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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
11, 12, 13 and 17 June 2019

I. Adoption of the agenda

10006/19 OJ CRP1 22
10110/1/19 REV 1 OJ CRP2 22 + CM 3255/19

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)

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumers Affairs

2. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 13 and 14 June 2019: Preparation

European Semester 2019: Horizontal note on employment and
social policy aspects of Country Specific Recommendations
Policy debate

9878/19
9879/19

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Environment

3. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 26 June 2019: Preparation

1. Environmental Implementation Review (EIR) 9892/19
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. Conclusions on "Towards a Sustainable Chemicals Policy Strategy of the Union" 9910/19
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

3. Regulation on water re-use 9909/19
General approach ⁽¹⁾

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

4. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 25 June 2019: Preparation

1. Conclusions on the future of the energy systems in the Energy Union 9849/19
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. External energy relations 9855/1/19 REV 1
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

¹ When adopting a General approach or a Partial General approach after the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading, the Council is not acting within the meaning of Article 294(4) and (5) TFEU.

Agriculture and Fisheries

5. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 June 2019: Preparation

1. Regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 9867/19 + ADD 1
Partial General approach ⁽¹⁾

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. Communication on the state of play of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2020 9960/19
10186/19
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

COREPER (PART 2)

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019

General Affairs

14. Strategic Agenda 2019-2024

The Committee held an exchange of views on the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024 and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

15. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs/Cohesion) on 25 June 2019: Preparation

a) Legislative package for Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

a) Overall state of play of negotiations

10049/19

Progress report

10052/19

b) Future challenges in the programming of the funds

10054/19

Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

16. EU position on the renewal of the Executive Director and the two Deputy Executive Directors of the International Olive Council

10093/19

PROBA

Establishment of the EU position

The Committee held an exchange of views and determined that a common EU position could not be established and that therefore the EU would remain silent in the International Olive Council on this matter.

Foreign Affairs

17. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 17 June 2019: Preparation

a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

b) Effectiveness of CFSP

Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Assessing the Global Strategy
Exchange of views
Conclusions
Adoption

10046/19

The Committee prepared this item for the Council. The Committee also clarified that this item would include as sub-items the adoption of Conclusions on Security and Defence and on Multilateralism and agreed to revert to the texts of these Conclusions at the continuation of its session.

- d) Sudan
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council and agreed to add the approval of a Statement to the Council agenda. The Committee also agreed to revert to the Statement at the continuation of its session.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Justice and Home Affairs

- 18. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 6-7 June 2019: Follow-up

The Presidency presented the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019

Economic and Financial Affairs

- 19. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 14 June 2019: Preparation

- a) (poss.) Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax
Policy debate/Progress report

10097/19 + COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Follow-up to the G20 meeting in Fukuoka
Information from the Presidency and Commission

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) European Semester 2019: Horizontal note on economic and financial policy aspects of Country-specific recommendations
Policy debate 9956/19

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) (poss.) Council decisions/recommendations on the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
Adoption 10001/19
10002/19
10003/19
10004/19
10005/19

The Committee prepared this item for the Council agreed on the texts of the draft Decisions and agreed to take the Decisions as regards the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact as A-items at the Council.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

20. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 9 July 2019: Agenda

The incoming Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

General Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 June 2019: Preparation

- a) Preparation of the European Council on 20-21 June 2019:
Conclusions 8949/19
Exchange of views

The Committee discussed the draft conclusions.

- b) (poss.) European Council follow-up
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process 10035/19
Exchange of views
Conclusions
Adoption

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

Foreign Affairs

22. (poss.) EU-Ukraine Summit 9637/19 R-UE
Orientation debate

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

General Affairs

23. Legislative transparency 10126/19

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this issue at one of its forthcoming sessions.

21. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 June 2019:
Preparation

- d) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 10010/19
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- e) European Semester - Horizontal report on Country 9969/19
Specific Recommendations
Endorsement
Transmission to the European Council

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Foreign Affairs

24. Regulation establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and 10053/19
International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)
Partial Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

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

25. (poss.) PESCO - Third States participation 10099/19
State of play and guidance for further work

The Committee held an exchange of views.

THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019

General Affairs

14. Strategic Agenda 2019-2024

The Committee held an exchange of views and took note of the text of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024, agreed *ad referendum*, to be presented to the European Council on 20 June 2019.

21. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 June 2019: Preparation

- c) Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process
Exchange of views
Conclusions
Adoption

10035/19

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this issue at the continuation of its session.

Justice and Home Affairs

26. Council Decision on EU participation in GRECO with observer status *Adoption*

9883/19
DROIPEN

The Committee agreed on the draft Decision and agreed to submit it to the Council for adoption.

Statement by France

"La France soutient pleinement la participation de l'Union européenne en tant qu'observateur au GRECO. Pour autant, eu égard aux conditions dans lesquelles ce statut d'observateur a été demandé par la Commission et à l'absence de discussion approfondie au sein du Conseil sur la base procédurale et les implications juridiques de la proposition subséquente, la France estime que la procédure retenue à cette fin ne peut constituer un précédent pour des décisions analogues."

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary fully shares the concerns of France and agrees that the procedure chosen cannot constitute a precedent for similar decisions."

Statement by Ireland

"Ireland notes that it is intended that the Council will make a decision authorising the participation of the EU as observer in GRECO, less than 3 months after presentation of this proposed decision to the Council.

In these exceptional circumstances, mindful of the importance of the proposed Council Decision and in acknowledgement of the need to allow its speedy adoption, Ireland will not insist, in this instance, upon its right to have 3 months within which to exercise Ireland's option to notify the President of the Council of its wish to participate in the adoption and application of the proposed Council Decision in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Protocol 21 on the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom and Ireland have a special decision under Protocol 21 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Article 3, Protocol 21 provides the United Kingdom and Ireland with a period of three months to consider whether to take part in a measure. That Protocol applies to the proposed Council Decision. The UK Government notes the importance of the UK Parliament's scrutiny. The United Kingdom regrets that it has not been given the full three months in accordance with the treaties to take a decision whether to participate in this measure. The United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in the adoption of the Council Decision and will not be bound by it."

Statement by the CLS

"The Council Legal Service wishes to clarify that the non affectation of the respective competences of the EU and of its Member States by the attribution to the EU of an observer status in GRECO has in particular the three following implications:

- the EU's observer status in GRECO does not affect the rights of the Member States as members of GRECO. The Member States retain the right to participate in GRECO as members and to express their positions,
- the decision on the EU position with regard to the EU's observer status in GRECO does not constitute the exercise externally of the EU competence on substantive criminal law, and as such does not affect Member States' competences in relation to GRECO,
- the scope of statements that may be made in GRECO by the EU observer is limited to matters covered by the exercised competence of the Union."

27. (poss.) Migration: Temporary arrangements *Progress report*

The Committee took note of the Presidency's report.

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary states that the result of the discussion by Coreper regarding the progress report of the Presidency on temporary arrangements for disembarkation cannot be interpreted or assumed as a decision on temporary arrangements for disembarkation.

As the aim of this point of the Coreper agenda was to present the progress report by the Presidency and therefore no decision has been taken, the document is of the Presidency solely and does not reflect the view of the Council or any of its member."

Foreign Affairs

17. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 17 June 2019: Preparation

c) Assessing the Global Strategy

Exchange of views

i) Conclusions on Security and Defence

10046/19

Adoption

transferred from Part I (item 51):

ii) Conclusions on multilateralism

9921/19

Adoption

The Committee finalised its preparation of this item and agreed on the texts of the draft Conclusions to be submitted to the Council for adoption.

d) Sudan

Exchange of views

Statement

10192/19

Adoption

The Committee finalised its preparation of this item and agreed on the texts of the draft statement to be submitted to the Council for approval.

22. (poss.) EU-Ukraine Summit

9637/19 **R-UE**

Orientation debate

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft statement to be used as a basis for negotiations.

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019

General Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 18 June 2019: Preparation

c) Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process

Exchange of views

Conclusions

10035/2/19 REV 2

Adoption

The Committee finalised its preparation of this item and agreed to submit the Conclusions, as set out in 10337/19, to the Council.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

EU-Switzerland relations

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

Regulation establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)

The Committee took note of the intervention by France and the information provided by Italy, and Lithuania.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

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| 6. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council
by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 9959/19
PE-QE |
| a) | Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso (PPE)
'Priorities of the Romanian Presidency - Agriculture' | 9193/19 |
| b) | Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL)
'Reducing the use of snus by young people' | 9162/19 |
| c) | John Stuart Agnew (ENF)
'Permission-based travel' | 9161/19 |
| d) | María Teresa Giménez Barbat (ALDE)
'The German company T-Systems and the secessionist
process in Catalonia' | 9160/19 |
| e) | Nicolas Bay (ENF)
'Compliance with the Generalised Scheme of
Preferences+' | 8926/19 |
| f) | John Stuart Agnew (ENF)
'Athena costs' | 9060/19 |
| g) | João Pimenta Lopes (GUE/NGL)
'Fascist and neo-fascist violence in Ukraine at Women's
Day rally' | 9061/19 |
| h) | João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
'Emergency aid for Mozambique and other countries
affected by Cyclone Idai' | 9477/19 |
| i) | Emmanuel Maurel (GUE/NGL)
'Council position on the imprisonment of former President
of Brazil, Mr Lula da Silva' | 9062/19 |
| j) | Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE)
'2020 biodiversity objectives' | 9478/19 |
| k) | Rory Palmer (S&D)
'Council view on unified voting age for European
Parliament elections' | 9479/19 |

7. Minutes of Council Meetings

Approval

AGRIFISH 15.04.2019

8688/19 + ADD 1

Judicial Affairs

8. Case T-330/18 (Carvalho and others v Parliament and Council)
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 1)*

9962/19
JUR

EU positions for international negotiations

9. Council Decision on the EU position in the EU-CTC Joint
Committee on a common transit procedure on amendments to
the Convention
Adoption

9914/19
9691/19
UD

10. Council Decision on the EU position on UNECE (June 2019)
Adoption

9885/19
9871/19
ECO

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Health

11. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of 17.5.2019 amending
Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European
Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal from the
Union list of the flavouring substance furan-2(5H)-one
Decision not to oppose adoption

9840/19
9502/19 + ADD 1
DENLEG

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

9846/19
9463/19 + ADD 1
DENLEG

Agriculture

13. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes
II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European
Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue
levels for 2,5 dichlorobenzoic acid methylester, mandipropamid
and profoxydim in or on certain products
Decision not to oppose adoption

9958/19
8934/19 + ADD 1-2
AGRILEG

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019

Judicial Affairs

29. Case C-14/19 P (Ms Schon (KF) v. SatCen, supported by the Council)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 9795/19
JUR
30. Case T-189/19, Maen Haykal v. Council of the EU
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 9639/19
JUR 285
31. Case T-582/17 (Evariste Boshab) - Judgment of the General Court
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) 9971/19
JUR

Institutional Affairs

32. **Minutes of Council meetings**
Approval
- a) FAC 8.04.2019 8333/19 + ADD 1
PV CONS
- b) GAC 9.04.2019 8334/19 + ADD 1
PV CONS

Appointments

33. Two members and two alternate members (EE) of the Committee of the Regions
Adoption 9995/19
9994/19
CDR

Transparency

34. Strategic inquiry OI/1/2019/EA
Approval of a letter 9998/19

Economic and Financial Affairs

35. ECOFIN Report to the European Council on tax issues
Endorsement 9773/19
FISC

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| 36. | MFF 2021-2027: Own Resources legislative package
<i>Progress report</i> | 9911/19
RESPR |
| 37. | Amending Regulation concerning investigations conducted by OLAF
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> | 10095/19
10036/19
GAF |

General Affairs

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| 38. | Presidency report on the IPCR/SCI activities
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 9940/19
IPCR |
| 39. | Draft IPCR Preparedness Policy
<i>Approval</i> | 10031/19
IPCR |
| 40. | Presidency mapping report on combating disinformation
<i>Report by the Presidency</i> | 10015/19
AG
HYBRID |
| 41. | Terms of reference - EU US dialogue on electoral system resilience
<i>Endorsement</i> | 10022/19
AG
JAIEX |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 42. | Brussels IIa Regulation: recast
<i>Adoption</i> | 10023/19
8214/19
JUSTCIV |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 43. | Council Decision on Ukraine restrictive measures (Crimea and Sevastopol) - extension of measures
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 10018/19
9858/19
CORLX |
| 44. | Syria restrictive measures - draft replies to delisting requests
<i>Approval</i> | 9802/19
CORLX |
| 45. | Council Decision in support of the OPCW activities to assist clean-up operations at the former chemical weapons storage site in Libya in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
<i>Adoption</i> | 10050/19
9827/19
CORLX |

46.	PSC Decision EUAM Ukraine/1/2019 - appointment of the Head of Mission <i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i>	9513/19 8902/19 PSC DEC
47.	EU-Pacific Alliance Joint Declaration <i>Approval</i>	9917/19 9916/19 + ADD 1 COLAC
48.	13th EU- Jordan Association Council (Luxembourg, 17 June 2019) <i>Establishment of the EU position</i>	10044/19 RHJ
49.	Third AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference (Rome, 21 June 2019): Draft Declaration <i>Approval</i>	9999/19 AGRI
52.	Council Directive establishing an EU Emergency Travel Document <i>Adoption</i>	9841/1/19 REV1 8596/19 COCON

Statement by the United Kingdom

"With regret, the UK is unable to vote positively for this directive and must abstain. The UK wishes to record its concerns about some of the requirements this directive would impose on Member States.

The UK is fully committed to its obligation to provide consular protection to unrepresented EU citizens in third countries on the same conditions as to its own nationals, and specifically to provide Emergency Travel Documents (ETD) on request. However, the UK believes this obligation is fulfilled more quickly and effectively through the continued issuing of national Emergency Travel Documents to unrepresented EU citizens. These meet all the necessary security requirements set out in this proposed Directive.

Furthermore, the UK believes a parallel system would offer a less favourable service to unrepresented EU citizens in third countries when compared with issuing them with its national ETD given the requirement to visit the Embassy in person more than once when applying for an EU ETD.

The UK also believes that the financial and operational implications of establishing a parallel system to service unrepresented EU citizens in third countries places a disproportionate burden on those Member States who already issue their own national ETDs and are able to issue these to other nationals. The UK, like some other EU Member States, has centralised visa and ETD production into a diminishing number of processing centres. Our consular staff also have no involvement in visa operations. Therefore, additional infrastructure and training would be required to implement the provisions of the proposed Directive. This would represent a disproportionate financial and operational burden given the Directive would only cover approximately 0.3% of the ETDs the UK issues each year.

Lastly, the UK understands this Directive as sitting within the context of Article 23 of TFEU which states that Member States are only obliged to provide consular protection to unrepresented EU citizens in third countries on the same conditions as they do to their own nationals. Therefore, the Directive may not oblige Member States to issue an EU ETD if it would not issue an ETD to its own nationals in the same circumstances."

Statement by Malta

"Malta regrets the fact that the text of the draft Council Directive establishing an EU Emergency Travel Document and repealing Decision 96/409/CFSP, as set out in Document 8596/19, does not specifically state that the field sex should be marked with an F, M or X as applicable.

Nevertheless, Malta notes that the draft Council Directive requires ICAO Standards (Document series 9303) to be applied and that those standards provide for the field sex to be marked accordingly with an F for female, M for male or X for unspecified. Malta therefore notes that, in the implementation of this Directive, Member States should allow this field to be marked with F, M or X accordingly."

53. Conclusions on the New EU Strategy on Central Asia
Adoption 10101/19
COEST

54. Conclusions on EU's engagement to the Black Sea regional
cooperation
Adoption 10098/19
COEST

EU positions for international negotiations

55. Council Decision on EU position in the EU-Pacific Interim
Partnership Agreement Trade Committee regarding
recommendation of amendments to Agreement in view of
accession of Samoa and future accessions
Adoption 9912/19
9579/19 + ADD 1
ACP

56. Council Decision on the EU position in the Council of Members
of the IOC in connection with trade standards
Adoption 10113/19
10117/19
PROBA

57. Council Decision on the EU position in the Council of Members
of the IOC on the accession of Georgia to the International
Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives
Adoption 9687/19
9685/19
PROBA

Internal Market and Industry

58. Customs Union: Update of the list of Council preparatory bodies
Approval 9899/19
15131/18+COR1
UD

THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019

General Affairs

59. Council and GSC replies to CoA report: Ethical Framework
Approval of a letter

10123/1/19 REV 1
POLGEN

Foreign Affairs

60. (poss.) EU Human Rights Guidelines on Safe Drinking Water
and Sanitation
Adoption

9786/19
9784/19
COHOM