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LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

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

"A" ITEMS (12657/17 PTS A 62)

1. 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]

= Adoption of the legislative act
PE-CONS 22/17 ENER 171 IA 144 CODEC 779

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with the Hungarian delegation voting against, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 194 TFEU).

2. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities [First reading]

= Adoption of the legislative act
PE-CONS 28/17 TELECOM 158 FC 54 CODEC 1008

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with the Swedish, Spanish and Netherlands delegations voting against, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 172 TFEU).

Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

"The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree that the WiFi4EU initiative should have meaningful impact and **scalability**. To this end, they note that if an increase of EUR 25 000 000 to EUR 50 000 000 of the financial envelope for the implementation of CEF in the telecommunications sector cannot be secured in full, the Commission might propose reallocations within that envelope in order to facilitate overall funding for the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities of EUR 120 000 000."

Joint statement by Sweden, Spain and the Netherlands

"Sweden, Spain and The Netherlands consider access to electronic communication to be important, but the lack of an impact assessment of the long-term effects of the proposal on competition and willingness to invest is problematic. In particular considering the substantial investments needed to create conditions for future 5G-coverage in Europe. Sweden, Spain and The Netherlands are also of the opinion that this type of regulation and financing should be handled at a national level and can therefore not support the proposal."

Statement of the Czech Republic

"The Czech Republic supports the overall objective of the WiFi4EU initiative and in this respect invites the Commission to avoid any duplication with other private or public offers provided on commercial bases while implementing the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities."

3. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Regulations (EC) No 2888/2000 and (EC) No 685/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89 [First reading]

= Adoption of the legislative act

PE-CONS 44/17 TRANS 308 MAR 146 CODEC 1206

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 91 TFEU).

4. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (First reading)

= Adoption of the legislative act

PE-CONS 30/17 MIGR 107 VISA 237 COMIX 452 CODEC 1075

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In accordance with the relevant Protocols annexed to the Treaties, the Danish, Irish and United Kingdom delegations did not participate in the vote.

(Legal basis: Article 79(2)(a) TFEU).

5. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2018-2020 (First reading)

= Adoption of the legislative act

PE-CONS 29/17 ECOFIN 535 STATIS 33 IA 145 CODEC 1042

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 338(1) TFEU).

6. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 345/2013 on European venture capital funds and Regulation (EU) No 346/2013 on European social entrepreneurship funds (First reading)

= Adoption of the legislative act

PE-CONS 37/17 EF 144 ECOFIN 595 CODEC 1159

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

"B" ITEMS (12531/17 OJ CONS 48 AGRI 498 PECHE 354)

9. Any other business

Agriculture

a) Conclusions of the Ministerial Conference on the follow-up of the fipronil incident (Brussels, 26 September 2017)

= Information from the Commission

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

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The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission representative on the conclusions agreed at the Ministerial Conference held in Brussels on 26 September 2017 on the follow-up of the fipronil incident as well as of the comments by several delegations.