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## SUMMARY RECORD

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Subject: 2579th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
held in Brussels on 23 March 2016

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### I. Adoption of the provisional agenda

7291/16 OJ/CRP1 11

7315/1/16 REV 1 OJ/CRP2 11 COMIX 235

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

### II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

### III. Discussion items

## COREPER (PART 1)

7. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 11 April 2016

1. Setting of the provisional agenda

(For the items in the remit of the  
Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee agreed on the provisional agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting.

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (recast) **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**  
= State of play  
10143/15 PECHE 224 CODEC 909  
+ ADD 1

**The Committee took note that Council would be briefed on the state of play.**

8. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (recast) **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**  
= Partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament  
7138/16 PECHE 88 CODEC 310  
5417/3/16 PECHE 18 CODEC 50 REV 3

**The Committee endorsed the Presidency compromise as set out in 5417/3/16 REV3.**

9. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**  
= Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue  
= Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement  
7259/16 MAR 96 TRANS 87 CODEC 332

**The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 17 March 2016 and reached an agreement on the compromise text proposed by the Presidency.**

10. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medical devices, and amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**  
and  
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on in vitro diagnostic medical devices **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**  
= Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue  
= Preparation for the trilogue  
7053/16 PHARM 13 SAN 94 MI 149 COMPET 120 CODEC 295  
+ ADD 1 REV 1

**The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 16 March 2016 and agreed on the revised mandate for the next round of negotiations.**

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

33. Follow-up to the European Council on 17/18 March 2016

**The Committee took note of the Commission's presentation on the state of play in implementation of the EU-Turkey statement.**

**At the occasion of the meeting with the Prime Minister of Turkey, held in the margins of the European Council , Belgium made the following statement:**

### **Statement by Belgium**

**"La Belgique a fait part de sa préoccupation sur la situation des médias et le respect de la liberté de la presse en Turquie".**

34. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC **(First reading)**

= Guidance for further work

7196/1/16 REV 1 FRONT 140 SIRIS 49 CODEC 324 COMIX 224  
+ REV 1 COR 1

**The Committee confirmed the outcome of the Mixed Committee, noting broad agreement in principle, and will revert to this file at its next meeting in view of reaching an agreement on the whole text and obtaining a mandate to start negotiations with the European Parliament.**

35. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 10/11 March 2016

**The Committee took note of the key outcomes of this Council meeting.**

36. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 21 April 2016

**The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 21 April 2016.**

37. Return and readmission - Country fiches

= Exchange of views

7203/16 MIGR 62 COAFR 79	<b>RESTREINT UE</b>
7204/16 MIGR 63 COAFR 80	<b>RESTREINT UE</b>
7205/16 MIGR 64 COAFR 81	<b>RESTREINT UE</b>
7206/16 MIGR 65 COAFR 82	<b>RESTREINT UE</b>

**The Committee exchanged views on the fiches on Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia, presented by the EEAS and the Commission.**

38. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection, and amending Directive 2013/32/EU **(First reading)**
- Draft letter to Executive Director of European Asylum Support Office
  - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament
- 7095/16 ASIM 37 COWEB 22 CODEC 302

**The Committee agreed to give a mandate to the Presidency to start negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the compromise text and to send a letter to EASO requesting its assessment on the list of countries currently in Annex to the Commission proposal.**

39. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 14 March 2016

**The Committee took note of the key outcomes of this Council meeting.**

40. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 18/19 April 2016

**The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council on 18/19 April 2016.**

41. EU-India Summit - State of play of preparations

7008/16 COASI 27 ASIE 5 CFSP/PESC 210 POLGEN 18

RELEX 182 DEVGEN 41 CONOP 24 WTO 62 ENER 83 JAI 203

CYBER 23 CSDP/PSDC 137 ENV 156 MIGR 54

**The EEAS and the Commission provided further information on the preparations of the EU-India Summit.**

42. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 15 March 2016

**The Committee took note of the key outcomes of this Council meeting.**

43. Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya:

– Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

– Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 21 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

= new designations : timing of the adoption of the listings

7353/16 CORLX 127 CFSP/PESC 250 RELEX 215 MAMA 45

COARM 52 FIN 195

**The Committee agreed to adopt the legal acts, providing for three new listings, by written procedure to be launched on 29 March and closed on 31 March 2016, allowing for their publication in the Official Journal on 1 April 2016.**

**IV. Any other business**

**COREPER (PART 1)**

**None.**

**COREPER (PART 2)**

**None.**

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"I" items approved

COREPER (PART 1)

2. ERAC dedicated configurations: High Level Group on Joint Programming (GPC) and Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)  
= Approval of revised mandates  
6221/1/16 RECH 22 REV 1  
+ REV 1 ADD 1  
6214/16 RECH 21  
6213/16 RECH 20

Statement by the Commission

**"The Commission observes that since the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC) and the High-Level Group on Joint Programming (GPC) are dedicated configurations of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC), point 10 of the mandate of that body (annexed to the Council conclusions of 1 December 2015) is applicable with regard to the participation of representatives from countries associated to Horizon 2020."**

3. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 4.2.2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards adapting Annex III thereto (Text with EEA relevance)  
= Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act  
7146/16 TRANS 80 DELACT 44  
5924/16 TRANS 35 DELACT 16  
+ ADD 1–8
4. Commission Regulation (EU) No .../.. of XXX amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures  
= Decision not to oppose adoption  
7137/16 COMPET 131 ENV 169 CHIMIE 11 MI 160 ENT 51 SAN 99  
CONSOM 64  
+ COR 1  
6195/16 COMPET 59 ENV 73 CHIMIE 2 MI 84 ENT 30 SAN 52  
CONSOM 32  
+ ADD 1

5. Commission Directive (EU) .../... of XXX amending Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships  
= Decision not to oppose adoption  
7142/16 MAR 93  
5895/16 MAR 31  
+ ADD 1
6. Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 23/2015 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Water quality in the Danube river basin: progress in implementing the water framework directive but still some way to go"  
= Adoption  
7144/16 ENV 170 FIN 177 AGRI 136 IND 54 SAN 100  
5738/16 FIN 69 ENV 34 AGRI 34 IND 15 SAN 35

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

11. Draft minutes of the following Council meetings
- = Adoption
  - a) 3433rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), held in Brussels on 3 and 4 December 2015
    - 15062/1/15 REV 1 PV/CONS 70 JAI 979 COMIX 667
    - + REV 1 COR 1
    - + REV 1 COR 2 (fi)
    - + REV 1 COR 3 (bg,da,et,hu,lv,pl,pt)
    - + REV 2 (de)
    - + ADD 1
    - + ADD 1 COR 1
    - + ADD 1 COR 2 (fi)
  - b) 3435th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs), held in Brussels on 8 December 2015
    - 15112/1/15 REV 1 PV/CONS 72 ECOFIN 961
    - + REV 1 COR 1
    - + ADD 1
  - c) 3442nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs), held in Brussels on 15 January 2016
    - 5302/16 PV/CONS 1 ECOFIN 28
    - + ADD 1
  - d) 3443rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs), held in Brussels on 18 January 2016
    - 5343/16 PV/CONS 2 RELEX 34
  - e) 3444th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs), held in Brussels on 18 January 2016
    - 5344/16 PV/CONS 3
    - + COR 1 (cs)
    - + ADD 1
    - + ADD 1 COR 1 (cs)
12. Draft Council Decision appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of Denmark, of the Committee of the Regions
- Examination of the Draft Council Decision
    - 6975/16 CDR 23
    - 6774/16 CDR 22



13. Draft Council Decision appointing a member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions
  - Adoption
    - 7030/16 CDR 26
    - 7029/16 CDR 25
14. Draft Council Decision appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of Spain, of the Committee of the Regions
  - Adoption
    - 7088/16 CDR 29
    - 7087/16 CDR 28
15. Draft Council Decision appointing five members and four alternate members, proposed by the Republic of France, of the Committee of the Regions
  - Examination of the draft Council Decision
    - 7209/16 CDR 32
    - 7208/16 CDR 31
16. Draft Council Decision appointing nine members, proposed by the Republic of France, of the Committee of the Regions
  - Examination of the draft Council Decision
    - 7235/16 CDR 35
    - 7234/16 CDR 34
17. Special Report No 24/2015 "Tackling intra-Community VAT fraud: More action needed"
  - = Designation of Working Party
    - 6919/16 FIN 154 FISC 37 GAF 12
18. Special Report No 5/2016 "Has the Commission ensured effective implementation of the Services Directive"
  - = Designation of Working Party
    - 7116/16 FIN 176 COMPET 129 MI 158 SOC 151 JUSTCIV 40
19. Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 04/2016 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2016
  - 6859/16 FIN 147 INST 89 PE-L 15

20. Estimates of expenditure and revenue for the financial year 2017 (Section II - European Council and Council)  
6393/1/16 REV 1 FIN 120  
6923/16 FIN 156

**The following statement is made for the Committee minutes :**

**"The establishment of the estimates of the European Council and the Council for the financial year 2017, to be included in the draft budget presented by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Article 314(1) TFEU, is without prejudice to the Council's position on the draft budget of the European Council and the Council to be adopted in accordance with Article 314(3) TFEU. The Council will adopt its position by reviewing the estimates, including by taking into account possible new elements after the establishment of these estimates and the horizontal approach regarding the institutions' administrative expenditure."**

21. Finnish Common Commemorative coins for 2016  
6948/16 ECOFIN 215 UEM 89
22. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 as regards exemptions for commodity dealers  
= Approval of the final compromise text  
7143/16 EF 53 ECOFIN 230 CODEC 311
23. Council Decision amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic  
and  
Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic  
7089/16 CORLX 110 CFSP/PESC 218 RELEX 186 COAFR 75 CONUN 51  
COARM 47  
6787/16 CORLX 88 CFSP/PESC 182 COAFR 57 CONUN 37 COARM 35  
6921/1/16 REV 1 CORLX 98 CFSP/PESC 198 RELEX 174 COAFR 68  
CONUN 44 COARM 41
24. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP)  
7200/16 CORLX 118 CFSP/PESC 231 COMEP 12 CSC 77  
6929/16 CORLX 101 CFSP/PESC 201 COMEP 9 CSC 67
25. Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia  
7201/16 CORLX 119 CFSP/PESC 232 COEST 74 CSC 78  
6927/16 CORLX 99 CFSP/PESC 199 COEST 60 CSC 66

26. Political and Security Committee Decision on the acceptance of Turkey's contribution to the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) (EUAM Ukraine/2/2016)
- = Authorisation for publication in the Official Journal
    - 7121/16 CFSP/PESC 221 CSDP/PSDC 148 COEST 73 PSC DEC 9  
EUAM UKRAINE 10
    - 6461/16 CFSP/PESC 151 CSDP/PSDC 106 COEST 50 PSC DEC 6  
EUAM UKRAINE 8
27. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Montenegro
    - = Fulfilment of opening benchmarks on Chapter 12: Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy  
7141/16 ELARG 25
28. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
    - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 7: Intellectual property law  
7139/16 ELARG 23
29. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
    - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 33: Financial and budgetary provisions  
7140/16 ELARG 24
30. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals (**First reading**)
- = Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament  
7172/16 MIGR 61 FRONT 136 CODEC 319 COMIX 220

### **Statement by Ireland**

**"In the exceptional circumstances and mindful of the importance of this instrument, in particular the need to ensure there is a dedicated secure travel document for the return of third-country nationals subject to a return decision, Ireland will not insist upon its right to exercise an option to notify the President of the Council of its wish to participate in the adoption and application of the Proposal for a Regulation in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol 21 on the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Rather, Ireland declares its intention, subject to Parliamentary approval as required by the Constitution of Ireland, to consider exercising the option provided in Article 4 of the said Protocol 21 and to consider indicating its acceptance of the measure after its adoption."**

31. (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1683/1995 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas (**First reading**)
    - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament  
7226/16 VISA 78 CODEC 327 COMIX 226
  32. Draft Council conclusions on convergence in asylum decision practices
    - Adoption  
7255/16 ASIM 41
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