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

doc. 8076/15 OJ/CRP1 15
8111/15 OJ/CRP2 15 + CM 2372/15

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.

The Commission made a statement on the following item:

12. Practical arrangements for the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11, New York, 4-15 May 2015)

– **Approval of the text**

7955/15 FORETS 9 ENV 215 RELEX 298 PROBA 1

+ ADD 1

"The Commission would like to recall that the General Arrangements for EU statements in multilateral organisations agreed by the Council (doc. 15901/11) set out that "EU actors will conduct local coordination".

The Commission considers that the practical arrangements for the participation of the EU and its Member States at the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests do neither constitute a precedent for future UNFF meetings, nor affect the established and well-functioning practice for local EU coordination in New York."

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14. **Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 11 May 2015**
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representative Committee)

The Committee set the provisional agenda for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 11 May 2015 as set out in 8422/15.

The proposed agenda was approved with the addition of an 'AOB' item, at the request of the Slovenian delegation on "Initiative to declare 20 May as World Bee Day".

15. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012 (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**

– **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Committee has been informed of the outcome of the second informal trilogue on 21 April 2015.

16. **Fourth 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)**
- **Preparation for the informal trilogue**
7933/15 TRANS 130 CODEC 492
+ ADD 1
+ ADD 2

The Committee confirmed the mandate for the seventh trilogue as set out in 7933/15 as modified during the debate.

- 17. Revision of the European Trade Mark system (First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 on the Community Trade Mark**
 - b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (Recast)**
- **Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue**

The Presidency debriefed the Committee on the outcome of the informal trilogue on 21 April 2015, which achieved a complete political agreement on the trade mark package.

The Presidency announced its intention to return with the final verified text, for endorsement of the result by the Committee, at one of its subsequent meetings.

The Presidency also announced its intention to inform the Competitiveness Council meeting on 28 May 2015 on the outcome of this trilogue, as an item under "Any other business".

- 18. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled**
- **Examination of the Presidency's compromise proposal**
7576/1/15 PI 20 REV 1

The Committee discussed the Presidency compromise proposal set out in Annex to document 7576/1/15 REV 1. The Presidency agreed to some modifications to its proposal, which is going to be sent to delegations for approval under a silence procedure (Deadline: Friday 24 April, 12h00).

In case this would fail to produce a qualified majority for the Presidency proposal, the Committee decided to return to this file at one of its next meetings.

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19. Follow-up to the Joint Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Justice and Home Affairs) on 20 April 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the Joint Council meeting (Foreign Affairs/Justice and Home Affairs) on 20 April 2015. The only item was Migration - situation in the Mediterranean. In parallel, the Committee prepared the extraordinary European Council, see point 20 below.

20. Preparation of the extraordinary European Council meeting on 23 April 2015

At the Committee's meeting on 21 April, the Head of Cabinet of the President of the European Council presented orally the key elements of the Statement to be adopted by the Heads of State or Government at the extraordinary European Council on 23 April 2015. This EC will focus on the issue of Migration, following the tragic events in the Mediterranean the previous weekend.

27. Follow-up to the extraordinary European Council meeting on 23 April 2015

The Committee took note of the key elements of the extraordinary European Council meeting on Migration of 23 April 2015. The Presidency will present a Roadmap with the actions to be taken from now until the next EC in June.

28. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 20 April 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 20 April 2015, as regards the discussions on Latin America and Caribbean (strategic debate based on an issues paper), Libya, Yemen, Iran and the Strategic Review.

29. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 21 April 2015

The Committee took note of the key outcomes of the General Affairs Council on 21 April 2015, which focused on the future Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA) and on Migration. The Committee also took note of the key outcomes of the Ministerial lunch discussion on the implementation of the Statement on Countering Terrorism, which the Heads of State or Government adopted at their meeting in February 2015.

30. Relations with the European Parliament (April 2015)

7958/15 PE 63 INST 111 POLGEN 56 CODEC 494

On the basis of the document 7958/1/15 REV 1, the Presidency informed the Committee of recent developments in relations between the Council and the European Parliament, in the context of the forthcoming April plenary part-session.

31. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 May 2015

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda for this Council meeting.

32. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

– **Exchange of views**

The Committee welcomed the common messages as discussed by the EFC Sub-committee on IMF on 23 April 2015, and supported regular exchange of information between the prospective AIIB stakeholders and EU Member States.

The discussion will continue, as appropriate, in respective preparatory bodies namely, in the EFC Sub-committee on IMF and related issues and in the Asia and Oceania Working Party (COASI) as well as in the Committee.

33. Preparation of the EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 10/11 June 2015)

– Orientation debate

8024/15 COLAC 45 CFSP/PESC 58 RESTREINT UE

The Committee had a preliminary discussion in relation to the preparations for the EU-CELAC Summit on the basis of an orientation note (doc. 8024/15 EU RESTRICTED) and a presentation by the EEAS and the Commission.

Delegations largely welcomed the presentation and gave their support to the orientation note, while highlighting the priorities and deliverables and defending an ambitious Summit.

The Committee took note of the comments and decided to revert to the Summit preparations at a later date, following further preparation in the relevant preparatory bodies of the Council.

34. Preparation of the EU-Ukraine Summit

7487/15 COEST 106 PESC 324 RESTREINT UE

The European External Action Service informed the Committee on the state of play of preparations for the EU-Ukraine Summit to be held in Kyiv on 27 April 2015. The Committee agreed on the text of the Joint Statement of the 17th EU-Ukraine Summit. The European External Action Service entered the statement below to the minutes of the Committee.

"Concerning the Committee discussions on the Joint Statement of the EU-Ukraine Summit the EEAS states that the relevant conclusions adopted by the European Council and the Foreign Affairs Council on the protection of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities remain valid and will be represented at all future occasions in conformity with relevant Association Agreement provisions."

– Any other business

- DE requested information on the state of play on Tunisia's participation at the 'Horizon 2020' programme.
- The Commission informed on the state of play and next steps regarding the implementation of the Energy Union.