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SUMMARY RECORD

Subject: 2575th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
held in Brussels on 24 and 26 February 2016

I. Adoption of the provisional agenda

6363/16 OJ/CRP1 7 + COR 1

6329/16 OJ/CRP2 7 COMIX 130 + COR 1

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 2)

32. European Border and Coast Guard

- 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)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (First reading)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (First reading)
 - = Guidance for further work
 - 6359/1/16 REV 1 FRONT 83 SIRIS 22 CODEC 190 COMIX 134
 - 6283/16 FRONT 77 MAR 53 CODEC 178 COMIX 124
 - 6330/16 PECHE 48 FRONT 82 MAR 56 CODEC 189 COMIX 131

The Committee examined the similar provisions of the three proposals in order to ensure consistency.

33. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 25 February 2016

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders (First reading)
 - = General approach
 - 6310/16 FRONT 79 SIRIS 20 CODEC 185 COMIX 127

The Committee examined the text in view of reaching a general approach at the Council.

- b) 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)
 - = State of play
 - 6309/16 FRONT 78 SIRIS 19 CODEC 184 COMIX 126

The Committee examined some elements of the proposal and agreed to continue working on this file as a priority. The file will be on the agenda of the upcoming JHA Council.

- c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information on the handling of the agenda.

34. Follow-up to the European Council on 18/19 February 2016

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the February EC and discussed the preparatory steps ahead of upcoming meetings of the Heads of State or Government.

35. Preparation of the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 10/11 March 2016

- a) i) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content (First reading)
- ii) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods (First reading)

= Progress report

6150/16 JUSTCIV 17 CONSOM 30 DIGIT 10 AUDIO 12 CODEC 165

The Committee took note of the progress report and submitted it to the Council for endorsement.

- b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information on the handling of the agenda. Home Affairs lunch will be devoted to migration and Justice lunch will be devoted to the EU-US Privacy Shield and radicalisation in prisons.

36. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 15 February 2016

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of this Council meeting.

37. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 14 March 2016

The Committee took note of the main items of the agenda at this stage, notably Libya, Iran, Russia and (poss.) Burundi.

38. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 February 2016

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of this Council meeting.

39. Preparation of the Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 8 March 2016

- Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information given by the Presidency on the handling of the agenda.

40. Follow-up to the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 16 February 2016

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of this Council meeting.

41. Presentation of the agenda of the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 15 March 2016

The Committee took note of the main items of the agenda and the Presidency noted in particular the thematic discussion under European Semester.

COREPER (PART 1)

53. Preparation for the Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 7 March 2016
1. European Semester 2016: Contribution to the European Council (Brussels, 17-18 March 2016) (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]
6147/16 SOC 63 EMPL 38 ECOFIN 102 EDUC 25
 - a) Implementation of the Country-specific recommendations
 - EMCO contribution on the labour market segmentation and contractual arrangements
6151/16 SOC 66 EMPL 41 ECOFIN 105 EDUC 28
+ ADD 1
 - b) 2016 Country reports
 - Presentation by the Commission
~~6245/16 ECOFIN 114 UEM 44 SOC 79 EMPL 48 COMPET 60 ENV 76~~
~~EDUC 34 RECH 23 ENER 32 JAI 107~~
 - c) Priorities for action in the areas of employment and social policies: political guidance in 2016
 - i) Draft Council conclusions on the 2016 Annual Growth Survey and Joint Employment report: political guidance on employment and social policies
6148/16 SOC 64 EMPL 39 ECOFIN 103 EDUC 26
 - ii) Draft Joint Employment report
6149/16 SOC 65 EMPL 40 ECOFIN 104 EDUC 27
 - Adoption

The Committee forwarded to the Council the Presidency background note (6147/16) and the documents listed under a) and b) for information and as input to the policy debate as well as the documents listed under c) for adoption.

2. Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - General approach
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]
6152/16 SOC 67 EMPL 42 ECOFIN 106 EDUC 29
6153/16 SOC 68 EMPL 43 ECOFIN 107 EDUC 30
6159/1/16 SOC 70 EMPL 45 ECOFIN 109 EDUC 32 **REV 1**

The Committee forwarded the texts to the Council with a view to reaching a general approach.

3. New start for social dialogue (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - a) State of play
~~6232/16 SOC 78 EMPL 47~~
 - b) Tripartite Social Summit
 - Presentation by the Presidency and the Commission
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]

The Committee took note that the Council would be informed of the state of play of the new start for social dialogue and of the preparations of the Tripartite Social Summit on 16 March.

4. Towards a new Skills Agenda for Europe (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]
6166/16 SOC 71 EMPL 46 EDUC 33 JEUN 18

The Committee forwarded the discussion paper to the Council as a basis for the policy debate.

5. Investing in Youth Employment: Implementation of the Youth Guarantee (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Endorsement of the EMCO key messages on the way forward
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]
6154/16 SOC 69 EMPL 44 ECOFIN 108 EDUC 31 JEUN 17
+ ADD 1 - ADD 3

The Committee forwarded the key messages of the Employment Committee to the Council for endorsement.

6. Labour mobility package (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Presentation by the Commission
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission.

7. Equality (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - a) Draft Council conclusions: Response to the Commission's strategic engagement for gender equality
 - b) Draft Council conclusions: Response to the Commission's list of actions to advance LGBTI equality
 - Adoption
(Public debate in accordance with article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
[proposed by the Presidency]
6229/16 SOC 76 GENDER 10 ANTIDISCRIM 10 FREMP 30
6230/16 SOC 77 GENDER 11 ANTIDISCRIM 11 FREMP 31

LV, LT, HU and PL maintained scrutiny reservations on doc. 6230/16. The Committee invited the Council to address the remaining reservations, with a view to the adoption the two sets of draft Conclusions as a package.

54. Preparation for the Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 14 March 2016
 1. Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 11/2015 from the European Court of Auditors entitled: "Are the Fisheries Partnership Agreements well managed by the Commission?" (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Adoption
6258/16 PECHE 46 AGRI 73 AGRIFIN 10

The Committee forwarded the draft Council conclusions to the Council for adoption.

2. Draft Council conclusions on Special Report No 13/2015 from the European Court of Auditors entitled: "EU support to timber-producing countries under the FLEGT action plan" (*Non-legislative activity*)
 - Adoption
6107/16 FIN 99 AGRI 67 FORETS 7 DEVGEN 21 ENV 69 RELEX 108 UD 20

The Committee forwarded the draft Council conclusions to the Council for adoption. DK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

55. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 **(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 23 February 2016.

56. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites **(First reading) (Legislative deliberation)**
- Preparation of the trilogue
6169/16 TELECOM 19 CONSOM 31 MI 81 CODEC 170

The Committee discussed, amended and agreed the mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

57. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC **(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 25 February 2016.

58. Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of Revision 3 of the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for the reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ("Revised 1958 Agreement")
- Preparation for the request for the consent of the European Parliament
5805/16 ECO 10 ENT 24 MI 59 UNECE 1
13954/15 ECO 137 ENT 240 MI 708 UNECE 12
13501/15 ECO 134 ENT 230 MI 676 UNECE 11
+ ADD 1

The Committee submitted the draft Decision to the Council with a view to forwarding it to the European Parliament for its consent.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

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None.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 2)**

2. Draft minutes of Council meetings
 - a) 3421st meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs), held in Brussels on 10 November 2015
13899/1/15 REV 1 PV/CONS 60 ECOFIN 838
+ REV 1 COR 1
13899/15 ADD 1 REV 1 PV/CONS 60 ECOFIN 838
+ ADD 1 REV 1 COR 1
 - b) 3422nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), held in Brussels on 9 November 2015
13896/15 PV/CONS 58 JAI 847
+ COR 1 (fi)
 - c) 3424th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs), held in Brussels on 13 November 2015
14153/15 PV/CONS 61 ECOFIN 855 BUDGET 41
+ COR 1 (fi)
+ REV 1 (mt, nl)
 - d) 3426th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs), held in Brussels on 16 and 17 November 2015
14156/15 PV/CONS 63 RELEX 920
 - e) 3427th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs), held in Brussels on 17 and 18 November 2015
14173/15 PV/CONS 64
+ COR 1
+ ADD 1
 - f) 3432nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), held in Brussels on 20 November 2015
14451/1/15 REV 1 PV/CONS 65 JAI 910
+ REV 1 COR 1
 - g) 3430th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs), held in Brussels on 27 November 2015
14761/15 PV/CONS 68 RELEX 984
3. Council Decision replacing a member of the panel provided for in Article 255 TFEU
5525/16 JUR 42 INST 15 COUR 5
5529/16 JUR 43 INST 16 COUR 6

4. Complaint 21/2016/JAP - Inspection by the Ombudsman of documents held by the Council in the framework of her inquiry
6228/16 OMBUDS 5 INST 59 INF 25 API 20
5. Appeal against the judgment by the General Court in Case T-512/12 (Frente Popular de Liberación de Saguía-el-Hamra y Río de Oro (Front Polisario) v. Council)
6314/16 JUR 78 CORLX 67 CFSP/PESC 137 CONOP 21 MAMA 28
6. Draft Council Decision appointing a member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions
= Adoption
5921/16 CDR 11
5920/16 CDR 10
7. Draft Council Decision appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Lithuania, of the Committee of the Regions
= Adoption
6177/16 CDR 14
6176/16 CDR 13
8. Draft Council Regulation (EU) No .../2016 determining the emoluments of EU high-level public office holders
= Adoption
6034/16 STAT 7 FIN 89 INST 48 BUDGET 4
5444/16 STAT 4 FIN 42 INST 13 BUDGET 3

Statement by Austria

"Austria welcomes the proposed improvements over the current legal situation. However, Austria is unable to approve the proposal as it considers the provisions for deductions laid down in Article 10(3) and (4) in conjunction with recital 6 too generous, and cannot see any justification for the annual automatic update of the entertainment allowance and the special duty allowance as provided for in Article 19."

9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures
(First reading)
= Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
6000/16 ECOFIN 85 STATIS 4 UEM 35 COMER 10 CODEC 149

10. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 17.12.2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for certain third countries public bodies and central banks, the indicators of market manipulation, the disclosure thresholds, the competent authority for notifications of delays, the permission for trading during closed periods and types of notifiable managers' transactions
- = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
6238/16 EF 26 ECOFIN 113 DELACT 22
15498/15 EF 234 ECOFIN 993 DELACT 177
+ ADD 1

Statement by Germany

"DE holds that the thresholds proposed in the delegated act according to article 17 of the Market Abuse Regulation have not been analyzed sufficiently to achieve the Regulation's goal set out in recital 51, notably to limit the regulatory impact of the transparency requirements to only those EU ETS operators which, by virtue of their size and activity, can reasonably be expected to be able to have a significant effect on the price of emission allowances."

11. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 17.12.2015 supplementing Regulation No (EU) 806/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council with regard to the criteria relating to the calculation of ex-ante contributions, and on the circumstances and conditions under which the payment of extraordinary ex-post contributions may be partially or entirely deferred
- = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
6312/16 EF 29 ECOFIN 120 DELACT 23
+ REV 1 (pt)
15516/15 EF 235 ECOFIN 1001 DELACT 179
+ ADD 1

Statement by Portugal, joined by Greece

"Portugal generally welcomes the adoption of the Delegated Regulation with regard to the criteria relating to the calculation of ex-ante contributions, and on the circumstances and conditions under which the payment of extraordinary ex post contributions may be partially or entirely deferred.

Nevertheless, Portugal regrets the deviation from EBA's recommendation to allow for adjustments also on the basis of adverse economic situations in individual Member States.

First, we consider that differences on the macroeconomic cycle and financial conditions between Euro Area Member States exist as in other monetary unions. Therefore, policy decisions applied at the level of the Euro Area based on the economic and financial situation of Member States and financial institutions should also consider individual specificities, as the average could hide severe imbalances which are important to consider in policy decisions. We would therefore be supportive of an exceptional safeguard in the Delegated Regulation for cases of significant imbalances between Member States or of extreme adverse economic situations in individual Member States.

Second, we do not agree with the justification provided by the European Commission in the explanatory memorandum that "Regulation (EU) N° 806/2014 does not provide grounds for this proposal" as the "Delegated Regulation only allows for an approach for entities established in all participating MS". While we agree with the fact that the "Delegated Regulation only allows for an approach for entities established in all participating MS" we do not consider that EBA's recommendation would violate such principle. Indeed, we consider it was clear from the discussion at the Expert Group on Banking Payment and Insurance on 24 June 2015 that, according to EBA's recommendation, the Single Resolution Board decision would always apply in a homogeneous way to all institutions in all participating Member States, keeping the relative contributions unchanged, even when taking into account the conjuncture of individual Member States."

12. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 26.1.2016 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards specifying the conditions for the application of the derogations concerning currencies with constraints on the availability of liquid assets
 - = Intention not to raise objections to a delegated act
 - 6344/16 EF 31 ECOFIN 128 DELACT 25
 - 5759/16 EF 16 ECOFIN 65 DELACT 11

13. Special Report No 18/2015 "Financial assistance provided to countries in difficulties"
 - = Designation of Working Party
 - 6092/16 FIN 98 ECOFIN 92 UEM 38

14. Special Report No 19/2015 "More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece"
 - = Designation of Working Party
 - 6337/16 FIN 117 ECOFIN 125 UEM 46

15. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (codification) (First reading) (LA)
 - = Adoption of the legislative act
 - 6157/1/16 REV 1 CODEC 168 CODIF 7 SCHENGEN 2 FRONT 69 COMIX 107
VISA 37
 - PE-CONS 36/15 CODIF 76 SCHENGEN 21 FRONT 129 COMIX 276 VISA 215
CODEC 877

16. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the safeguard clause and the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part (First reading) (LA)
 - = Adoption of the legislative act
 - 6155/16 CODEC 166 COMER 15 WTO 33 COEST 35
+ COR 1
 - PE-CONS 73/15 COMER 161 WTO 287 COEST 388 CODEC 1750

17. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part (First reading) (LA)
 = Adoption of the legislative act
 6156/16 CODEC 167 COMER 16 WTO 34 COEST 36
 + COR 1
 PE-CONS 74/15 COMER 162 WTO 288 COEST 389 CODEC 1752
 + COR 1 (da)
18. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation by Belgium
 6199/16 SCH-EVAL 25 ENFOPOL 38 COMIX 112
 6197/16 SCH-EVAL 24 ENFOPOL 37 COMIX 111
19. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System by Belgium
 6201/16 SCH-EVAL 27 SIRIS 17 COMIX 114
 6200/16 SCH-EVAL 26 SIRIS 16 COMIX 113
20. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border by Belgium
 6206/16 SCH-EVAL 29 FRONT 74 COMIX 116
 6205/16 SCH-EVAL 28 FRONT 73 COMIX 115
21. Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation of the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of absence of border control at the internal border between Germany and France
 6211/16 SCH-EVAL 31 FRONT 76 COMIX 118
 6210/16 SCH-EVAL 30 FRONT 75 COMIX 117
22. Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors regarding approval of derogations to the Financial Regulation of the Centre for Development of the Enterprise (CDE)
 = Adoption
 5736/16 ACP 20 FIN 68 PTOM 12 DEVGEN 13
 5701/16 ACP 16 FIN 66 PTOM 11 DEVGEN 12
23. CDE – Centre for the Development of Enterprise
 = Appointment of a member of the Executive Board
 6292/16 ACP 28 PTOM 13 FIN 111

24. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
 - = Fulfilment of an opening benchmark on Chapter 24: Justice, Freedom and Security
6103/16 ELARG 4

Statement by Croatia

"Croatia is giving its consent to the Opening benchmark assessment Report for Chapter 24.

Croatia is reiterating its position on judicial co-operation in criminal matters by emphasizing the importance of regional co-operation based on well-established norms and principles of international criminal law. Continued and substantial efforts are needed on Serbia's part to address all outstanding issues which are adversely affecting such co-operation. Within the framework of the continued engagement at the bilateral and regional level, the implementation of the existing Serbian legislation in this domain needs to be re-examined, and its Law on Organization and Competences of Government Authorities in War Crimes, as a major stumbling block in regional judicial cooperation – thoroughly adapted according to the generally recognized norms and principles of international law and international criminal law, since it seriously undermines the process of reconciliation, inclusive regional co-operation, States' cooperation in the prosecution of the international core crimes, as well as good neighborly relations.

Croatia will continue to follow closely comprehensive measures that Serbia needs to put in place in all policy fields under Chapter 24, including co-operation in criminal matters, in the context of relevant negotiation chapters throughout the negotiating process, notably within Chapter 23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights."

25. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
 - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 8: Competition policy
6233/16 ELARG 7
26. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
 - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 29: Customs Union
6234/16 ELARG 8
27. Enlargement
- Accession negotiations with Serbia
 - = Outcome of screening on Chapter 30: External relations
6236/16 ELARG 9
28. Application of Bosnia and Herzegovina for accession to the European Union
- = Information to the European Parliament and national Parliaments
6231/16 COWEB 12 ELARG 6

29. Draft Council conclusions on the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism
6203/16 COVEME 3
30. Draft Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on Jordan's request for a WTO waiver relating to the transitional period for the elimination of its export subsidy program
= Adoption
5619/16 WTO 11 MED 3
5620/16 WTO 12 MED 4
31. – Council Decision amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus
– Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus
– Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus
6320/16 CORLX 68 CFSP/PESC 138 RELEX 120 COEST 44 FIN 115
6178/16 CORLX 62 CFSP/PESC 131 COEST 38 FIN 101
6193/16 CORLX 66 CFSP/PESC 135 RELEX 115 COEST 42 FIN 105
6191/16 CORLX 64 CFSP/PESC 133 RELEX 113 COEST 40 FIN 103

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42. Replies to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament (+)

- b) E-010514/2015 - Fulvio Martusciello (PPE)
Sharing of migrant quotas
5673/16 PE-QE 36
- c) E-010557/2015 - Elissavet Vozemberg (PPE)
Resettlement of refugees from Greece
5671/16 PE-QE 34
- d) E-012408/2015 - Monika Smolková (S&D)
Dealing with the migrant issue
5692/16 PE-QE 37
- e) E-014230/2015 - Mike Hookem (EFDD)
Valletta Summit Action Plan
5704/16 PE-QE 38
- f) E-014901/2015 - João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
Police violence and extortion inflicted on refugees
5672/16 PE-QE 35
- f) E-015326/2015 - Eleftherios Synadinos (NI)
Seeking a new approach with Russia to exports of agricultural products
5658/16 PE-QE 32
- g) P-015492/2015 - Matt Carthy (GUE/NGL)
Provisional application of trade agreement
5667/16 PE-QE 33
- h) E-015635/2015 - Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea (ALDE), Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz (ALDE), Marielle de Sarnez (ALDE), Sophia in 't Veld (ALDE), Ivo Vajgl (ALDE), Filiz Hyusmenova (ALDE), Marian Harkin (ALDE), Nedzhmi Ali (ALDE), Norica Nicolai (ALDE) and Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE)
Follow-up Directive Women on Board
5705/16 PE-QE 39
- i) E-015954/2015 - Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE)
Setting of fisheries TACs for 2016
5715/16 PE-QE 42
- j) E-000146/2016 - Catherine Bearder (ALDE)
Withdrawal from the EU under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty
5713/16 PE-QE 41

43. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of the 470-790MHz frequency band in the Union (**First reading**) (**Legislative deliberation**)

- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions (°)
6087/16 TELECOM 15 AUDIO 11 MI 78 CODEC 158
5814/16 TELECOM 13 AUDIO 6 MI 61 CODEC 125

44. Commission Directive (EU) .../... of XXX amending Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards language requirements (Text with EEA relevance)
- Decision not to oppose adoption
 - 6066/1/16 TRANS 42 REV 1
 - 5293/16 TRANS 11
 - + ADD 1
45. Commission Regulation (EU) No .../.. of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance)
- Decision not to oppose adoption
 - 6268/16 ENT 31 MI 90
 - 5222/16 ENT 6 MI 10
 - + ADD 1
46. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 3.2.2016 determining those operations in connection with the application of agricultural regulations which require the introduction of information into the Custom Information System
- Intention not to raise objection to a delegated act
 - 6146/16 UD 23 DELACT 20
 - + **COR 1**
 - 5728/16 UD 15
47. **Withdrawn**
48. **Withdrawn**
49. IMO – Draft Union submission to be submitted to the 96th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 96) of the IMO in London from 11–20 May 2016 concerning firefighting measures on ro-ro and ro-pax vessels
- Approval
 - 6113/16 OMI 17 MAR 47
 - + ADD 1

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the above mentioned "Union submission" to be submitted to the IMO is covered by EU exclusive competence. Submission of proposals to the IMO on issues of EU competence is an act of external representation and should be made by the Commission on behalf of the EU to IMO and should therefore be sent to the IMO by the Commission.

In the view of the Commission, the procedural arguments against presenting submissions to the IMO by the Commission on behalf of the EU are not convincing as there is no evidence to suggest that the IMO, as a specialized agency of the United Nations, would be in a position to reject such a submission.

The Commission thus maintains its position that the Treaty provisions on external representation of the Union should be applied and, consequently, to present the submission in question to the IMO by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union is the only legally correct way forward. In case of non-respect of the above rules, the Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

50. IMO – Draft Union submission to be submitted to the 96th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 96) of the IMO in London from 11–20 May 2016 concerning a proposal on the application of the Code on Noise Levels on Board of Ships
- Approval
6115/16 OMI 18 MAR 48
+ ADD 1

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51. IMO – Draft Union submission to be submitted to the 69th session of Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 69) in London from 18–22 April 2016 concerning comments on document MEPC 69/6/AA on draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI – Full Textual Amendments for Chapter 4 Fuel Consumption Data Collection Program
- Approval
6116/16 MAR 49 OMI 19 ENV 70
+ ADD 1

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the above mentioned "Union submission" to be submitted to the IMO is covered by EU exclusive competence. Submission of proposals to the IMO on issues of EU competence is an act of external representation and should be made by the Commission on behalf of the EU to IMO and should therefore be sent to the IMO by the Commission.

In the view of the Commission, the procedural arguments against presenting submissions to the IMO by the Commission on behalf of the EU are not convincing as there is no evidence to suggest that the IMO, as a specialized agency of the United Nations, would be in a position to reject such a submission.

The Commission thus maintains its position that the Treaty provisions on external representation of the Union should be applied and, consequently, to present the submission in question to the IMO by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union is the only legally correct way forward. In case of non-respect of the above rules, the Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

52. Proposal for a 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. 10, 34, 41, 46, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 60, 73, 83, 94, 107, 110, 113, 118, 125, 128, 130 and 131 and the proposal for a new Regulation concerning the approval of quiet road transport vehicles (QRTV)

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