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

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The above mentioned agendas are approved.

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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20. 4th Railway Package (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004
- b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast)
- c) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on railway safety (Recast)
- Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the informal trilogue of 29 January 2015.

21. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 5 March 2015

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as proposed.

At the request of the CZ delegation, supported by FR,LT,HU,PL,RO,SK,UK, an AOB information item on the meeting of the 10th Plenary meeting of the Nuclear Energy Forum was added.

22. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Environment) on 6 March 2015

The Committee approved the provisional agenda as set out in 6509/15, taking into account comments made during the meeting.

23. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 2 and 3 March 2015

The Committee set the provisional agenda for the meeting of the Competitiveness Council.

24. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on package travel and assisted travel arrangements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, Directive 2011/83/EU and repealing Council Directive 90/314/EEC (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the debriefing prepared by the Presidency on the outcome of the first informal trilogue of the 4th of February 2015.

25. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulations (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2187/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 2347/2002 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing (EC) No 1434/98 as regards the landing obligation (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency informed the Committee of the outcome of the trilogue which took place on 29 January 2015 and yielded a tentative agreement on all outstanding issues.

The Commission informed delegations that it intends to make a statement upon the adoption of the Regulation on the provisions relating to measures to facilitate the storage and the finding of outlets for undersized catches once they are landed, underlining that these measures should be taken only where necessary and appropriate.

Italy took the floor to raise concerns as regards the current minimum conservation reference size for clam. The Commission and the Presidency took note of the issue.

The Presidency concluded the point informing delegations that the Committee will revert to this point for the analysis and approval of the final compromise text at its next meeting.

26. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the first trilogue on Animal Health proposal and of the comments made by the Commission representative.

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41. Follow-up to the Informal Meeting of Heads of State or Government on 12 February 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government on 12 February 2015, in particular as regards work to be undertaken by the Council following the statement of the members of the **European Council** on the fight against terrorism.

42. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 9 February 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 9 February 2015. Items included Ukraine, Libya, counter-terrorism, Yemen, Syria/ Iraq and Africa.

43. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 10 February 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the February **General Affairs Council**, where the Presidency presented its Work Programme and its key priorities for a competitive, digital and engaged Europe, as well as issues related to internal security and the fight against terrorism. The Council noted the state of play of the revision of the MFF Regulation and took note of the Annotated Draft Agenda for the March **European Council**.

44. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020
– **Agreement in principle**

The Committee took note of the progress made in the negotiations on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending the multiannual financial framework and of two draft declarations for the Council minutes presented by the Commission in this context.

After an exchange of views, the Committee reached a unanimous agreement in principle on the text of the draft Council Regulation and agreed to request the European Parliament to give its consent.

The Italian delegation informed of its intention to make a declaration for the Council minutes.

With reference to the last paragraph of the draft Commission declaration on Programming, the Maltese delegation stated that one of the appropriate measures that the Commission could take is to propose an amendment to the Funds' Regulations, similar to the amendment regarding the 2007 commitment which had been made to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 by means of Regulation (EU) No 539/2010 of 16 June 2010, thus also targeting the commitments of Operational Programmes already adopted in 2014.

The Presidency informed that this item will be inscribed on the agenda of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 17 February 2015 for formal confirmation as an "A" item.

45. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 17 February 2015

a) Investment Plan for Europe

- **Commission Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013 (First reading)**

- **State of play**

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TRANS 39 ENV 40 EDUC 18 SOC 50 EMPL 18 EF 28

The Presidency presented its progress report.

b) European Semester 2015

- **Annual Growth Survey**
- **Alert Mechanism Report**

- **Council conclusions/Exchange of views**

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The Committee agreed on a minor linguistic change to the Council conclusions agreed by the EFC the previous week and submitted them for adoption to the ECOFIN Council.

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information with regards to the February ECOFIN meeting.

- **Any other business**

- **Presidency information on the progress regarding the draft decision on the macro-financial assistance to Ukraine**

The Presidency provided information on the progress regarding the draft decision on the macro-financial assistance to Ukraine and further steps regarding the process.

- **Delegated acts**

DE reverted with its request for a discussion on the delegated acts in the Committee next week. DE argued that the issue has been dormant for almost a year and considers that the timing is opportune to revive the issue.
