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#### **SUMMARY RECORD**

# PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE 14. 16 and 18 November 2018

I. Adoption of the agenda

14138/18 OJ CRP1 39 + COR 1 14174/1/18 REV 1 OJ CRP2 39 COMIX 622 + CM 5367/18

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 1)**

# **WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018**

# **Internal Market and Industry**

2. Directive on the notification procedure *Preparation for the trilogue* 

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The Committee agreed to revert to this item as it could not agree on a mandate. The planned trilogue will be postponed. The Commission declared that if Member States were to consider agreeing to delete the powers conferred on the Commission in Article 15.7 of the Services Directive, the Commission would reserve its right to withdraw the legislative proposal for a Notifications Directive because such a deletion would contradict the objective of this legislative proposal."

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# **Competitiveness**

3. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (<u>Internal Market, Industry, Research</u> and <u>Space</u>) on 29 and 30 November 2018: Preparation

1. Regulation on Single Market Programme Partial general approach 13836/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. Regulation on general safety of vehicles *General approach* 

13920/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

3. Conclusions on a Future EU Industrial Policy Strategy *Adoption* 

13837/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

# **Employment and Social Policy**

4. Directive on work-life balance *Preparation for the trilogue* 

13992/18

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

# **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**

5. Meeting of the Council (<u>Transport, Telecommunications</u> and Energy) on 3 and 4 December 2018: Preparation

1. Agenda

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

2.	Mol	pility Package I	13922/18
	a)	Regulation on access to the profession and access to	13203/2/18 REV 2
		the haulage market	13204/2/18 REV 2
	b)	Regulations on rest time periods and on tachographs	13205/2/18 REV 2
	c)	Directive on enforcing social rules and on lex	13206/2/18 REV 2
		specialis for posting of drivers	
	Gen	eral approach	

The Committee agreed to revert to this item.

14879/18 2 GIP.1 EN 3. Mobility Package II Directive amending Directive 92/106 on combined transport General approach

13871/18

The Committee agreed to revert to this item.

#### **Transport**

6. Directive on electronic road tolling and exchange of information Preparation for the trilogue

13982/18

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

#### **Education, Youth, Culture and Sport**

- 7. Meeting of the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 26 and 27 November 2018: Preparation
  - Regulation on the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) 2021 1. to 2027 Partial general approach

13937/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

# Statement by France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium

"France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium are expressing their concerns with regard to the use of delegated acts in the case of the evaluation indicators for the Erasmus+ program (foreseen in articles 20 and 30) and for the European Solidarity Corps (foreseen in articles 19 and 29).

Evaluation indicators define the parameters that are estimated crucial for the implementation of the programs, offering the necessary policy guidelines to those who are vested with the responsibility to implement them. Consequently, they have a political character and delegated acts are not the appropriate procedure to elaborate and select them. The procedure of delegated acts does not allow an in-depth debate and a co-elaboration of such indicators to take place.

Therefore France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium regret the choice made in the above articles, which shall not constitute a precedent for the future."

2. Resolution on the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027 Adoption

13940/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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3. Conclusions on youth work in the context of migration and refugee matters *Adoption* 

13941/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

4. European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027: From vision to implementation *Policy debate* 

13942/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

5. Regulation on Erasmus *Partial general approach* 

13508/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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6. Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education diplomas *Adoption* 

12785/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

7. European Education Area 2025: From vision to implementation *Policy debate* 

13583/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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8. Regulation on Creative Europe 2021-2027 Progress report

13925/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

9. Conclusions on the Work Plan for Culture 2019-2022 Adoption

13886/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Conclusions on the strengthening of European content in the digital economy Adoption

13923/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

11. Tackling the spread of disinformation online: Challenges for the media ecosystem Policy debate

13362/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Conclusions on the economic dimension of sport and its socio-economic benefits Adoption

13764/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Major sporting events as drivers of innovation Policy debate

13952/18

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The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

#### **Fisheries**

8. Regulation on a multi-annual plan for fish stocks in the Western

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 12 November 2018.

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# **Agriculture and Fisheries**

9. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 19 November 2018: Preparation

1. Council Regulation fixing for 2019 and 2020 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deepsea fish stocks

Political agreement

13601/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. Current challenges in the field of plant protection *Exchange of views* 

13896/18

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

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# **FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2018**

#### **Energy**

10. Directive on electricity (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 12 November 2018.

11. Regulation on electricity (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 13 November 2018.

12. Regulation on ACER (recast)

9754/6/18 REV 6

Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

13. Regulation on risk preparedness in the electricity sector *Preparation for the trilogue* 

6759/6/18 REV 6

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

#### Competitiveness

- 3. <u>Continuation:</u> Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (<u>Internal Market, Industry, Research</u> and <u>Space</u>) on 29 and 30 November 2018: Preparation
  - 4. Regulation on Platforms-to-Business Relations *General approach*

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The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

# **Environment**

Regulation on CO2 standards for cars and vans (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 13 November 2018.

15 Regulation on the alignment of the environmental reporting obligations

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 15 November 2018.

# **Employment, Social Policy and Health**

Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 16. 6 and 7 December 2018: Agenda

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

## **Transport**

Regulation on safeguarding competition in air transport 17. Preparation for the trilogue

14158/1/18 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

18. Directive on port reception facilities Preparation for the trilogue

13928/18

The Committee agreed on a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

# **COREPER (PART 2)**

# **WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018**

#### **Foreign Affairs**

- 43. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 19-20 November 2018: Preparation
  - a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

b) Central Asia Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

c) Bosnia and Herzegovina Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

d) Yemen Exchange of views

The Committee agreed to remove this item from the Council agenda.

e) Ukraine Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

f) Security and Defence Exchange of views Conclusions Adoption

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The Committee agreed to return to this item at the continuation of its session.

g) EU - NATO Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

h) CSDP Missions & Operations Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

#### **Justice and Home Affairs**

33. Regulation on the creation of a European network of immigration liaison officers (recast)

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

13828/18 + ADD 1

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

34. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6-7 December 2018: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

36. Regulation on strengthening the security of ID cards and of residence documents

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

13462/1/18 REV 1 13462/18 ADD 1 REV 2

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

# Statement by the Netherlands

"The Netherlands acknowledges the advantages of using fingerprints in the fight against identity fraud and the improvement of internal security. However, as pointed out continuously, due to the absence of internal border controls and geographically limited usability of the identity card for travel outside the Schengen area the Netherlands retains its concerns regarding the proportionality of this measure.

At the same time, the Netherlands acknowledges the importance of other aspects of this regulation. This is a big step forward in terms of document security and therefor supports the proposed negotiation mandate."

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35. Regulation establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) - recommitment of remaining amounts *Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament* 

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The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

# Statement by Italy

"Italy refers to the draft proposal for amending the AMIF Regulation as regards the recommitment of the remaining amounts committed to support the implementation of Council Decisions 2015/1523 and 2015/1601.

Italy would like to recall that the two above mentioned Decisions provided for a legal obligation for the Member States to relocate from Italy and Greece a total of 160.000 persons in need of protection, in accordance with their respective quotas. In order to support the implementation of such Decisions, resources from the AMIF were allocated to Member States of relocation (namely 6.000 euro for each person relocated) and to the beneficiary Member States (500 euro for each person to be transferred to the Member States of relocation). Nevertheless a number of Member States did not abide or only partially abided by such obligations to relocate persons in need of protection to their territories.

The current legislative proposal from the Commission allows Member States to use the amounts of money already allocated to them for the same action or transfer such amounts to other actions admitted under the AMIF Regulation.

Italy strongly regrets that such a proposal penalizes both the Member States which met their obligations and the beneficiary Member States, Italy and Greece, which could not fully benefit of the temporary support measures provided for by the two Decisions of 2015. Moreover the proposal also broadens the scope of the initial provisions, by encompassing actions which cannot be considered as an expression of solidarity, in contrast with the objective pursued in 2015.

For the abovementioned reasons, Italy is not in a position to support the negotiating mandate to the Presidency."

#### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

39. Preparation Conciliation Committee and Ecofin/Budget Council on 16 November 2018

The Presidency outlined the situation with the European Parliament and the calendar of next steps.

40. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 4 December 2018: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

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# **General Affairs**

41. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 12 November 2018: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

#### **Foreign Affairs**

37. 7th EU-South Africa Summit State of play of preparations Approval

The Committee discussed the state of play of preparations and provided a mandate for the negotiator in view of finalising the Joint Statement.

38. Communication on a new Africa - Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs *Exchange of views* 

12167/18

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

42. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 9 November 2018: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

44. Defence Fund Regulation *Partial general approach* 

13951/1/18 REV1

The Committee agreed to forward the text as set out in 14094/1/18 REV 1 to Council to agree on a partial general approach.

#### **General Affairs**

45. Joint action plan of the Commission and the EEAS to fight disinformation *Exchange of views* 

The Committee held an exchange of views on the forthcoming joint action plan of the Commission and the EEAS to fight disinformation.

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# **SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018**

# **Foreign Affairs**

- 43. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 19-20 November 2018: Preparation
  - f) Security and Defence Exchange of views Conclusions Adoption

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The Committee prepared this item for the Council and agreed to forward the draft conclusions to the Council for adoption.

# IV. Any other business

# **COREPER (PART 1)**

None.

# **COREPER (PART 2)**

Trilogues:

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

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#### "I" items approved

# **COREPER (PART 1)**

#### **Institutional Affairs**

# Written questions

19. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament Adoption by silence procedure

13852/18 PE-QE

Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE), Jordi Solé (Verts/ALE) and Ramon Tremosa i Balcells (ALDE) 'MEPs' right of access to prisons and detention centres without hindrance'

12994/18

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

# **Appointments**

Four members (IT) and two alternate members (IT) in the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers Adoption

13645/1/18 REV 1

13644/18 SOC

21. One member (EL) in the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality Adoption

13934/18 SOC

#### **Judicial Affair**

22. Case T-425/18 (Altice Europe NV v European Commission) Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (*Part 1*)

14044/18 JUR

23. Case T-396/18 (International Tax Stamp Association (ITSA) v European Commission) Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (*Part 1*)

14131/18 JUR

# **Internal Market and Industry**

24. Conclusions on Better Regulation (CoA SR No 16/2018)

Adoption

14137/18

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# **EU** positions for international negotiations

25. Council Decision on the EU position on Agreement concerning work of vehicles crews (AETR)
 Adoption
 13916/18
 13711/18 + ADD 1
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#### **Transport**

26. Regulation amending Regulation 391/2009 to prepare for "Brexit" MAR

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

#### Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the current Council text provides only for an exchange of good practices between the Commission and Member States in the context of their participation in the Commission's assessment under Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) 391/2009. Therefore, this provision will not allow for the establishment of a European oversight program so that the Member States willing to participate could discharge their obligations under the IMO (III Code) and the reflected obligations under Article 9 of Directive 2009/15/EC. If the intention is to establish such a program, to what the Commission would not be opposed, the explicit legal provision should be inserted under which a European oversight and monitoring program is established with specific reference in the text to the IMO Resolution A.1070(28) on IMO Instruments Implementation Code and Article 9 of Directive 2009/15/EC."

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# **Internal Market and Industry**

27. Regulation to prolong transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code (Article 278)

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

13488/18 + ADD 1 13501/18 UD

# Statement by the Commission

"The Commission recalls the joint Council and Commission statement made to the minutes when adopting the VAT e-commerce package on 5 December 2017. Delays of national IT systems should not cause delays to the application of the VAT e-commerce rules.

Member States which are not able to implement the UCC National Import Systems Upgrade by the end of 2020 need to adapt their existing systems so as to support the implementation of the above mentioned VAT e-commerce package by 1 January 2021.

The Commission will work closely with the Council and the European Parliament in the upcoming negotiations to ensure that the final result allows for effective implementation of these policy objectives."

## Statement by Portugal

"Portugal appreciates the efforts made by the Austrian Presidency in the preparation of a compromise text (13501/18) for amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (UCC), in view of the forthcoming discussions with the European Parliament. In particular, Portugal welcomes the extension of the deadline for the development and/or updating of national electronic customs systems beyond 31 December 2020, as envisaged currently in Article 278 of the Union Customs Code (UCC).

Portugal is strongly committed to the creation of a digital environment for customs and trade and has been pursuing a strategy in that respect. Furthermore, Portugal always strives to fully comply with its obligations under Union law and to have a constructive and committed position in the discussions leading to the adoption of such legislation.

Nevertheless, given the complexity and scope of the work to be undertaken and the risks involved, Portugal cannot support the deadline of 31 December 2022 for the development and/or updating of the electronic systems under consideration, as foreseen under Article 278(2) of the Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013.

For the reasons set out above, Portugal abstains in relation to the Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013."

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#### Statement by the Netherlands

"For the Netherlands, the use of electronic data-processing techniques for the exchange of information between customs authorities and between economic operators and customs authorities is standard. During a transitional period until 31 December 2020, member states may use other systems than the systems provided for in the Union Customs Code. The draft regulation amending Article 278 of the UCC aims to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code but makes a distinction in time limits between the Trans European Systems (TES) and the National Systems. In the proposal TES may be used on a transitional base until 31 December 2025 whereas National Systems may be used until 31 December 2022 at the latest. For the Netherlands the distinction between TES and National Systems, with different deadlines applied, is hardly feasible and will lead to unnecessary extra cost for customs authorities and economic operators. The National systems are strongly linked to the TES and therefore the transitional period for the TES and the National Systems in the proposal should therefore be the same."

28.	Regulation amending Union Customs Code for Campione	13502/18
	d'Italia and Lake Lugano	13503/18
	Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament	UD

29. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 on the type-approval of two or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles *Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement* 

# **Delegated or Implementing Acts**

#### Health

30. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the substance N-(2-methylcyclohexyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzamide Decision not to oppose adoption 13616/18 13134/18 + ADD 1 DENLEG

31. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food Decision not to oppose adoption

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13238/18 + ADD 1
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#### **Agriculture**

32. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... amending Annexes II and
V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament
and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for
iprodione in or on certain products
Decision not to oppose adoption

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+ ADD 1 - ADD 2
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# **COREPER (PART 2)**

# **Judicial Affairs**

46.	Cases: C-603/18 P (Appeal by Dr. K. Chrysostomides & Co.	14090/18
	LLc and Others against judgment T-680/13) and C-604/18 P	JUR
	(Appeal by Eleni Pavlikka Bourdouvali and Others against	
	judgment T-786/14)	
	Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee	
	(Part 2)	
47.	Case C-494/18 Bondora AS and others (Juzgado de Primera	14102/18
	Instancia n° 20 de Barcelona - Spain)	JUR
	Reference for a preliminary ruling - validity	
	Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee	
	(Part 2)	

# **Institutional Affairs**

# Letters

48.	Partial renewal of the Members of the Court of Auditors	13378/18
	Approval of a letter	CMPT

# **Transparency**

49.	Public access to documents	12846/18
	Confirmatory application No 26/c/01/18	INF
	Adoption	API

49.	Public access to documents Confirmatory application No 26/c/01/18 Adoption	12846/18 INF API
Eco	nomic and Financial Affairs	
50.	New Maltese Commemorative Coin	13701/18 UEM
51.	New Slovenian 2 Euro Commemorative Coin	13322/18 UEM
52.	Council position on draft amending budget No 6/2018 Information to national Parliaments	13958/18 FIN
53.	Council position on draft amending budget No 6/2018 <i>Adoption</i>	13959/18 FIN
54.	Transfer No DEC 1/2018 (Section VI - European Economic and Social Committee <i>Approval</i>	13781/18 FIN

55. Transfer No DEC 29/2018 (Section III - Commission) 13787/18 *Approval* FIN 56. Transfer No DEC 31/2018 (Section III - Commission) 13788/18 *Approval* FIN ECA SR No 24/2018 on demonstrating carbon capture and 13803/18 storage and innovative renewables at commercial scale in the **FIN** EU Designation of a Working Party

# **General Affairs**

58. Council Implementing Decision on the EU Integrated Political
Crisis Response (IPCR) arrangements

Adoption

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#### Statement by the Commission and the High Representative

"The Commission and the High Representative consider that the Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements that were agreed in 2013 function well, are flexible and allow coverage of a wide range of crises. In the absence of a review indicating deficiencies, there are no reasons justifying the adoption of the draft Council Implementing Decision on the EU Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements.

The Commission and the High Representative express concern that the draft Council Implementing Decision does not have an appropriate legal basis, risks narrowing the scope of the Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements, and transforms voluntary commitments into legal obligations for the Commission and the High Representative.

The Commission and the High Representative therefore declare that they consider this Decision not binding on the institution and the High Representative and reserve their rights. Furthermore, the Commission suggests postponing the consideration of any changes to be made to the arrangements, if necessary, on the basis of lessons learnt from their first activation during the migration/refugee crisis.

In the meantime, the Commission services and the EEAS will continue to respect commitments according to the arrangements agreed in 2013, including those related to the delivery of Integrated Situational Awareness and Analysis reports."

#### Statement by the Council Legal Service

"In respect of the Statement by the Commission and the High Representative on this item, the Council Legal Service recalls that, as explained in its opinion of 5 October 2018 (doc. 12757/18), it is legally possible and appropriate for the Council to adopt an implementing Decision based on Article 9(3) of the Solidarity Clause Decision in order to transform the IPCR as approved as Council conclusions in the form of a legally binding act of Union law. Thus the envisaged act is based on the appropriate legal basis.

Furthermore, the Council Implementing Decision on the EU Integrated Political Crisis Response (IPCR) arrangements, once adopted, will be a legal act provided for by the Treaties. It is binding in its entirety in the Union legal order, including on Union institutions and Member States, as set out in Article 288 TFEU."

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59.	Non-binding delineation criteria between delegated and implementing acts Endorsement	ST13326/18 INST JUR
Justi	ice and Home Affairs	
60.	Schengen Information System (SIS): SIS Return Regulation Adoption of the legislative act	13761/18 + ADD 1 PE-CONS 34/18 SIRIS
61.	Schengen Information System (SIS): SIS Border Checks Regulation Adoption of the legislative act	13762/18 + ADD 1 PE-CONS 35/18 SIRIS
62.	Schengen Information System (SIS): SIS Police Cooperation Regulation Adoption of the legislative act	13763/18 PE-CONS 36/18 SIRIS
63.	Fight against antisemitism Approval	14048/18 CATS
64.	Interoperability Regulation (borders and visa)  Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament	13732/18
Fore	ign Affairs	
65.	Conclusions on Ethiopia  Adoption	13882/18 COAFR
66.	Conclusions on Sudan Adoption	13881/18 COAFR
67.	Conclusions on Afghanistan  Adoption	13821/18 COASI
68.	Conclusions on Pakistan Adoption	13822/18 COASI
69.	Conclusions on the 2017 report on implementation of EU Gender Action Plan II <i>Adoption</i>	14027/18 DEVGEN
70.	Conclusions on the revised EU International Cooperation and Development Results Framework <i>Adoption</i>	14092/18 DEVGEN

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71. Conclusions on an EU Strategy against illicit firearms, SALW and ammunition 13498/18 CONOP

Adoption

72. Conclusions on Civilian CSDP Compact

Adoption

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73. Annexes - Military Requirements for Military Mobility within and beyond the EU

\*\*Approval\*\*

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#### Statement by Austria

"As regards the Annexes to the Military Requirements for Military Mobility within and beyond the EU, as set out in document 13674/18 dated 9 November 2018, AT is committed to improving Military Mobility as set out in Council Conclusions of 25 June 2018 and has taken a number of steps in Austria in recent years to facilitate military mobility.

However, as regards the military requirements for infrastructure, the competent authorities in Austria are concerned about a number of fundamental challenges in the Annexes, in particular the technical requirements set out in Tables 1.6 and 1.8 of Annex II, which constitute a compilation of maximum demands beyond the existing requirements for Trans-European Networks required only for a fraction of existing equipment while not taking into account financial and engineering considerations as well as geographic realities, especially those of predominantly mountainous countries like Austria.

In line with the "I/A" Item Note, in particular Para. 4, AT is, therefore, of the opinion that the technical requirements set out in Tables 1.6 and 1.8 of Annex II provide the indicative and non-prescriptive military input to the next steps foreseen in the Action Plan on Military Mobility of March 2018. As a consequence, this input does not entail any obligation for Member States, be it with a view to upgrading existing transport infrastructure and/or the construction of new transport infrastructure. Concerning the TEN-T corridors which Austria listed as priorities for military mobility, Austria aims at fulfilling the requirements of the TEN-T Network set out in regulation (EU) 1315/2013 (TEN-T Guidelines) until 2030. Given the merely indicative character of this input, the technical requirements will be subject to a comprehensive examination, including the feasibility, by the Commission and the competent Member States authorities, taking into account the existing equipment and technical viability, financial and engineering considerations as well as geographic realities. Finally, all documents concerning military mobility have to fully respect and reflect the sovereignty and national-decision-making of each Member State, in particular as regards infrastructure including infrastructure development and construction, transport permissions and traffic regulations especially on environmental and safety issues."

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74.	EDA Report to Council 2018	13895/18 13897/18 CSDP/PSDC
75.	EDA Guidelines 2019 Adoption	13877/18 CSDP/PSDC
76.	Cyber Defence Policy Framework update <i>Adoption</i>	13879/18 CSDP/PSDC
77.	Conclusions on Water Diplomacy  Adoption	13972/1/18 REV 1 CFSP
78.	PSC Decision EUTM Mali/2/2018: appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander Decision to publish in the Official Journal	13954/18 13506/18 PSC DEC
79.	Union support for the universalization and the effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism - Decision <i>Adoption</i>	13858/18 13494/18 CORLX
80.	Combating the Illicit Trade in and Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Member States of the League of Arab States - Decision <i>Adoption</i>	13354/18 13273/18 CORLX
81.	Libya restrictive measures - letters of reply regarding designated person and entity <i>Adoption</i>	14087/18 CORLX
82.	(poss.) Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) - updating the list of projects - Decision <i>Adoption</i>	13962/18 13939/18 CORLX
83.	Egypt restrictive measures - letters of reply <i>Adoption</i>	14121/18 CORLX

84.	Ukraine misappropriation restrictive measures - letters of reply <i>Adoption</i>	14116/18 CORLX	
85.	(poss.) Council Decision on EU position in the EU-Ukraine Association Committee in Trade configuration <i>Adoption</i>	14177/18 13499/18 COEST	
EU	positions for international negotiations		
86.	Council Decision on the EU position in the International Olive Council (IOC)  Adoption	13777/18 PROBA AGRI	
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