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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
28 February, 2 and 6 March 2018

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

6542/1/18 REV 1 OJ CRP2 8 COMIX 84 + CM 1840/1/18 REV 1  
6568/18 OJ CRP1 8 + COR 1 + COR 2

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 2)**

**WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Foreign Affairs**

2. EU-Western Balkans Summit (Sofia 17 May 2018) 6498/18  
*Policy debate*

The Committee held an exchange of views on the preparation of the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Sofia on 17 May 2018.

## Justice and Home Affairs

### 3. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 8-9 March 2018: Preparation

- a) Cooperation with the Western Balkans in the area of Internal Security and Counter-terrorism<sup>1</sup> 6325/18  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Interoperability between EU information systems 6396/18  
i) Interoperability Regulation (borders and visa)  
ii) Interoperability Regulation (police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration)  
*Policy debate*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) EU JHA agencies' role in counter-terrorism 6146/18 + ADD 1  
*Policy debate*

The Committee agreed to make a small adjustment to the first point for discussion in the note before forwarding it to the Council.

- d) Cooperation between CSDP missions/operations and EU JHA agencies  
*Political endorsement*

The Presidency informed the Committee about the intentions for the handling of this item at the JHA Council on 8-9 March and agreed to continue the preparation of the item at the following meeting of the Committee on the basis of a joint concept paper expected from the Commission and the EEAS.

- e) PNR Directive: Implementation 6017/18  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- f) Brussels IIa Regulation: recast 6300/18  
*Policy debate*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- g) Non-cash fraud Directive 6301/18  
*General approach*

The Committee agreed to revert to the preparation of this item at its next session.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

- h) EPP0 Regulation: Implementation 6467/18  
*State of play*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- i) Improving cross-border access to e-evidence 6339/18  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- j) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information with regard to the Council.

4. Qualification Regulation 6303/18  
*Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

The Committee agreed to extend the mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

### **Foreign Affairs**

5. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 26 February 2018:  
Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

6. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 6 March  
2018: Preparation

- a) Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) 6591/18  
*Exchange of views*  
Council Decision on the first set of projects  
*Adoption*  
Council Recommendation on the way forward on PESCO  
implementation  
*Adoption*

The Committee agreed that the Council will revert by June 2018 to the issue of the roles and responsibilities of the participating Member States within the projects, including regarding coordination functions. Furthermore the Committee agreed to forward the draft Council Decision to the Council for adoption. Finally, the Committee decided to revert to the draft Council Recommendation at the continuation of its session.

- b) Security and Defence  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) CSDP Missions and Operations  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information with regard to the Council.

7. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 19 March 2018:  
Agenda

The EEAS presented the main points on the agenda. A number of delegations requested the addition of an item on Iran.

### **General Affairs**

8. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 27 February 2018:  
Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

9. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 20 March 2018:  
Agenda

The Presidency presented the main points on the agenda.

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

10. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on  
13 March 2018: Preparation  
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information with regard to the Council.

## **TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018**

### **Foreign Affairs**

6. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 6 March  
2018: Preparation

- a) Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)

*Exchange of views*

Council Decision on the first set of projects

6591/18

*Adoption*

Council Recommendation on the way forward on PESCO  
implementation

6715/1/18 REV 1

6588/1/18 REV 1

*Adoption*

The Committee finalised its preparation of this item for the Council by agreeing to forward the draft Recommendation to the Council for adoption.

## **COREPER (PART 1)**

### **Environment**

39. Regulation on monitoring and reporting of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for heavy duty vehicles

*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 27 February 2018.

### **Energy**

40. Regulation on governance of the Energy Union

*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 21 February 2018.

41. Directive on energy efficiency

*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 22 February 2018.

42. Directive on renewable energy (recast)

*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 27 February 2018.

### **Culture/Audiovisual Matters**

43. Review of the Directive on audiovisual media services (AVMS)

*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 26 February 2018.

### **Agriculture and Fisheries**

44. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 19 March 2018): Agenda (For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

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

## Agriculture

45. Regulation on veterinary medicinal products  
*Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 26 February 2018.

## Health

46. Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 to adapt it to the Veterinary Medicines Package  
*Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement*
- 6462/18 + ADD 1  
+ COR 1

The Committee analysed the final compromise text. The Committee will revert to confirm agreement.

## Employment and Social Policy

47. Revision of Directive 96/71 on posting of workers  
*Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 28 February 2018.

48. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 15 March 2018: Preparation

1. The future of social Europe post 2020  
*Policy debate*
- 6326/18 + ADD 1  
+ COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. European Semester 2018

- a) Priorities for action in the areas of employment and social policies: Political guidance in 2018

- i) Joint Employment Report 6255/18

- ii) Conclusions on the 2018 Annual Growth Survey and Joint Employment Report 6427/18

*Adoption*

- b) 2018 Country reports 6378/18  
*Presentation by the Commission*

The above-mentioned sub-item 2 b) was withdrawn.

The Committee prepared the remainder of this item for the Council.

3. Investing in Youth Employment: Implementation of the Youth Guarantee 6149/18 + COR 1  
+ ADD 1-29  
*Endorsement of EMCO's key messages*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

4. Recommendation on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships 6348/18  
*Adoption*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

#### Statement by Latvia

"Latvia supports the measures proposed to improve the quality and effectiveness of apprenticeships across the EU.

With a view to implementation and to avoid misinterpretation, it is of importance to clarify the terminology used in the Council Recommendation. The term "apprenticeship" does not correspond to the terminology embedded in the national legislation of Latvia. The closest corresponding term to the content of this proposal in Latvian language is "*darba vidē balstītas mācības*", which means "work-based learning".

Terminology issues vis-à-vis Latvia were raised at the EMCO committee during the multilateral surveillance exercise when reviewing the Country Specific Recommendations. Broad agreement was reached that, as regards the situation and ongoing reforms in Latvia, the term "work-based learning" should be used."

5. Closing the gender pay gap: contributing to the achievement of the goals of the European Pillar of Social Rights 6423/18  
*Policy debate*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

#### **IV. Any other business**

##### **COREPER (PART 2)**

Informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government on 23 February 2018 - Institutional issues debrief

This item was held in a restricted session.

##### **COREPER (PART 1)**

Revision of the gas Directive

*Information from the Council Legal Service, requested by the Polish and other delegations*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Council Legal Service.

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**"I" items approved****COREPER (PART 2)****WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018****Judicial Affairs**

11. Case C-644/17 6329/18  
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee  
 (Part 2)*

**General Affairs**

12. Non-binding delineation Criteria between delegated and  
 implementing acts 6468/18  
*Endorsement*
- The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.
13. EU-Canada Ocean Partnership - Authorisation to open  
 negotiations 6384/18  
*Approval*

**Economic and Financial Affairs**

14. European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 4/2018 6466/18  
*Designation of a Working Party*

**Justice and Home Affairs**

15. Council Decision on international substance scheduling at the  
 61st Commission on Narcotic Drugs session 6320/18  
*Adoption* 6084/18

**Statement by the Commission**

"The Commission will not oppose the adoption by qualified majority of the revised text of the EU common position for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances at the 61st meeting of the CND, but wishes to reiterate its position that the decisions concerned by this proposal are a matter of exclusive Union competence because Union law, in this case in the area of drug control, will be directly and automatically affected by the scheduling decisions of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND). The Commission underlines that this position refers to international scheduling decisions under the 1961 UN Convention on Narcotic Drugs and the 1971 UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances and not to drugs policy in general."

16. Prüm Implementing Decisions: Council Implementing Decision 6008/18  
 on the launch of automated data with regard to vehicle 13308/17  
 registration data in Portugal 11263/17  
*Adoption*

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| 17. | Prüm Council conclusions: Council conclusions on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection with regard to exchange of DNA data in Croatia<br><i>Adoption</i> | 6122/18<br>5732/18<br>5733/18 + COR 1 |
| 18. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Denmark data protection<br><i>Adoption</i>  | 6409/18<br>6421/18                    |
| 19. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Denmark police cooperation<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6411/18<br>6410/18                    |
| 20. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Greece data protection<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6400/18<br>6399/18                    |
| 21. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - France data protection<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6403/18<br>6401/18                    |
| 22. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Iceland police cooperation<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6407/18<br>6406/18                    |
| 23. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Iceland return<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6405/18<br>6404/18                    |
| 24. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Sweden return<br><i>Adoption</i>  | 6415/18<br>6414/18                    |
| 25. | Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Sweden visa policy<br><i>Adoption</i>   | 6413/18<br>6412/18                    |

### **Foreign Affairs**

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| 26. | Force Catalogue 2017<br><i>Approval</i>  | 6395/18                               |
| 27. | Modification for EXSPEC for MILEX18<br><i>Approval</i>   | 6385/1/18 REV 1<br>6383/18            |
| 28. | EUCAP Somalia - opening negotiations on status of mission agreement - Decision<br><i>Adoption</i>                              | 6110/18<br>5809/18                    |
| 29. | Central African Republic restrictive measures: transposition of UNSCR 2399 (2018) - Decision and Regulation<br><i>Adoption</i> | 6106/18 + COR 1<br>5889/18<br>5891/18 |
| 30. | Central African Republic restrictive measures - UN update - Implementing Decision and Regulation<br><i>Adoption</i>            | 6546/18<br>6483/18<br>6485/18         |

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| 31. Democratic People's Republic of Korea restrictive measures -<br>UN transposition - Implementing Decision and Regulation<br><i>Adoption</i> | 6502/18<br>6447/18<br>6448/18 |
| 32. Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - pre-notifications<br><i>Adoption</i>  | 6582/18                       |
| 33. Ukraine: misappropriation of funds - review - Decision and<br>Implementing Regulation<br><i>Adoption</i>                                   | 6578/18<br>6537/18<br>6539/18 |

**Other items**

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| 34. Approval of a cryptographic product<br><i>Approval</i> | 6245/18 |
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## **COREPER (PART 1)**

### **Institutional Affairs**

#### **Written questions**

49. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament  
*Adoption by silence procedure* 6454/18
- a) João Pimenta Lopes (GUE/NGL) 6271/18  
'EU position on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons'
- b) Daciana Octavia Sârbu (S&D) 5836/18  
'Food waste'
- c) Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL) and Malin Björk (GUE/NGL) 5695/18  
'Dual national citizens being kept in Turkey'

### **Delegated or Implementing Acts**

#### **Health**

50. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 29.1.2018 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2016/127 with regard to protein requirements for follow-on formula  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections* 5887/18  
5777/18 + ADD 1  
+ COR 1

### **Other items**

#### **General Affairs**

51. Impact assessment - Guidance for Working Party Chairs 6269/18  
*Endorsement* 6270/18

### **EU positions for international organisations**

52. Decision on UNECE (March 2018) 6172/18  
*Adoption* 6173/18

### **Internal Market and Industry**

53. Decision on the negotiating mandate for revised Lisbon Agreement 6048/18  
*Adoption* 6040/18

## **Transport**

54. Decision on EU-US ATM MoC - SESAR-NextGEN: conclusion  
*Adoption* 6226/18  
5800/18 + COR 1

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

## **Fisheries**

55. Regulation on the North Sea multi-annual plan  
*Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to  
agreement* 6233/18 + ADD 1  
6419/18 + COR 1
56. High Level Conference on Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture  
(Sofia, 6-7 June 2018): Sofia Declaration  
*Authorisation to open negotiations* 6220/18
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