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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2604th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
held in Brussels on 9, 11, 14 and 15 November 2016

I. Adoption of the agenda

14007/16 OJ CRP1 36 + COR 1 REV 1
14102/1/16 REV 1 OJ CRP2 36 COMIX 727 + CM 4774/1/16 REV 1
+ CM 4791/16
+ CM 4806/16

The Committee adopted the 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)

Wednesday 9 November 2016

2. **Setting** of the provisional **agenda** for the Council meeting "**Competiveness**" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 28 and 29 November 2016

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

3. **Preparation** for the Council meeting (**Agriculture and Fisheries**) on 14 and 15 November 2016

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a **multi-annual plan** for demersal stocks in the **North Sea** and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 676/2007 and Council Regulation (EC) 1342/2008 (**First reading**) (*Legislative deliberation*)
 - = Presentation by the Commission
 - = Exchange of views
 - 13828/16 PECHE 404 CODEC 1550
 - + COR 1
 - 11636/16 PECHE 293 CODEC 1142 IA 62
 - + ADD 1

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and prepared the item.

2. Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2017 and 2018 the **fishing opportunities** for Union fishing vessels for certain **deep-sea fish stocks** (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - = Political agreement
 - 13827/16 PECHE 403
 - 13009/16 PECHE 356
 - + ADD 1

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council for political agreement.

4. 20th special meeting of **ICCAT** (Vilamoura, Portugal, 14-21 November 2016)
 - = Establishment of the EU position
 - 13943/16 PECHE 411
 - 13522/16 PECHE 380
 - + ADD 1 - 2

The Committee noted the very broad support for the line to take as proposed by the Commission and endorsed the EU positions as set out in the above mentioned documents.

The Commission representative stated that the EU has a special responsibility to act on the worrying scientific advice on Mediterranean Swordfish, being accountable for most of the catches. In order to be in line with the recommended reduction of 57%, the Commission proposes from 2018 to introduce a -25% TAC (gradually decreasing 5% per year over 5 years) and a series of technical measures. This would be a credible position of the EU at the ICCAT Special meeting. In relation to Eastern bluefin tuna, he recalled that new advice is programmed for 2017, current rules foresee a 20% increase of the TAC in 2017, and strongly warned against the counterproductive effects of reopening this issue already this year.

The Italian delegation did not dispute the need to address the stock situation of Mediterranean Swordfish but could not support the proposal because of envisaged reduction which is excessive in the light of the uncertainty over the future allocation key. An increase of the Bluefin tuna TAC would be a way to make the Swordfish proposal more acceptable because of its socio-economic consequences. The Spanish delegation could support the EU position, except on Bluefin tuna where it wanted a further TAC increase in 2017. Likewise, it sought an increase for Northern Albacore. Science has confirmed the recovery of bluefin tuna and would also allow for an increase for Northern Albacore. The Irish delegation was supportive on the issue of Northern Albacore. The Portuguese delegation also subscribed to the Spanish view on these two species. The Croatian delegation agreed that a further increase for Bluefin tuna would not compromise its recovery.

The French delegation acknowledged the immediate hard consequences of the Mediterranean Swordfish proposal, but underlined that the efforts would pay off in the longer term as it had done with Bluefin tuna. However, it wished to see a Commission statement that the provisions for fleets with very small catches will be proportionate and adequate. The Cyprus, Croatian and Slovenian delegations also wished to see such a statement while the Spanish and Italian delegations were not supportive.

The Greek delegation wanted it on record that, internally in the EU, a revision of historic catch data needed to be reviewed.

Statement by the Commission

"This proposal for a Recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish takes fully into consideration the specificities of small scale and artisanal operators by providing additional flexibility and exemptions, particularly in the area of control requirements.

In the context of the possible implementation of a TAC for Mediterranean Swordfish, at the EU level in 2018, special consideration should be given to the impact of a TAC reduction for the Member States with annual catches (including bycatches) below 100 t. This will be reflected in the EC proposal for the 2018 TAC & Quota Regulation."

5. **Preparation** for the Council meeting (**Education, Youth, Culture and Sport**) on 21 and 22 November 2016

1. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2010/13/EU on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the **provision of audiovisual media services** in view of changing market realities (**First reading**) (*Legislative deliberation*)

= Progress report

13624/16 AUDIO 113 DIGIT 119 CONSOM 251 TELECOM 201
CODEC 1502 IA 103

The Committee agreed to submit the progress report to Council.

2. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a **European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018) (First reading)** (*Legislative deliberation*)
= General approach
13635/16 CULT 98 EDUC 342 RECH 295 RELEX 882 CODEC 1503

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council in view of a general approach.

3. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European **Capitals of Culture** for the years **2020 to 2033 (First reading)** (*Legislative deliberation*)
= General approach
12662/16 CULT 87 AELE 73 EEE 39 CODEC 1332

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council in view of a general approach.

4. Towards an **EU strategy for international cultural relations** (*Non-legislative activity*)
= Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13638/16 CULT 99 RELEX 883 DEVGEN 226 COMPET 540
ENFOCUSTOM 172 EDUC 343 COHOM 135

The Committee took note of the discussion paper provided by the Presidency and agreed to forward it to Council in view of the policy debate.

6. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to **intergovernmental agreements** and non-binding instruments between Member States and third countries in the field of energy and repealing Decision No 994/2012/EU (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)
= Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 8 November 2016.

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard the **security of gas supply** and repealing Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)
= Preparation for the trilogue
13650/16 ENER 361 CODEC 1505

The Committee concluded that there was no support for a partial mandate and that the upcoming policy debate at the TTE(Energy) Council on 5 December 2016 would debate all open issues.

Friday 11 November 2016

5. **Preparation** for the Council meeting (**Education, Youth, Culture and Sport**) on 21 and 22 November 2016 (**continuation**)

5. Draft conclusions of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on promoting new approaches in **youth work** to uncover and develop the potential of young people (*Non-legislative activity*)

= Adoption

13621/16 JEUN 85 EDUC 338 SOC 637 EMPL 433 CULT 97

The Committee submitted the text to Council in view of its adoption.

6. **Young Europeans** at the centre of a modern European Union (*Non-legislative activity*)

= Policy debate

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])

13617/16 JEUN 84

The Committee took note of the discussion paper provided by the Presidency and agreed to forward it to Council in view of the policy debate.

7. Proposal for a Council Recommendation on establishing a **Skills Guarantee** (*Non-legislative activity*)

= Political agreement

13630/16 EDUC 340 SOC 638 EMPL 434 MI 656 ECOFIN 955 DIGIT 120
JEUN 86 SPORT 70

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council in view of a political agreement.

8. Draft conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the **prevention of radicalisation** leading to violent extremism (*Non-legislative activity*)

= Adoption

13611/16 EDUC 337 JEUN 83 SPORT 69 CULT 96 AUDIO 112 EMPL 431
JAI 866 ENFOPOL 366 COPEN 305 DROIPEN 166 FREMP 169
SIRIS 142 COSI 162 CATS 80 CYBER 120

The Committee forwarded the text to Council in view of its adoption.

9. **Fostering and developing talent:** Policies for discovering and drawing out the best in **young people** (*Non-legislative activity*)
= Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13631/16 EDUC 341 JEUN 87 SPORT 71 SOC 639 CULT 100 EMPL 435
RECH 294

The Committee took note of the discussion paper provided by the Presidency and agreed to forward it to Council in view of the policy debate.

10. Draft Council conclusions on **sport diplomacy** (*Non-legislative activity*)
= Adoption
13645/16 SPORT 72 FREMP 170 RELEX 884

The Committee forwarded the text to Council in view of its adoption.

11. The impact of **sport on personal development** (*Non-legislative activity*)
= Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13647/16 SPORT 73 EDUC 344 EMPL 436 JEUN 88 SOC 640

The Committee took note of the discussion paper provided by the Presidency and agreed to forward it to Council in view of the policy debate.

8. **Impact Assessment on Non-ETS sectors**

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)
- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)
- = Exchange of views
13911/16 CLIMA 147 ENV 687 ENER 365 TRANS 406 AGRI 583 FORETS 57
COMPET 555 ECOFIN 989 ONU 122 CODEC 1568 IA 104

The Committee held an exchange of views on the impact assessment of the above mentioned legislative proposals.

9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on **mercury**, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008 (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)
= Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 9 November 2016.

10. **Preparation** for the Council meeting (**Transport**, **Telecommunications** and **Energy**) on 1, 2 and 5 December 2016

1. **Setting** of the provisional **agenda**

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 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a **European Union Aviation Safety Agency**, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**First reading**) (*Legislative deliberation*)
= General approach
13505/16 AVIATION 215 CODEC 1490 RELEX 867

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/45/EC on **safety rules and standards for passenger ships** (**First reading**) (*Legislative deliberation*)
= General approach
13785/16 MAR 277 CODEC 1543
+ COR 1

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council in view of a general approach.

Statement by Ireland

"Ireland wishes to recall that the stated aims of Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships is for the attainment of a high level of safety and at removing barriers to trade, by setting harmonised safety standards at an appropriate level for passenger ships and craft operating domestic services.

Currently offshore service vessels are within the scope of the EU passenger ship directive and by removing them as proposed in this refit exercise Ireland is of the view that the aims of the directive will not be achieved. That is to say there will be a reduction in the safety of personnel transported on such ships and there will be barriers to trade introduced by removing the harmonised safety standards.

We have always considered that any ship constructed of steel, or equivalent and carrying more than twelve passengers engaged on domestic voyages is within the scope of the Directive on domestic passenger ships. This is particularly the case when the people being carried are being taken to or from their place of work.

Of course we do agree that the specially trained industrial personnel being transported are not the same as members of the general public. Ireland also acknowledges that the arrangements of the ships transporting them may require special consideration to fulfil their purpose. However the fundamental issue is that industrial personnel being transported on offshore service vessels are passengers and anything which leads to them being treated as a new category of person on-board ships will potentially introduce considerable uncertainty in the long established maritime regulatory framework where there are only two such categories i.e. seafarers and passengers.

We also consider that the definition of an offshore service vessel in the proposed directive is so wide that it could be used by unscrupulous operators to exempt large amounts of domestic passenger ships and this would have significant adverse maritime safety consequences. We are of the view that the objective of facilitating the development of the sector is best achieved by introducing industrial personnel as a category of passenger and that such ships are passenger ships but that they can have special consideration applied to them. This will achieve the aims of the directive for a high level of maritime safety and the reduction in barriers to trade."

Statement by Ireland and Germany

"The stated aims of Directive [2009/45/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships is for the attainment of a high level of safety and the removal of barriers to trade, by setting harmonised safety standards at an appropriate level for passenger ships and craft operating domestic services.

However, Ireland and Germany consider that the Refit proposal does not achieve these goals. This is because the refit exercise removes sailing ships from the scope of the directive and it thus removes the harmonised safety standards and consequently introduces barriers to trade. The safety of sailing ships continues to be a major safety concern. There have been several high profile and very serious maritime casualties involving such ships including recently the Sail Training Vessel "Astrid" which sank off the coast of Ireland. Fortunately due to heroic rescue efforts all of the young passengers and crew on-board were rescued. The report of this casualty was published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board of Ireland and all are encouraged to read this to see how close we came to a major maritime tragedy. This report highlighted many of the grave safety concerns associated with such ships and we should take this as a warning to urgently address the safety of these ships which carry so many young people. It is also notable that the casualty with the "Astrid" occurred when it was using its engine and so we consider that there is no justification for attempts in the proposed Refit to make a distinction between ships with sails and an engine and ships with just an engine as it is well known that these so-called sailing ships use their engines for significant amounts of time, even when under sail. The European public will not forgive us if there is a tragedy with such ships.

Additionally, Ireland and Germany highlight that removing such sailing ships from the scope of the directive will introduce barriers to their use throughout the EU as the existing harmonised standards will be replaced by a mix of varying national requirements. This will have an adverse impact on the use of such ships in cultural events such as tall ship races. It will also adversely impact in the market for the supply and sale of such ships.

It is also to be noted that such sailing ships fitted with an engine are within scope of the IMO SOLAS convention and are required to hold an international passenger ship safety certificate for international voyages between EU member states. This will not change if the refit amendments are adopted. As such sailing ships are within the scope of SOLAS, the EU Directive on Port State Control 2009/16/EC applies and they must be inspected in accordance with this Directive and entered into Thetis. Therefore, there is nothing to be gained by removing these ships from the Refit directive as doing so reduces maritime safety and introduces barriers to trade for such ships."

4. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 98/41/EC on the **registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships** operating to or from ports of the Member States of the Community and amending Directive 2010/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States **(First reading)** (*Legislative deliberation*)
 - = Progress report
 - 13848/16 MAR 279 CODEC 1558

The Committee agreed to submit the progress report to Council.

5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a system of **inspections** for the safe operation of **ro-ro ferry** and high-speed passenger craft in regular service and amending Directive 2009/16/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on port State control and repealing Council Directive 1999/35/EC **(First reading)** (*Legislative deliberation*)
 - = General approach
 - 13847/16 MAR 278 CODEC 1557

The Committee agreed to submit the text to Council in view of a general approach.

COREPER (PART 2)

Wednesday 9 November 2016

25. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**General Affairs**) on 15/16 November 2016

- a) **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 Review/Revision**
= State of play
13545/2/16 REV 2 CADREFIN 93 POLGEN 123 FIN 691

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the discussion by Ministers.

- b) **Follow-up to the European Council** on 20/21 October 2016

The Committee was provided with an overview of the state of play in the implementation of the October European Council conclusions and prepared the discussion of Ministers on this issue.

- c) **Preparation of the European Council** on 15/16 December 2016
= Annotated Draft Agenda
13935/16 CO EUR-PREP 42

The Committee took note of the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items that the European Council is expected to address at its meeting on 15/16 December 2016.

- d) **Legislative programming**
– Commission's Work Programme for 2017
= Presentation by the Commission
– Joint declaration on inter-institutional programming
= Information from the Presidency
13668/16 POLGEN 126 INST 441 CODEC 1512 PE 100
+ ADD 1 to ADD 7
14125/16 POLGEN 134 INST 462 CODEC 1594 PE 107

The Committee took note of information from the Presidency on the handling of the point at the Council.

- e) **Rule of Law** – Evaluation of mechanism
= Exchange of views
13562/16 FREMP 168 JAI 861 COHOM 134 POLGEN 124
13230/1/16 REV 1 FREMP 163 JAI 828 COHOM 129
+ REV 1 ADD 1
12205/16 FREMP 144 JAI 746 COHOM 114 POLGEN 108

The Committee endorsed the evaluation of the Council rule of law dialogue for the debate in the Council.

f) **European Semester 2017**

– Roadmap

= Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

13883/16 CO EUR-PREP 41 POLGEN 129 ENV 685 MI 674 COMPET 553

IND 227 ECOFIN 983 SOC 654 EDUC 349 EMPL 445

The Committee took note of a presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency on the roadmap.

g) Modification of the **Common Provisions Regulation** (Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

= State of play - Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee on the state of play of work in view of the modification of the Common Provisions Regulation of the ESI Funds.

h) Results and New Elements of **Cohesion Policy and the European Structural and Investment Funds**

= Exchange of views

= Adoption of Council conclusions

13931/16 FSTR 74 FC 68 REGIO 95 SOC 656 AGRISTR 62 PECHE 408

The Committee prepared the exchange of views of Ministers responsible for cohesion policy on results and new elements of cohesion policy and the European Structural and Investment Funds and agreed to submit the draft conclusions, prepared by the competent Council working party, to the Council for adoption.

i) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The agenda was approved with the addition of an AOB item, at the request of Italy, on the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaty.

26. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Foreign Affairs**) on 14/15 November 2016

a) **Eastern Partnership**

b) **Southern Neighbourhood**

c) **Global Strategy on the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy**

d) **EU-NATO cooperation**

e) **CSDP operations**

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS presented the latest changes to the agenda and handling of the Council meeting, and the Commission provided information on its work in the area of defence.

27. **Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Development) on 28 November 2016**

The Committee took note of a presentation by the EEAS on the agenda items.

28. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 18 November 2016**

- a) **ETIAS: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (First reading)**
= Policy debate

The Committee confirmed the conclusions reached in the Mixed Committee and prepared the preliminary exchange of Ministers on this upcoming Commission proposal.

b) **Information Exchange and Interoperability**

- Evolution of the Schengen Information System (SIS): additional functionalities
= Exchange of views
- Roadmap to enhance information exchange and information management including interoperability solutions in the Justice and Home Affairs area
= Implementation Report
- High Level Expert Group on Information Systems and Interoperability
= Progress Report

13770/16 JAI 892 COSI 177 FRONT 418 ASIM 143 DAPIX 193 ENFOPOL 389
SIRIS 151 DATAPROTECT 96 VISA 347 FAUXDOC 40
COPEN 312

13554/1/16 REV 1 JAI 873 COSI 167 FRONT 408 ASIM 140 DAPIX 188
ENFOPOL 375 SIRIS 147 DATAPROTECT 95 VISA 340
FAUXDOC 36 COPEN 308

13777/16 JAI 876 COSI 168 FRONT 419 ASIM 144 DAPIX 194 ENFOPOL 378
SIRIS 150 DATAPROTECT 97 COPEN 313

The Committee confirmed the conclusions reached in the Mixed Committee and prepared the discussion of Ministers.

c) **Fight against Terrorism**

- Implementation of the statement of the Members of the European Council of 12 February 2015, the JHA Council Conclusions of 20 November 2015, and the Conclusions of the European Council of 18 December 2015
= State of play

13627/16 JAI 867 CFSP/PESC 858 COSI 163 COPS 308 ENFOPOL 367
COTER 104 SIRIS 143 FRONT 397 CATS 81 EDUC 339
+ ADD 1

The Committee took note of the handling of this item at the Council meeting.

d) **EU Internet Forum: future steps**

= Exchange of views

13771/1/16 REV 1 JAI 893 COSI 178 DAPIX 195 ENFOPOL 390 COPEN 314
CYBER 121 TELECOM 217 FREMP 174

The Committee took note of the main topics to prepare the debate at the upcoming Council which will prepare the ministerial on the EU-Internet Forum to be held on 8 December 2016.

e) **EU-PNR (Passenger Name Record) Directive: Implementation**

= Exchange of views

13836/1/16 REV 1 JAI 882 COSI 172 DAPIX 191 ENFOCUSTOM 176
ENFOPOL 382 AVIATION 219 GENVAL 113

The Presidency informed the Committee of the implementation deadline of 25 May 2018 and stressed the amount of preparatory work to be done.

f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information with regard to the upcoming Council. At the request of the Czech Republic, an AOB on the Salzburg Forum was added to the agenda.

29. **Preparation of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 11 November 2016**

a) **TDI Modernisation and new anti-dumping methodology**

14113/16 COMER 116 WTO 315 ANTIDUMPING 12

b) **WTO: Post Nairobi**

c) **EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

= State of play

d) **EU-Japan and EU-Mercosur Free Trade Agreements**

= State of play

e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee was informed by the Presidency on the intended handling of the various items and the informal meetings on the margins. At the request of the Commission, an AOB on autonomous trade measures for Ukraine was added to the agenda.

30. **Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 8 November 2016**

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council session.

31. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 establishing a **Guarantee Fund for external actions (First reading)**

and

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 466/2014/EU granting an **EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank** against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union **(First reading)**

= Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

13927/16 ECOFIN 994 CODEC 1570 RELEX 907 IA 105

13928/16 ECOFIN 995 CODEC 1571 RELEX 908

13929/16 ECOFIN 996 CODEC 1572 RELEX 909

The Presidency presented its compromise texts, on which a broad agreement was signalled with two amendments following interventions by delegations.

32. **Preparation Conciliation Committee meeting and ECOFIN/Budget Council** on 16 November 2016

The Presidency outlined the situation with the European Parliament and the calendar of next steps.

Friday 11 November 2016

25. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**General Affairs**) on 15/16 November 2016

a) **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 Review/Revision**

= State of play

13545/3/16 REV 3 CADREFIN 93 POLGEN 123 FIN 691

The Presidency presented its revised compromise proposal in view of the discussion at the Council. Following an exchange of views, the Presidency will issue a new version.

Monday 14 November 2016

26. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Foreign Affairs**) on 14/15 November 2016

- a) **Eastern Partnership**
= Draft Council conclusions
14243/16 COEST 291 CFSP/PESC 923

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft conclusions and submitted them to the Council for adoption.

- c) **Global Strategy on the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy**
= Draft Council conclusions on implementing the EU Global Strategy in the area of Security and Defence
14008/16 CFSP/PESC 888 CSDP/PSDC 628 COPS 320 POLMIL 121
CIVCOM 213

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft conclusions and submitted them to the Council for adoption.

Tuesday 15 November 2016

25. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**General Affairs**) on 15/16 November 2016

- a) **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 Review/Revision**
= State of play
13545/4/16 REV 4 CADREFIN 93 POLGEN 123 FIN 691

Following the discussion on Friday 11 November, the Presidency presented its final compromise text to the Committee, who agreed to submit it to the Council.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

- European Semester 2017 - Roadmap
= Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency
13883/16 CO EUR-PREP 41 POLGEN 129 ENV 685 MI 674 COMPET 553
IND 227 ECOFIN 983 SOC 654 EDUC 349 EMPL 445

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Slovak Presidency and Maltese incoming Presidency.

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****Wednesday 9 November 2016**

11. Replies to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
- = Adoption by silence procedure
- a) E-004981/2016 - Javier Nart (ALDE), Sophia in 't Veld (ALDE), Jozo Radoš (ALDE), Jean-Marie Cavada (ALDE), Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE), Ivo Vajgl (ALDE), María Teresa Giménez Barbat (ALDE), Carolina Punset (ALDE), Filiz Hyusmenova (ALDE), Urmas Paet (ALDE), Angelika Mlinar (ALDE), Cecilia Wikström (ALDE), Hilde Vautmans (ALDE), Norica Nicolai (ALDE) and Marietje Schaake (ALDE)
The Rules of Procedure of the General Court and secret evidence
13091/16 PE-QE 331
- b) E-005352/2016 - Benedek Jávor (Verts/ALE)
Transparency and stakeholder participation in relation to multilateral environmental agreements
13334/16 PE-QE 340
- c) E-005513/2016 - Michela Giuffrida (S&D)
Human trafficking and illegal removal of organs
13106/16 PE-QE 335
- d) E-005872/2016 - Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)
Possible CAP changes to attract investors
13079/16 PE-QE 328
- e) E-005982/2016 - Peter van Dalen (ECR)
Implementation of landing obligation under the Common Fisheries Policy
12996/16 PE-QE 326
- f) P-006205/2016 - Benedek Jávor (Verts/ALE)
Will Roszatom be blacklisted?
12997/16 PE-QE 327
- g) E-006208/2016 - Isabella Adinolfi (EFDD)
Sentence handed down to Roberta Chiroli
13092/16 PE-QE 332
- h) E-006283/2016 - João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
Ratification of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention
13093/16 PE-QE 333
- i) E-006340/2016 - Fabio De Masi (GUE/NGL)
Sale of EU Member States' citizenship to rich private individuals
13080/16 PE-QE 329
- j) E-006395/2016 - Marie-Christine Arnautu (ENF)
Extension of the embargo on Syria
13183/16 PE-QE 337

- k) P-006428/2016 - Sorin Moisă (S&D)
Protocol of Accession of Ecuador to the EU Free Trade Agreement with Colombia and Peru
13113/16 PE-QE 336
- l) E-006650/2016 - Marie-Christine Arnautu (ENF)
Revelations about the destabilising activities of the Open Society Foundations (OSF) against Member States
13081/16 PE-QE 330
- m) E-006716/2016 - Angel Dzhambazki (ECR)
Council's interpretation of Article 50 TEU
13104/16 PE-QE 334
- n) E-006812/2016 - Jean-Luc Schaffhauser (ENF)
Political situation in Libya
13337/16 PE-QE 342
- o) E-006813/2016 - Jean-Luc Schaffhauser (ENF)
Political developments in Turkey
13341/16 PE-QE 34
12. Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers
Draft Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members for Greece
= Adoption
12930/16 SOC 600 EMPL 401
+ COR 1
12929/16 SOC 599 EMPL 400
13. Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Draft Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members for France and Italy
= Adoption
12892/1/16 REV 1 SOC 593 EMPL 394
12891/16 SOC 592 EMPL 393
14. Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Appointment of Ms Jonna JONSSON, alternate member for Sweden, in place of Ms Anne-Sofie DALENG, who has resigned
= Adoption
13354/16 SOC 627 EMPL 423
15. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 14.10.2016 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1394/2014 establishing a discard plan for certain pelagic fisheries in South-Western waters
= Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
13616/16 PECHE 392
13435/16 PECHE 379 DELACT 217
16. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 12.10.2016 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in North-Western waters
= Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
13612/16 PECHE 389
13272/16 PECHE 370 DELACT 212
+ ADD 1

17. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 12.10.2016 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in South-Western waters
 = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
 13614/16 PECHE 390
 13273/16 PECHE 371 DELACT 213
 + ADD 1
18. Commission delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 13.10.2016 establishing a discard plan for mollusc bivalve Venus spp. in the Italian territorial waters
 = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
 13615/16 PECHE 391
 13292/16 PECHE 373 DELACT 214
19. Commission Decision of XXX on establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings
 = Decision not to oppose adoption
 13597/16 ENV 675
 12011/1/16 ENV 563 REV 1
 + REV 1 ADD 1
20. Commission Decision of XXX on establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for tourist accommodation
 = Decision not to oppose adoption
 13599/16 ENV 676
 12030/1/16 REV 1 ENV 566
 + REV 1 ADD 1
21. Meetings of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) (Glasgow, 19-20 November 2016)
 = European Union coordination of a common position
 13596/16 SPORT 68 DOPAGE 5 SAN 360 JAI 865 DATAPROTECT 94
22. Draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 18/2016 entitled "The EU system for the certification of sustainable biofuels"
 = Adoption
 13470/16 ENER 358 CLIMA 143 ENV 669 TRANS 395 AGR 557

Statement by Germany

"Germany supports the Draft Council conclusions on the report of the European Court of Auditors.

Germany would like to stress that the preparation of these Draft Council conclusions in the Working Party on Energy is without prejudice for the negotiations of the upcoming winter package with the Renewable Energy Directive including sustainability issues of biofuels. We have to decide at a later stage whether the sustainability criteria of biofuels will be discussed either in the Working Party on Energy or in an ad hoc working group formed by experts from the Working Party on Environmental Issues and the Working Party on Energy."

23. Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the relevant Committees of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as regards the proposals for amendments to UN Regulations Nos 7, 16, 37, 44, 45, 46, 48, 53, 78, 80, 83, 86, 87, 99, 105, 107, 110, 121, 128 and 129, one proposal for a new UN Regulation on Heavy Duty Dual-Fuel Engine Retrofit Systems (HDDF-ERS), the proposals for amendments to UN Global Technical Regulations 15 and 16, the proposals for two new UN Global Technical Regulations on the measurement procedure for two- or three-wheeled motor vehicles regarding emissions respectively on-board diagnostics, and one proposal for a new Resolution on the common specification of light source categories (R.E.4)
- = Adoption
- 13402/16 ECO 66 ENT 188 MI 645 UNECE 16
13748/16 ECO 69 ENT 195 MI 663 UNECE 18

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24. a) Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on a comprehensive air transport agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Armenia as regards matters falling within the exclusive Union competence
- b) Draft Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorising the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions of a comprehensive air transport agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Armenia on matters that do not fall within the exclusive Union competence
- = Adoption
- 13833/16 AVIATION 218 RELEX 899 COEST 280 **EU RESTRICTED**
+ ADD 1 **EU RESTRICTED**
+ ADD 2 **EU RESTRICTED**

Statement by the Commission

- "1. The Commission takes note of the intention of the Council to adopt a decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with Armenia as regards matters falling within the exclusive Union competence. At the same time the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, have the intention to adopt a decision authorising the European Commission to negotiate on behalf of the Member States on matters that do not fall within the exclusive Union competence.
2. The Commission considers that the Union is competent to negotiate and conclude comprehensive agreements in the field of air transport, in all their parts. It also recalls that, in accordance with the jurisprudence of the Court, as reflected in Case C-459/03 (points 92 to 95), the existence of the Union's external competence is not in principle contingent on the adoption of measures of secondary law covering the area in question.
3. Therefore, the Commission does not agree that the Union can participate in the negotiations only "as regards matters falling under the exclusive Union competence" (Article 1) nor that negotiating directives on matters covered by Union competence, even if only shared and not yet exercised, could in any way "affect" Member State competences (Article 2).

4. The Commission considers moreover that the negotiation of a comprehensive air transport agreement by the Union alone is the most effective way to achieve the objectives of the Common Transport Policy, in particular as regards a common treatment to be granted within the Union to air carriers established in third countries and a common treatment to be granted by third countries to Union air carriers.
5. In order for the benefits to be reaped from the international aviation agreements without undue delay, they should apply as soon as possible after their signature. The current practice shows that the participation of Member States in such agreements causes considerably delays in their entry into force, while provisional application is not always ensured in those cases. This is contrary to the interest of the Union. The duty of sincere cooperation (Article 4(3) TEU) requires the institutions and Member States to do everything possible to facilitate the exercise of the Union's powers and to abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of the Treaties.
6. The Commission considers moreover that the time limitation of the authorisation(s) is incompatible with the Treaties, and in particular with Article 218(3) TFEU.
7. The Commission maintains its view that – in the absence of any draft text at this stage - Article 218(3) and (4) TFEU provide a sufficient legal basis for the Council Decision, without any substantive legal base being necessary.
8. The Commission reserves its right to make use, if necessary, of all the legal means at its disposal to ensure the respect of the provisions of the Treaties."

Statement by Germany

"Germany agrees to granting a mandate to the Commission to enter into negotiations on a comprehensive air transport agreement with the Republic of Armenia.

However, consent is only given by way of only exception against the background of No 29 of the Riga Summit Joint Declaration of 21/22 May 2015 establishing the Eastern Partnership. It must not be understood as a precedent for the granting of future mandates.

Germany is of the opinion that negotiations should be focused on the agreements for which mandates have already been granted. Germany's decision on the possible granting of additional mandates will depend on the progress made with aforementioned negotiations. Clear priorities must be set in order to avoid conducting too many negotiations at the same time."

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33. Case before the General Court of the European Union
Case T-379/16 (Basicmed Enterprises Ltd and Others v. Council of the European Union, European Commission, European Central Bank (ECB), Eurogroup, represented by the Council of the European Union, European Union, represented by the European Commission)
= Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
13894/16 JUR 548 ECOFIN 985 UEM 351
34. Resolutions, Decision and Opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-session in Strasbourg from 24-27 October 2016
13508/16 PE-RE 7
35. Recommendation to the Council concerning the interim approval of a cryptographic product to protect links in the context of the GALILEO project
13485/16 CSCI 66 CSC 298 **EU RESTRICTED**
36. Recommendation to the Council concerning the interim approval of a cryptographic product to protect links in the context of the GALILEO project
13486/1/16 REV 1 CSCI 67 CSC 299 **EU RESTRICTED**
37. Recommendation to the Council concerning the interim approval of cryptographic products to protect electronic links owned by the Netherlands in the context of EU-led operations
13487/16 CSCI 68 CSC 300 **EU RESTRICTED**
38. Recommendation to the Council concerning the interim approval of cryptographic products to protect electronics links between the EU and Operational Headquarters (OHQ), BICES, EU NAVFOR Somalia (Operation Atalanta) and special networks
13488/16 CSCI 69 CSC 301 **EU RESTRICTED**
39. Submission of the national side of commemorative 2 euro coins by Latvia
13625/16 ECOFIN 952 UEM 340
40. Submission of a new draft national design of Luxembourg euro coins
13628/16 ECOFIN 953 UEM 341
41. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) ···/... of 19.10.2016 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 148/2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards on the minimum details of the data to be reported to trade repositories
= Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
13915/16 EF 326 ECOFIN 990 DELACT 225
13471/16 EF 309 ECOFIN 929 DELACT 219
+ ADD 1
42. No objection decision on publication of ESRB Recommendation and Warnings
13930/1/16 REV 1 EF 328 ECOFIN 997

43. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany
13651/16 FIN 697
44. Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany
= Information to national Parliaments
13652/16 FIN 698 INST 438
45. Draft amending budget No 6 to the general budget accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Germany
13653/16 FIN 699 PE-L 65
46. Special Report No 25/2016: "The Land Parcel Identification System: a useful tool to determine the eligibility of agricultural land - its management could be further improved"
= Designation of Working Party
13801/16 FIN 711 AGRI 577 AGRIFIN 113 AGRISTR 59
47. Special Report No 26/2016: "Making cross-compliance more effective and achieving simplification remains challenging"
= Designation of Working Party
13815/16 FIN 714 AGRI 579 AGRIFIN 115 AGRISTR 61
48. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (**First reading**)
= Adoption of the legislative act
13688/16 CODEC 1521 FSTR 71 FC 65 REGIO 92 SOC 644 EMPL 440
BUDGET 31 AGRISTR 55 PECHE 395 CADREFIN 94
PE-CONS 39/16 FSTR 63 FC 55 REGIO 79 SOC 560 EMPL 370 BUDGET 26
AGRISTR 51 PECHE 336 CADREFIN 72 CODEC 1309
49. Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 1/2016 "Is the Commission's system for performance measurement in relation to farmers' incomes well designed and based on sound data?"
= Adoption
13321/16 FIN 659 AGRI 552 AGRIFIN 111 AGRISTR 54
50. Draft Council Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Denmark
13756/16 JAI 874 DAPIX 189 CRIMORG 140 ENFOPOL 376
ENFOCUSTOM 174
11219/16 JAI 674 DAPIX 118 CRIMORG 79 ENFOPOL 235
ENFOCUSTOM 110
9745/16 JAI 509 DAPIX 85 CRIMORG 43 ENFOPOL 167
ENFOCUSTOM 77

51. Draft Council Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Denmark
 13757/16 JAI 875 DAPIX 190 CRIMORG 141 ENFOPOL 377
 ENFOCUSTOM 175
 11220/16 JAI 675 DAPIX 119 CRIMORG 80 ENFOPOL 236
 ENFOCUSTOM 111
 9754/16 JAI 513 DAPIX 89 CRIMORG 47 ENFOPOL 171
 ENFOCUSTOM 81
52. Draft Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of China on the short-stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports
 = Adoption
 13759/16 VISA 342 CHINE 10
 15470/15 VISA 394 CHINA 31
53. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 3.10.2016 on the common monitoring and evaluation framework provided for in Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council [laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management]
 = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
 13921/16 JAI 891 ASIM 142 CADREFIN 102 ENFOPOL 387 PROCIV 73
 DELACT 226 GAF 68 VISA 346
 12874/16 JAI 797 ASIM 131 CADREFIN 80 ENFOPOL 321 PROCIV 65
 DELACT 206 GAF 60 VISA 311
 + COR 1
 + ADD 1 to ADD 4
54. Draft Council conclusions on Strengthening Europe's Cyber Resilience System and Fostering a Competitive and Innovative Cybersecurity Industry
 = Adoption
 13967/1/16 REV 1 CYBER 122 COMPET 558 IND 229 RECH 302
 TELECOM 213

56. Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2018, the annual amount for 2017, the first instalment for 2017 and an indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2019 and 2020

= Adoption

13791/16 ACP 146 FIN 709 PTOM 38

13741/16 ACP 144 FIN 706 PTOM 37

Statement by France

"La France a fait part de son accord sur la décision du Conseil (13791/16 ACP) relative au montant de la première tranche 2017 et au montant annuel de la même année, ainsi qu'au plafond des contributions au 11^{ème} Fonds européen de développement (FED) pour 2018, compte tenu des priorités politiques définies par le Conseil européen qui nécessitent la mobilisation de financements additionnels.

La France souhaite toutefois que la Commission européenne prenne en compte les éléments suivants:

- rappelant ses interrogations sur les méthodes retenues par la Commission européenne pour établir ses prévisions de décaissements, elle souhaite que le projet de décision du Conseil fixe les contributions nationales pour 2018 à un montant adéquat et étayé.
- elle invite la Commission européenne à poursuivre et amplifier ses efforts relatifs à un suivi actif de l'exécution du FED d'une part, et à l'information du Conseil en matière budgétaire d'autre part. Sur ce dernier point, la Commission européenne pourrait utilement :
- partager régulièrement les hypothèses chiffrées utilisées pour définir le niveau proposé de contributions nationales, en particulier s'agissant des méthodes 1 et 3 d'estimation des besoins de paiement évoquées dans son document n° 109/16, pour laquelle la France la remercie ;
- expliciter de manière systématique, pour les décisions de financement d'un montant significatif, l'effet de celles-ci sur les prévisions de paiement d'une part, et sur les réserves du FED d'autre part."

57. European Economic Area

= Establishment of the European Union's common position for the 46th meeting of the EEA Council (Brussels, 15 November 2016)

13881/16 EEE 40

58. Relations with Azerbaijan

- Draft Council Decision authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part
- Draft Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, authorising the European Commission to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part
- Draft Directives for the negotiation of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part

13984/16 COEST 286 WTO 314 ENER 367 CFSP/PESC 890 JAI 902

13307/16 COEST 256 WTO 289

13308/16 COEST 257 WTO 290

13983/16 COEST 285 WTO 313 ENER 366 JAI 904

CFSP/PESC 891 **EU RESTRICTED**

Statement by the United Kingdom

"This negotiating mandate is without prejudice to the special position of the United Kingdom as regards matters that fall within the scope of Part Three, Title V of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

59. Relations with Kosovo^{*}

- Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo* on the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes
- Council Decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo* on the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes
- Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo* on the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes

13516/16 COWEB 117

13390/16 COWEB 113

13391/16 COWEB 114

13393/16 COWEB 115

Statement by the United Kingdom, joined by Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Croatia, Italy, Sweden and Slovenia

"On item 59 the UK would like to place on record their position that only individual Member States have the competence to recognise statehood."

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Statement by the United Kingdom

"In relation to the same point, the UK considers that Protocol 21 to the Treaties on the position of the UK and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice is engaged in the proposals for Council Decisions on signature, provisional application and conclusion of the Framework Agreements between the European Union and Kosovo on the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes, to the extent that these Decisions relate to the aforementioned state's participation in the Fiscalis 2020 action programme (Regulation 1286/2013) and Customs 2020 action programme (Regulation 1294/2013).

Furthermore, the UK considers these Council Decisions to be an exercise of the EU's external competence in relation to the various sectoral policies pursued by the underlying programmes. Therefore the substantive legal bases for the underlying programmes should have been cited as the legal bases for these proposed Decisions on signature and conclusion. Where the programmes have justice and home affairs content, the proposed Council Decisions should cite the relevant legal bases from Title V of Part Three TFEU."

Statement by the Commission

"When determining the specific terms and conditions regarding the participation of Kosovo in each particular programme in accordance with Article 5 of the Framework Agreement, the Commission will ensure that they are without prejudice to the position of the Union on the status of Kosovo."

60. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs
- = Agreement in principle
 - = Request for the consent of the European Parliament
 - 11783/16 WTO 235 AELE 58 ISL 37 AGRI 453
 - 11782/16 WTO 234 AELE 57 ISL 36 AGRI 452
 - 12124/16 WTO 246 AELE 64 ISL 42 AGRI 474
61. Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement between the European Union and Iceland on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs
- = Adoption
 - 11786/16 WTO 238 AELE 61 ISL 40 AGRI 456
 - 11785/16 WTO 237 AELE 60 ISL 39 AGRI 455
 - 12124/16 WTO 246 AELE 64 ISL 42 AGRI 474
62. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products
- = Agreement in principle
 - = Request for the consent of the European Parliament
 - 12148/16 WTO 251 AELE 68 ISL 47 AGRI 479
 - 12146/16 WTO 249 AELE 66 ISL 45 AGRI 477
 - 12147/16 WTO 250 AELE 67 ISL 46 AGRI 478

63. Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products
 = Adoption
 12151/16 WTO 254 AELE 71 ISL 50 AGRI 482
 12150/16 WTO 253 AELE 70 ISL 49 AGRI 481
 12147/16 WTO 250 AELE 67 ISL 46 AGRI 478
64. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part
 = Agreement in principle
 = Request for the consent of the European Parliament
 13898/16 COEST 282
 12409/16 COEST 231
65. Draft Council conclusions on the Fifth Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) (Geneva, 12-16 December 2016)
 = Adoption
 13901/16 COARM 192 CODUN 18 CFSP/PESC 879
 12539/16 COARM 180 CODUN 10 CFSP/PESC 760
66. Draft Council conclusions on EU-wide strategic framework to support Security Sector Reform (SSR)
 = Adoption
 13999/16 CFSP/PESC 887 CSDP/PSDC 627 COPS 319 CIVCOM 212
 POLMIL 120 DEVGEN 238
 + COR 1
67. Single Progress Report on the Development of EU Military Capabilities in the period from November 2015 to October 2016
 13718/16 CSDP/PSDC 611
 13719/16 CSDP/PSDC 612 EUMC 125 COPS 310
68. Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency to the Council
 14109/16 COPS 324 CSDP/PSDC 632 CFSP/PESC 896 POLMIL 125
 14107/16 COPS 323 CSDP/PSDC 631 CFSP/PESC 895 POLMIL 124
69. Request for declassification of EUJUST THEMIS Operation Plan
 13988/16 CSDP/PSDC 624 CFSP/PESC 884 COPS 317 CIVCOM 210
 RELEX 914 JAI 897 COEST 287
70. Draft Council Decision on a Union contribution to the establishment and the secure management of a Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) Bank under the control of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the framework of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
 = Adoption
 13807/16 CORLX 426 CFSP/PESC 870 CODUN 15 CONOP 86
 13714/16 CORLX 420 CFSP/PESC 861 CODUN 13 CONOP 85

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71. Draft Council conclusions on Iran
14085/16 MOG 115 CFSP/PESC 892 CONOP 88 IR1

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55. Letter to the European Parliament on the change of the legal basis as regards the Regulation on New Psychoactive Substances
13677/2/16 REV 2 CORDROGUE 61 JAI 871 SAN 363

The above-mentioned item was transferred from the meeting on Wednesday 9 November.

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom welcomes the approach by the Council to agree legislation relating to the control of new psychoactive substances under Article 83 of Title V of Part III of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

However, the United Kingdom does not consider that the purported decision by COREPER to modify the legal base for the draft Regulation on new psychoactive substances to Article 83 TFEU triggers the commencement of the three month period allowed for under Article 3 of Protocol (No 21) to the EU Treaties. That period is only commenced where a proposal or initiative has been presented. The purported decision by COREPER to modify the legal basis of a draft Regulation is not such a proposal or initiative and consequently the three month opt in period cannot have been commenced by it."

72. Cases before the General Court of the European Union (actions for annulment of the "EU-Turkey statement")
- T-192/16 NF v. European Council
 - T-193/16 NG v. European Council
 - T-257/16 NM v. European Council
- 14355/16 JUR 560 JAI 936 ASILE 76 MIGR 192 POLGEN 139 ELARG 105
73. Draft Council Implementing Decision implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria
and
Draft Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
= Adoption
- 14146/16 CORLX 440 CFSP/PESC 905 RELEX 928 COARM 199 MAMA 229
FIN 779
- 14118/16 CORLX 434 CFSP/PESC 897 COARM 195 MAMA 225 FIN 770
- 14119/16 CORLX 435 CFSP/PESC 898 RELEX 922 COARM 196 MAMA 226
FIN 771