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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 10893/19.

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

a) **Non-legislative list**

11068/19

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 11068/19 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

10. Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam establishing a framework for the participation of Viet Nam in European Union crisis management operations
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019
- 10937/19
10777/19
10778/19
+ REV 1 (es)
CORLX

Transport

14. Preparation of the 40th ICAO Assembly (Montreal, 26 September - 4 October 2019): Third batch of European working papers
Endorsement
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019
- 10912/19
+ ADD 1-4
+ ADD 4 REV 1
TRANS
- b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- 11069/19

Economic and Financial Affairs

1. Council Decision amending the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 16.07.2019
- S** 9725/1/19 REV 1
9723/19
ECOFIN

The Council adopted this Decision, with the abstention of the United Kingdom, as set out in doc. 9723/19.

Transport

2. Decision empowering Germany regarding a transport agreement with Switzerland for international bus and coach cabotage **IC** 10425/19 + COR 1
General approach
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.07.2019

The Council reached a general approach on this Decision proposal, as set out in the Annex to doc. 10425/19.

3. Decision empowering Italy regarding a transport agreement with Switzerland for international bus and coach cabotage **IC** 10432/19 + COR 1
General approach
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.07.2019

The Council reached a general approach on this Decision proposal, as set out in the Annex to doc. 10432/19.

Legislative deliberations

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

3. **Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027** **SC**
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Finnish Presidency on the handling of the MFF file during its Presidency.

Non-legislative activities

4. **Presentation of the priorities of the Finnish Presidency** **3**

The Presidency outlined the priorities for its term, in particular as regards the work of the General Affairs Council. This item was taken in public session.

5. **Implementation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024** **2** 11187/1/19 REV 1
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the implementation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024. This item was taken in public session.

6. Commission communication on further strengthening the Rule of Law within the Union
Information from the Commission
7. Rule of Law in Poland / Article 7 (1) TEU Reasoned Proposal
State of play
8. Any other business

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- S Special legislative procedure
 - C Item based on a Commission proposal
 - 2 Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 - 3 Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
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