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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
15, 17 and 19 March 2023

I. Adoption of the agenda

7333/1/23 REV 1 OJ CRP1 10
7349/2/23 REV 2 OJ CRP2 10

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 15 MARCH 2023 (10:00)

Internal Market and Industry

2. Regulation establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem (Chips Act)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 9 March 2023.

Agriculture and Fisheries

3. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 20 March 2023: Preparation

Fisheries package

7207/23

- a) Communication on the common fisheries policy today and tomorrow: A Fisheries and Oceans Pact towards sustainable, science-based, innovative and inclusive fisheries management

6716/23 + COR 1

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| b) | Report on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products | 6689/23 + COR 1 |
| c) | Communication on an EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries | 6690/23 + COR 1 |
| d) | Communication on the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture sector
<i>Presentation by the Commission</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 6691/23 + COR 1 |

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023 (10:00)

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

4. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 28 March 2023: Preparation

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| 1. | Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen (recast)
<i>General approach</i> | 7118/23
7160/23 |
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The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

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| 2. | Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast)
<i>General approach</i> | 7118/23
7161/23 |
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The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

Employment and Social Policy

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| 5. | Decision on a European Year of Skills 2023
<i>Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 7219/23 + ADD 1 |
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The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and mandated the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with this compromise (subject to revision by the legal linguists), the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted.

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary is committed to fully support the aims of the European Year of Skills 2023 initiative with regard to the re- and upskilling of people and recognize that a skilled workforce is crucial to ensuring just green and digital transitions. We acknowledge that the final compromise text set out in document 7219/23+ADD 1 is the result of long-lasting negotiations, due to certain elements in the text which are not in line with our position on legal migration in general, Hungary abstains from voting. We regret to note that certain provisions of the decision on legal migration do not reflect sufficiently the need to respect national competences as set out in Article 79(5) TFEU, according to which the Member States’ right to determine volumes of admission of third-country nationals in order to seek work, shall not be affected. In this context, Hungary does not consider “Attracting people from third-countries”, i.e. encouragement of legal migration on the Union level as an appropriate and legally sound tool to resolve the Union’s skills and labour shortage.

Furthermore Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. Furthermore, equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the concept of ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’ and the concept of ‘gender convergence’ as ‘convergence between women and men’ in the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Skills 2023.”

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023

General Affairs

22. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 21 March 2023:
Preparation

- a) Preparation of the European Council meeting on 23-24 March 2023: Conclusions
Exchange of views 6079/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item on the forthcoming Sunday.

b) European Semester

- i) Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2023 European Semester
Exchange of views 6525/23
- ii) Updated roadmap on the European Semester 2023
Presentation by the Presidency 13683/1/22 REV 1
- iii) Draft 2023 recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Transmission to the European Council 5041/23
5042/23

Statement by the Commission

Set out in doc 7580/23 ADD 1.

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency

Foreign Affairs

23. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 20 March 2023:
Preparation

a) Current affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Russian aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Tunisia
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Strategic compass - implementation
Exchange of views

6891/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- e) EU support to Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

- 24. Russian aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

- 25. Delivery and joint procurement of ammunition
Exchange of views

7331/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item on the forthcoming Friday.

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023 (09.30)

General Affairs

22. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 21 March 2023:
Preparation

d) EU-UK relations

i) Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the Joint Consultative Working Group established under the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement as regards the amendment of its rules of procedure
Adoption

7235/23
7098/23 + ADD 1

ii) Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the Joint Committee established under the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement as regards a decision to be adopted, and recommendations and joint and unilateral declarations to be made
Adoption

7236/23
7099/23 + ADD 1

Statement by the Commission

Set out in doc 7580/23 ADD 1.

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

29. Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations
Guidance for further work

7247/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed on guidance for further work.

Foreign Affairs

25. Delivery and joint procurement of ammunition
Exchange of views

7331/1/23 REV 1

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item on the forthcoming Sunday.

26. **Transferred from Wednesday's meeting**

Strategic discussion on trade policy
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

30. Anti-coercion instrument (ACI) Regulation

Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue and agreed to revert on 29 March 2023.

Justice and Home Affairs

28. **Transferred from Wednesday's meeting**

Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on
9-10 March 2023: Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main elements of the follow-up provided by the Presidency and the Commission and held an exchange of views.

SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023 (16.00)

General Affairs

22. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 21 March 2023:
Preparation

Continuation from Wednesday's meeting

a) Preparation of the European Council meeting on 23-24
March 2023: Conclusions
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Foreign Affairs

25. **Continuation from Friday's meeting**

7331/2/23 REV 2

Delivery and joint procurement of ammunition
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and prepared this item for approval by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 20 March 2023.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Electricity Market Design
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

Net Zero Industry Act
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

Critical Raw Materials Act
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

The Single Market at 30
Presentation by the Commission

7278/23

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

Long-term competitiveness strategy
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

European Semester 2023 – Updated roadmap
Presentation by the Presidency

13683/1/22 REV 1

The Presidency presented the updated European Semester Roadmap 2023.

COREPER (PART 2)

Commission President's visit to Canada and the United States

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

Orthodox Easter

The Committee took note of the information provided by Greece.

Medical mission of Poland for the former President of Georgia.

The Committee took note of the information provided by Poland.

Oil price cap review and sanctions against Belarus

The Committee took note of the information provided by Poland.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

6. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure 7209/23
PE-QE
- a) Pedro Marques (S&D) 7093/23
"Curbs on Hungary"
- b) Christian Ehler (PPE), Dan Nica (S&D) 6536/23
"Council's views on Article 16(3) of the Horizon Europe Regulation"
7. **Minutes of Council meeting**
Approval
- AGRIFISH 30.01.2023 6267/23 + ADD 1

Appointments

8. Renewal of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training 2023-2027
Adoption 6497/23 + COR 1
6496/23
SOC
9. Renewal of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work 2023-2027
Adoption 6499/23
6498/23
SOC
10. Renewal of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions 2023-2027
Adoption 6493/23
6492/23
SOC
11. Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work 2022 - 2025
Adoption 6870/23
6868/23
SOC
12. One alternate member (SE) of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems
Adoption 7129/23
SOC

13. Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers 2022-2024
Adoption 6409/23
6408/23
SOC

Other

14. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Social Questions on 22 March 2023
Approval 6974/23
SOC

Judicial Affairs

15. Case C-259/21 (European Parliament v Council)
Information note 7224/23
JUR

EU positions for international negotiations

16. Coordination of the EU position in preparation for the 19th Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community (Belgrade, 28 March 2023)
Approval 7183/23
TRANS

Agriculture

17. Conclusions on the EU's priorities for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Approval 7222/23
FAO

Energy

18. Memorandum of Understanding on energy efficiency and renewable hydrogen between the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the EU
Authorisation to negotiate an NBI 7205/23
ENER

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Telecommunications

19. Conclusions on ECA SR No 24/2022 on “e-Government actions targeting businesses”
Approval 7043/23
TELECOM

Transport

20. Amended proposal for a Council Decision on signature and provisional application of the EU-US-NOR-ICE Air Transport Agreement and EU-NOR-ICE Ancillary Agreement
Adoption 6263/23
6260/23
TRANS

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Internal Market and Industry

21. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive toxicant substances subject to restrictions
Decision not to oppose adoption
- 7173/23
5225/23 + ADD 1
ENT

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Institutional Affairs

Other

72. Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Working Party on Postal Services on 21 March 2023
Approval
- 7516/23
POSTES

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023

Judicial Affairs

31. Case T-75/23: Action for annulment
Information note 7156/23
JUR

Institutional Affairs

Other

32. Attendance of a third party at the Committee for Civilian
Aspects of Crisis Management on 20 March 2023
Approval 7177/23
CIVCOM
33. Attendance of a third party at the Horizontal Working Party on
Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats on 21
March 2023
Approval 7239/23
HYBRID
DISINFO
34. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Maritime
Issues – EUMSS on 27 March 2023
Approval 7261/23
POLMAR
35. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Latin
America and the Caribbean on 21 and 28 March 2023
Approval 7223/2023
COLAC
36. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Tax
Questions (Direct Taxation) on 30 March 2023
Approval 7180/23
FISC
37. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Western
Balkans Region on 30 March 2023
Approval 7271/23
COWEB
38. Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on
Drugs (HDG) on 30-31 March 2023
Approval 7268/23
CORDROGUE

Transparency

39. Public access to documents: Confirmatory application No 04/c/01/23
Adoption 6581/23
INF
40. Public access to documents: requests 22/2852, 23/0111, 23/0117 and 23/0129
Decision to make the results of votes and the statements public 7267/23
API

Economic and Financial Affairs

41. European Council and Council estimates for 2024
Approval 7253/23
Approval of a letter 6549/23
FIN
42. New Greek commemorative coins
Information note 6557/23
UEM
43. New Finnish commemorative coin
Information note 6806/23
UEM
44. New Spanish commemorative coin
Information note 6804/23
UEM

Justice and Home Affairs

45. Schengen evaluation recommendation – Iceland: return
Adoption 7238/23
7237/23
SCH-EVAL
46. Schengen evaluation recommendation – Spain: police cooperation
Adoption 7242/23
7241/23
SCH-EVAL
47. Schengen evaluation recommendation – Austria: visa policy
Adoption 7244/23
7243/23
SCH-EVAL
48. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an EU-Switzerland agreement establishing a basis for the exchange of information on persons benefitting from temporary protection
Adoption 6969/23
7021/23
+ ADD 1 R-UE
ASILE

Foreign Affairs

49. PSC Decision EUCAP Sahel Mali/1/2023 – appointment of the Head of Mission
Decision to publish in the Official Journal 7251/23
6859/23
PSC DEC
50. PSC Decision EUMPM Niger/1/2023 – appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander
Decision to publish in the Official Journal 7240/23
7198/23
PSC DEC
51. Agreement with Chile regarding the modifications of the EU's Tariff-Rate Quotas in the WTO schedule following Brexit 6616/23
POLCOM
- a) Council Decision on the signing
Adoption 6617/23
6619/23
- b) Council Decision on the conclusion
Request for the consent of the European Parliament 6618/23
6619/23

Statement by the Commission

Set out in doc. 7580/23 ADD 1.

53. EU contribution to the Global Digital Compact
Approval 7212/23 + ADD 1
CONUN

Statement by Hungary

Set out in doc. 7212/23 ADD 1.

Statement by Poland

Set out in doc. 7580/23 ADD 1.

54. Conclusions on EU priorities at the OSCE
Approval 7256/23 + ADD 1
COSCE

Statement by Hungary

Set out in doc. 7256/23 ADD 1.

Statement by Poland

Set out in doc. 7580/23 ADD 1.

55. Union for the Mediterranean ministerial declaration on higher education
Authorisation to negotiate an NBI 6959/23
MED

56. Iran restrictive measures - coordination with third countries 7172/23

	<i>Approval</i>	MOG
57.	3rd meeting of the EU-Iraq Cooperation Council <i>Establishment of the EU position</i>	6746/23 MOG
58.	Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to strengthen the capacities of the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia <i>Adoption</i>	6779/23 6778/23 CORLX
59.	Council Decision on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) <i>Adoption</i>	5859/23 5858/23 CORLX
60.	Council Decision in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery <i>Adoption</i>	6895/23 6894/23 + ADD 1 CORLX
61.	Council Decision to authorise the High Representative to open negotiations for an agreement on the status of the European Union Military Partnership Mission in Niger (EUMPM Niger) <i>Adoption</i>	6331/23 6330/23 CORLX
62.	Council Decision on the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) <i>Adoption</i>	6734/23 6733/23 CORLX
63.	Council Decision to authorise the High Representative to open negotiations for an agreement on the status of the European Union Mission in Armenia (EUMA) <i>Adoption</i>	6731/23 6730/23 CORLX

EU positions for international negotiations

64.	Council Decision on the EU position within the WTO on the accession of North Macedonia to the revised Agreement on Government Procurement <i>Adoption</i>	7006/23 + ADD 1 7007/23 POLCOM
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Statement by the Commission

“The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.

The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard.”

65. Council Decision on the EU position in the EU-Iraq Cooperation Council regarding the establishment of a Sub-Committee on Development Cooperation
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

7178/23
7260/1/23 REV 1
7260/23 ADD 1
MOG

Statement by the Commission

Set out in doc. 7580/23 ADD 1

Other items

66. Cryptographic product
Approval

7010/23
CSCI
CSC

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Economic and Financial Affairs

67. Council Implementing Decision authorising Italy to extend a VAT derogation
Adoption
- 7128/23
6720/23 + COR 1
FISC

Foreign Affairs

68. EU-Uzbekistan Cooperation Council 2023 17th meeting
(24 April 2023, Luxembourg)
Establishment of the EU position
- 7301/23
COEST

69. Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran
Adoption
- 7033/23
7030/23
7032/23
CORLX

52. **Transferred from Wednesday's meeting**
Conclusions on Afghanistan
Approval
- 7191/23
7234/23
COASI

Statement by Hungary

Set out in doc 7191/23 ADD 1.

Statement by Poland

Set out in doc. 7580/23 ADD 1

71. Restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine – reply letter
Approval
- 7391/23
CORLX
73. EU-Iraq Joint Declaration
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure
- 7513/23
MOG

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Foreign Affairs

70. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 23.2.2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/196 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 February 2018 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
- 6955/23
6854/23
POLCOM
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