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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
15, 16 and 17 May 2023

I. Adoption of the agenda

9342/1/23 REV 1 OJ CRP1 18
9341/3/23 REV 3 OJ CRP2 18

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex, with the exception of item 52.

III. Discussion items "II"

COREPER (PART 1)

Internal Market and Industry

62. Possible extension of the term of office of the Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) 9127/23
Guidance for further work

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

Agriculture and Fisheries

63. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 30 May 2023: Preparation

Regulation on packaging and packaging waste: Food safety and food waste aspects 9226/23
Information from the Presidency
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

64. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 12 and 13 June 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items the agenda. The Committee agreed to take all discussion points and AOBs on the agenda at this stage, with the exception of the AOBs relative to the programme of the incoming Presidency, in public session.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

65. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 1 and 2 June 2023: Preparation

The Committee agreed to take AOB points requested by the Commission on the reparation for the summer air travel season, by Austria, France, the Netherlands and Ireland, by Austria and the Netherlands, by Portugal, Lithuania and Poland, by Finland, by Germany and Italy, by Poland, by Denmark, by Czechia on the 2023 PIARC World Road Congress, as well as the one on the Conference on sustainable AI and AI for sustainability, in public session.

1. Directive on driving licences, amending Directive (EU) 2022/2561, Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 and repealing Directive 2006/126/EC and Regulation (EU) No 383/2012
Policy debate 9190/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Directive amending Directive (EU) 2015/413 facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road-safety-related traffic offences
Progress report 8929/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying gigabit electronic communications networks and repealing Directive 2014/61/EU (Gigabit Infrastructure Act)
Progress report 9111/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

4. Regulation laying down measures for a high level of public sector interoperability across the Union (Interoperable Europe Act)
Progress report 9110/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. Regulation on horizontal cybersecurity requirements
products with digital elements (Cyber Resilience Act)
Progress report 9060/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

6. The future of the connectivity sector 9112/23
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Telecommunications

66. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards
establishing a framework for a European Digital Identity 9109/23
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

67. Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data 9105/23
(Data Act)
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

COREPER (PART 2)

MONDAY 15 MAY 2023

Foreign Affairs

2. EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 17-18 July 2023)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at its next meeting.

3. EU-Republic of Korea summit (Seoul, 22 May 2023)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at its next meeting.

4. Preparation of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council (Brussels, 16 May 2023): draft joint statement
Preparation for the approval of an NBI 8979/2/23 REV 2

The Committee approved the text of the draft joint statement and agreed to submit this item to the Council for approval as an A-item.

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023

Foreign Affairs

5. Russian aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at its next meeting.

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

General Affairs

6. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 30 May 2023:
Preparation
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

7. Seat selection procedure for the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA) 9206/23
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at a forthcoming meeting.

Foreign Affairs

2. EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 17-18 July 2023)
Exchange of views

The Committee agreed to revert at its next meeting.

3. EU-Republic of Korea summit (Seoul, 22 May 2023)
Exchange of views

The Committee examined the draft joint statement and agreed to use written procedure for approval.

9. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 22-23 May 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) Western Balkans
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Horn of Africa
Exchange of views

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.

10. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on
25 May 2023: Preparation

- a) Trade relations with the United States
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Trade relations with China
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) World Trade Organization (WTO): preparation for the
13th Ministerial Conference (MC13)
Information from the Commission

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

11. Regulation on applying a generalised scheme of tariff
preferences - review
State of play

8864/23

The Committee discussed progress in the negotiations with the European Parliament and took note of the state of play.

Economic and Financial Affairs

13. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
16 May 2023: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Justice and Home Affairs

14. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 8-9 June 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and approved the following third-party attendances:

- home affairs: for the Regulations on asylum and migration management and on the asylum procedure, the Schengen Associated Countries. For the overall state of the Schengen area the following EU agencies: the EU Asylum agency, Europol, eu-LISA and Frontex. For the implementation of interoperability: eu-LISA, Europol and Frontex. For the two items on countering security challenges and combatting violent extremism and terrorism: the President of the Counter Terrorism Group (CTG), Europol and the Schengen Associated Countries. For the item on law enforcement / “going dark”: Europol and Eurojust. For the state of play on war in Ukraine: Europol, Frontex and Eurojust. For the external migration point: the EU Asylum agency, Frontex and the Schengen Associated Countries.

- Justice: the Chief Prosecutor for the point on EPPO.

A new AOB was added on the home affairs day on the Ministerial Forum for Schengen Member States with land borders.

15. Pact on Migration and Asylum: solidarity and responsibility¹ 9192/23
a) Asylum Procedure Regulation 9238/23
b) Asylum and Migration Management Regulation 9242/23
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at a forthcoming meeting.

¹ Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))
on 22 and 23 May 2023

The Committee agreed to take an AOB requested by Italy in public session.

COREPER (PART 2)

Candidate for municipal elections arrested in Albania

The Committee took note of the information provided by Greece.

Non-discussion items "I"**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

68. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council
by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure 9224/23
PE-QE
- a) Alessandra Moretti (S&D), Alexandra Geese (Verts/ALE),
Patrizia Toia (S&D), Irène Tolleret (Renew), Francisco
Guerreiro (Verts/ALE), Brando Benifei (S&D), Beatrice
Covassi (S&D), Giuliano Pisapia (S&D), Elisabetta
Gualmini (S&D), Camilla Laureti (S&D), Massimiliano
Smeriglio (S&D), Daniela Rondinelli (S&D), Franco
Roberti (S&D), Pietro Bartolo (S&D), Marisa Matias (The
Left), José Gusmão (The Left), Karen Melchior (Renew),
Marie Toussaint (Verts/ALE), Bronis Ropè (Verts/ALE),
Markéta Gregorová (Verts/ALE), Attila Ara-Kovács
(S&D), Pina Picierno (S&D), Jan-Christoph Oetjen
(Renew), Cornelia Ernst (The Left), Matjaž Nemeč
(S&D), Caterina Chinnici (S&D), Salima Yenbou
(Renew), Radka Maxová (S&D), Vera Tax (S&D),
Gabriele Bischoff (S&D), Irene Tinagli (S&D), Eugenia
Rodríguez Palop (The Left), Malin Björk (The Left),
Maria Noichl (S&D), Thijs Reuten (S&D), Alice Kuhnke
(Verts/ALE)
"Issuing visas to Iranian women and girls" 8450/23
- b) Younous Omarjee (The Left) 8477/23
"Post-Cotonou Agreement between the ACP and the
European Union and its Member States"
69. **Minutes of Council meetings**
Approval
- a) ENV 16.03.2023 7509/23 + ADD 1
- b) TTE (Energy) 28.03.2023 7847/23 + ADD 1
- Appointments**
70. One member (SK) of the Advisory Committee for the
Coordination of Social Security Systems 9041/23
Adoption SOC

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| 71. | Renewal of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work 2023 -2027
<i>Adoption</i> | 8883/23
8882/23
SOC |
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Other | | |
| 72. | Attendance of third parties at the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) on 21 and 22 June 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 9036/1/23 REV 1
RECH |
| 73. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Better Regulation) on 23 May 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 9198/23 + COR 1
BETREG |
| 74. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus) on 1 June 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 9143/23
ENV |
| 89. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 17 May 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 8953/1/23 REV1
MI |

Transparency

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| 75. | Public access to documents: Request 23/0981
<i>Decision to make the Council minutes public</i> | 9219/23
API |
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EU positions for the international negotiations

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| 76. | Council Decision on the EU position in the Joint Committee under the Agreement on civil aviation safety agreement between the European Union and Japan
<i>Adoption</i> | 8835/23
8627/23 + ADD 1
AVIATION |
| 77. | Council Decision on the EU position at the 15th session of the Committee of Technical Experts of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)
<i>Adoption</i> | 8811/23
8782/23
TRANS |
| 78. | Council Decision on the EU submission with a view to COP 14 of the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals Convention
<i>Adoption</i> | 9149/23
8784/23
ENV |

Statement by the Commission is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

Internal Market and Industry

79. Regulation on machinery products
Adoption of the legislative act 8698/23 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 6/23
MI
80. Council Decision amending Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754
on the accession of the EU to the Geneva Act (Geographical
Indications) (2023/0022 (NLE)) 9092/23 + ADD 1
7423/23
PI
Adoption

Statement by the Republic of Croatia

“The Republic of Croatia wishes to record its concerns regarding the effective representation of the interests of the EU and its Member States within the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as a specialized international organization within the United Nations (UN) system whose full members are sovereign states.

The Republic of Croatia reiterates its position that the Proposal for a Council Decision on Amendments to Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 on the Accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications, weakens the position of the EU within the WIPO Union and at the same time creates unequal treatment of Member States by allowing the accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement only to the seven Member States.

The Republic of Croatia fully respects the Union’s exclusive competence in the area of the common commercial policy in particular with regard to the commercial aspects of intellectual property, and at the same time stays committed to cooperate loyally and contribute to a stronger voice of the EU at the international level.”

Commission declaration concerning recitals 13 and 15

“The Commission recalls that the Union has exclusive external competence on geographical indications and acceded to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement as a Party in its own right, as already noted in the Commission statement made in relation to the adoption of Decision (EU) 2019/1754 (2019/C 360/02) and confirmed by the Court in Case C-389/15 . However, the Commission has, in the light of the exceptional circumstances pertaining to the seven Member States that are Parties to the Lisbon Agreement, agreed that those Member States should be authorised to accede to the Geneva Act, but only for as long as such participation is duly justified and remains functionally limited. The Commission has therefore proposed that those seven Member States should be authorised to accede to the Geneva Act to the strict extent that this is necessary to preserve, in the interest of the Union, the seniority and continuity of the protection of the appellations of origin that they have already registered under the Lisbon Agreement. This does in no way affect the Union’s exclusive external competence in the context of the Geneva Act.

On this understanding, the Commission can agree to the compromise text (doc. 7423/23) to the Commission proposal for amendments to Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754.”

81. Letter of Intent with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to join forces in the implementation of the EU-African Union Innovation Agenda to be endorsed at the EU-UNEP High-Level Meeting on 19 June 2023
Authorisation to negotiate an NBI 9102/23 + COR 1
RECH
82. Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the Argentine Republic on a strategic partnership on sustainable raw materials value chains
Authorisation to sign an NBI 9217/23
COMPET

Fisheries

83. Regulation laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Area covered under the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 9065/23
8709/1/23 REV 1
PECHE

Institutional Affairs

Other

89. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 17 May 2023
Approval 8953/1/23 REV 1
MI

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

Institutional Affairs

Letters

16. Reply to EP President
Approval of a letter 9024/23
AG

Other

17. EP elections dates
Approval 8239/23
AG

Statement by Portugal is set out in document 8239/23 ADD 1 REV 1.
Statement by Lithuania is set out in document 8239/23 ADD 2.

18. Attendance of a third party at the Horizontal Working Party on
Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats on
23 May 2023
Approval 9286/23
HYBRID
DISINFO
19. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Latin
America and the Caribbean on 23 May 2023
Approval 9294/23
COLAC
20. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Terrorism
(International Aspects) on 24 May 2023
Approval 9090/23
COTER
21. Attendance of third parties at the Working party on Financial
Services and Banking Union (CMDI) on 24 May 2023
Approval 9216/23
EF
22. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Human
Rights (COHOM) on 31 May 2023
Approval 8356/23
COHOM
23. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Public
International Law on 1 June 2023
Approval 9289/23
COJUR

Transparency

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| 24. | 21st annual report on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents
<i>Approval</i> | 9197/23
8311/23
INF |
| 25. | Public access to documents request 23/1122
<i>Decision to make the results of votes and statements public</i> | 9189/23
CORLX |
| 26. | Public access to documents request 23/1256
<i>Decision to make the results of votes and statement public</i> | 9233/23
FRONT |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 27. | Transfer No DEC 06/2023 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 9220/23
8489/23
FIN |
| 28. | Decision on the mobilisation of the EGF (EGF/2023/000 TA 2023)
<i>Approval</i> | 9222/23
9223/23
FIN |
| 29. | Council Implementing Decision authorising Hungary to introduce a VAT derogation
<i>Adoption</i> | 9169/23
8771/23
FISC |
| 30. | Instant Payments Regulation
<i>Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i> | 9290/23
9291/23
EF |

Joint statement by the Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary and Poland is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

General Affairs

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| 31. | EP Resolutions and Decisions (May I 2023)
<i>Information note</i> | 9284/23
PE-RE |
| 32. | 56th session of the EEA Council
<i>Establishment of the EU position</i> | 9280/23
EEE |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 33. | Resolution on customs cooperation in the area of law enforcement and its contribution to the internal security of the EU
<i>Approval</i> | 8888/23
8616/23
ENFOCUSTOM |
| 34. | Strategy for customs cooperation in the area of law enforcement and its contribution to the internal security of the EU
<i>Approval</i> | 8889/23 + COR 1
8617/23
ENFOCUSTOM |
| 35. | Regulation on the digitalisation of the visa procedure
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 9279/23
VISA |
| 36. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Belgium: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9231/23
9230/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 37. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – France: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9246/23
9245/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 38. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Greece: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9229/23
9228/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 39. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Iceland: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9237/23
9236/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 40. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Italy: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9235/23
9234/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 41. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Luxembourg: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9240/23
9239/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 42. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Malta: visa policy
<i>Adoption</i> | 9244/23
9243/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 43. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Norway: return
<i>Adoption</i> | 9215/23
9214/23
SCH-EVAL |

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| 44. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Spain: return
<i>Adoption</i> | 9213/23
9212/23
SCH-EVAL |
| 45. | Schengen evaluation recommendation – Spain: SIS
<i>Adoption</i> | 9209/23
9208/23
SCH-EVAL |

Foreign Affairs

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| 46. | Conclusions on the establishment of a Civilian CSDP Compact
<i>Approval</i> | 9203/23 + COR 1
9199/23
CIVCOM
CSDP/PSDC |
| 47. | Operation plan for the European Union Partnership Mission in
Moldova
<i>Approval</i> | 9205/23 + COR 1
CIVCOM
CSDP/PSDC |
| 48. | Conclusions on the EU policy on cyber defence
<i>Approval</i> | 9154/23 + COR 1
9124/23
POLMIL
CYBER |
| 49. | EU programme of exercises under the CFSP
<i>Approval</i> | 9207/23
POLMIL
CIVCOM |
| 50. | Revised Annex II of the military requirements for military
mobility within and beyond the EU
<i>Approval</i> | 8905/23
EUMC |
| 51. | EU-Republic of Korea Green Partnership
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 9296/23
COASI |

Joint statement by Austria, Denmark and Luxembourg is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

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| 52. | Council Decision on signing and provisional application of the
EU-OACPS Partnership (“post-Cotonou”) Agreement
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 8280/1/23 REV 1
8371/23 DCL 1
8372/23 DCL 1
ACP |
| 53. | Conclusions on humanitarian funding gap
<i>Approval</i> | 9282/23
COHAFA |

Statement by Poland is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

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| 54. | Iran restrictive measures: coordination with third countries
<i>Approval</i> | 9130/23
MOG |
| 56. | PSC Decision EUAM Ukraine/1/2023: appointment of the Head of Mission
<i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i> | 9267/23
8838/23
PSC DEC |
| 57. | PSC Decision EUCAP SAHEL NIGER /1/2023 on the appointment of the Head of Mission
<i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i> | 9274/23
8716/23
PSC DEC |
| 58. | Council Decision on the consequences of Denmark informing the other Member States that it no longer wishes to avail itself of Article 5 of Protocol n°22 on the position of Denmark
<i>Adoption</i> | 9116/23
9047/23
CORLX |
| 84. | Council Decision launching the European Union Partnership Mission in Moldova (EUPM Moldova)
<i>Adoption</i> | 8524/23 + COR 1
8522/23
CORLX |
| 85. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
<i>Adoption</i> | 8597/23
8594/23
8596/23
CORLX |
| 86. | Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran
<i>Adoption</i> | 9051/23 + COR 1
9046/23
9050/23
CORLX |
| 87. | Council Decision amending and updating the list of projects to be developed under PESCO
<i>Adoption</i> | 9099/23
9098/23
CORLX |
| 88. | Council Decision confirming the participation of Denmark in PESCO, and amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2315 establishing PESCO and determining the list of participating Member States
<i>Adoption</i> | 9103/23
9101/23
9178/23
CORLX |

EU positions for international negotiations

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| 59. | Council Decision on the EU position within the WTO concerning the accession of Brazil to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft
<i>Adoption</i> | 8643/23
8644/23
POLCOM |
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