2000/36/EC, 2001/111/EC, 2001/113/EC and 2001/114/EC as regards the powers to be conferred on the Commission ("Breakfast Directive") (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for general approach

15144/12 DENLEG 105 AGRI 684 SAN 243 CODEC 2422

The Committee examined the text set out in Annex to document 15144/12.

FR lifted its reservation. The Commission maintained its general and specific reservations.

The Committee decided to transmit the text to Council to agree on a general approach at its 6/7 December 2012 session (EPSCO).

19. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation (PSCI) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trilogue

15362/12 SOC 857 ECOFIN 870 COMPET 641 CADREFIN 436 CODEC 2471

The Committee agreed to give a mandate to the Presidency to continue informal negotiations with the representatives of the European Parliament on the basis of the text as set out in the Annex of the above document, subject to the following changes: regarding draft Amendment 140, it is noted that Article 20a, points (b) and (c) require further discussion.

20. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trilogue

15431/12 ENV 795 ENER 423 TRANS 362 IND 171 ONU 138 AGRIFORET 6
ECOFIN 876 CODEC 2480
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The Committee agreed to give the Presidency a mandate for the second informal trilogue with the European Parliament on 8 November 2012 on the basis of the Presidency compromise text contained in the Annex to document 15431/12, as modified following Committee (rewording of proposals relating to recitals 13, 20a and 20ab and Article 17 (2); deletion of proposals on Art. 1(1)(i) and 14 (1) (fa)).

21. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on accounting rules and action plans on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities related to land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- Preparation for the informal trilogue

15432/12 ENV 796 ONU 139 FORETS 73 AGRI 704 CODEC 2481

The Committee agreed to give the Presidency a mandate for the first informal trilogue with the European Parliament on 13 November 2012 on the basis of the Presidency compromise text contained in the Annex to document 15432/12, as modified following Committee (recitals 2, 3 and 6 and Article 1).

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44. Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 19 November 2012

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee was briefed by ESG Pierre Vimont on the above referred item. Vimont confirmed that the Council meeting will consist of two parts: Defence Ministers in the morning and Foreign Ministers in the afternoon, with a joint Defence-Foreign Ministers lunch in between.

The Defence Ministers' part will start at 9H30 in EDA Steering Board format, to discuss Pooling and Sharing, and Synergies with wider EU policies. The Defence Ministers' segment will continue in the FAC Defence format and with NATO SG in attendance, at 11H00, to discuss two topics, Task Force Defence, at the presence of Commissioner Barnier, and state of play of CSDP operations.

The joint Defence-Foreign Ministers' lunch will start at 12H30, with two main topics: Mali, and an orientation discussion on possible Defence topics for the December European Council.

The Foreign Ministers' part will start after lunch. The main items for discussion will be: Africa (Mali, DRC); Southern Neighbourhood (Syria, Egypt, Libya); MEPP; Ukraine; Cuba. Other possible items for discussion are US and Russia.

In the margins of the FAC, the EU-Tunisia Association Council will take place.

One delegation highlighted the importance to keep on the agenda the item on the US, in light of the Presidential elections. Two delegations underlined the need to prepare adequately the December Summit with Russia, through a discussion at Foreign Ministers' level. Two delegations requested to add to the agenda a discussion item on Lebanon.

Pierre Vimont took note of all comments and requests. He noted that, in particular for Russia, Lebanon and Ukraine the main point was to decide the most appropriate timing for discussions and FAC conclusions.

45. Preparation of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 20 November 2012

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

Le Comité a pris acte de la liste des points susceptibles de figurer à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la session du Conseil Affaires générales du 20 novembre 2012.

46. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 13 November 2012

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee reviewed the state of readiness of the agenda items listed.

47. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 25/26 October 2012

The Chair informed the Committee in detail on the Presidency's intention for the follow-up of all matters dealt with by the Council that so required. He informed as well the Committee on the content of the discussions held during the lunches of the Ministers of Interior and Justice.

The Commission informed the Committee on the upcoming Ministerial meeting with the Western Balkans and of its intention to obtain concrete commitments from the Western Balkans countries on various issues.

Several delegations asked the Presidency to convene a JHA Counsellors meeting to clarify the positions of the Commission and of delegations expressed at the Council in view of incoming trilogues with the European Parliament. The presidency agreed to their request.

48. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 29 November 2012

The Presidency informed the Committee about the provisional agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council (Trade) of 29 November 2012 (Legislative deliberations: Omnibus, Financial responsibility for investor-state dispute settlement; Non-legislative deliberations: Japan, Canada, Singapore, Southern Mediterranean; lunch items: Russia, China).

The Presidency took note of delegations' comments, concluding that the Committee had endorsed the provisional agenda of the above-mentioned Council meeting and that the Committee would revert to the preparations for that meeting on 14-15 November 2012.

49. Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020) (restricted session)

- **Revised Negotiating box**
15599/12 CADREFIN 443 POLGEN 177

The Committee examined the revised Negotiating box.

During the discussion on MFF, FR made the following statement on Mayotte :

"La France rappelle que Mayotte deviendra région ultrapériphérique de l'Union européenne à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2014, conformément à la décision du Conseil européen du 11 juillet 2011.

Dans ce contexte, la France souligne la nécessité de prendre en compte Mayotte dans la négociation en cours sur le prochain cadre financier pluriannuel 2014-2020, afin de garantir que ce territoire bénéficie, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2014, de l'ensemble des instruments financiers de l'Union Européenne auxquels elle peut prétendre en tant que partie intégrante et région ultrapériphérique de l'Union européenne."

- **Any other business**
 - = **Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)**

Following the Commission's request the Committee referred this item back to the Atomic Questions Working Party.

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