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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

9139/1/19 REV 1

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 9139/1/19 REV 1.

2. **Approval of "A" items**

a) **Non-legislative list**

9141/19

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 9141/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements related to these items are set out in the Addendum.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Foreign Affairs

8. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against Syria - review

9147/19

+ **COR 1 (mt)**

Adoption

8852/19

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 15.05.2019

8854/19

CORLX

- b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

9142/19

Foreign Affairs

Council Decision on the Overseas Association, including Greenland

SC

8944/19

ACP

Partial general approach

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 07.05.2019

The Council reached a partial general approach on this proposal.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

3. Excise duties [SC]
- a) **Structure of Excise Duties on Alcohol: Amendments to the Council Directive** 9347/19 + ADD 1
 - b) **Directive on general arrangements for excise duty (recast)** 9368/19
 - c) **Regulation on administrative cooperation of the content of electronic registers**

The Council did not reach agreement on the draft amendments to the Directive on the structures of excise duty on alcohol and alcoholic beverages, as further technical work will be required, especially on the text of Article 22(8).

One delegation also entered a reservation on the Directive on general arrangements for excise duty (recast) and the Regulation on administrative cooperation of the content of electronic registers, while all other delegations were ready to support the Presidency compromise text.

4. Any other business 9045/19
Current financial services legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

Ministers were updated on the state of play of financial services legislative proposals.

Non-legislative activities

5. International meetings
- a) Digital taxation in the international context 9148/19
Policy debate 9150/19
 - b) Follow-up to the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors and of the IMF and World Bank Spring meetings on 12-14 April 2019 in Washington 9030/1/19 REV 1
Information from the Presidency and Commission
 - c) Terms of reference for the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 8-9 June 2019 in Fukuoka, Japan
 - d) First meeting of the Coalition of finance ministers for climate action 9019/19
Debrief 9077/19

6. European Semester 2019
Conclusions on Country Reports: 2019 In-depth reviews and
implementation of the 2018 Country-Specific
Recommendations
Adoption
7. Any other business
Priorities for the next institutional cycle in the ECOFIN area
Information from the Presidency

9021/19
9023/19

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- S** Special legislative procedure
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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