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> 13434/23 CRS CRP 32

SUMMARY RECORD

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

27, 28, 29 September and 2 October 2023

I. Adoption of the agenda

13289/23 OJ CRP1 32 13339/23 OJ CRP2 32

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 items 52 and 54.

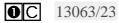
III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

Transport

2. Revision of the Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) Preparation for the trilogue



The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

- 3. Meeting of the Council (<u>Employment</u>, <u>Social Policy</u>, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 9 October 2023: Preparation
 - 1. European Semester 2023: Impact of new technologies on labour: Towards a just digital transition *Policy debate*

13168/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States *Adoption*

13169/23 13266/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Conclusions on mental health and precarious work *Approval*

13171/23 + **ADD 1**

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary recognises 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 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 term 'gender' as reference to 'sex' in the Council Conclusions on Mental Health and Precarious Work."

Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. In view of the above, Poland will interpret the expression 'discrimination based on gender' as 'discrimination based on sex', and the expression 'the gender perspective' as 'a perspective taking account of sex', in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 and Article 157(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

3. Conclusions on social protection for the self-employed *Approval*

13175/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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4. Conclusions on measures to ensure equal access for Roma to adequate and desegregated housing *Approval*

13167/23 + **ADD 1**

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Hungary

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Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on 'A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025' referred to in the *Council Conclusions on Measures to ensure equal access for Roma to adequate and desegregated housing, and to address segregated settlements* should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State."

Statement by Poland

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. In view of the above, Poland will interpret the expression 'gender equality' as 'equality between women and men', in accordance with Article 2 and Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8, Article 153(1), point (i) and Article 157(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

5. Consolidation and strengthening of the European social protection systems *Policy debate*

13202/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Environment

4. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 16 October 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to take AOB items requested by Slovenia and Italy, Portugal and Greece in public session. The Committee agreed to invite the Chair of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution to the ministerial lunch. Poland requested the inclusion on the agenda of a discussion item on the impact of the ETS on energy prices.

5. Regulation on shipments of waste Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue



The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 21 September 2023.

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Telecommunications

6. Regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union legislative acts



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Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue.

7. Regulation on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements (Cyber Resilience Act) Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue



The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 27 September 2023.

Energy

8. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 17 October 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to invite the Energy Minister of Ukraine to the lunch debate. The Committee also agreed to take an AOB requested by Poland in public session.

9. Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast)

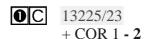


Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 28 September 2023.

Environment

Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases Preparation for the trilogue



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The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue.

Agriculture and Fisheries

11. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23-24 October 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to invite the Minister for Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine for the first part of the trade-related item. The Committee also agreed to take an AOB requested by Poland in public session.

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Health

12. Regulation on fees and charges payable to EMA *Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue*



The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 25 September 2023.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 (10.00)

General Affairs

26. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 24 October 2023: Preparation

a) Preparation of the European Council on 26-27 October 2023: Guidelines

Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

27. Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027 mid-term revision

State of play

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this issue at its meeting on 11 October 2023.

Foreign Affairs

28. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 23 October 2023: Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda. The French delegation requested a discussion item on Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Economic and Financial Affairs

29. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 17 October 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

Justice and Home Affairs

30. Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council (Home Affairs) on 28 September 2023: Preparation

a) Asylum and Migration: external dimension¹ *Exchange of views*

12990/1/23 REV 1

12582/23

Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and approved the attendance of Europol for this agenda item.

- b) Consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine:
 - i) Council Implementing Decision extending temporary protection as introduced by Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382

 Political agreement

C 13228/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

31. Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 19-20 October 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda and approved the following third-party attendances:

Home Affairs day: for the Pact on Asylum and Migration: the Schengen Associated Countries; for the item on the external dimension of migration: Frontex, the EU asylum agency and the Schengen Associated Countries; for the point on preventing online radicalisation: Europol; for overall state of Schengen: Frontex, the EU asylum agency, Europol and eu-LISA; for interoperability: Frontex, Europol and eu-LISA.

Justice day: for the item on fight against impunity: Eurojust; for the fundamental rights point: the Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency.

The Romanian delegation requested an any other business item on Schengen area implementation.

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023 (18.00)

General Affairs

32. Informal meeting of heads of state or government (Granada, 6 October 2023)

Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

MONDAY 02 OCTOBER 2023 (09.00)

General Affairs

32. Informal meeting of heads of state or government (Granada, 6 October 2023)

Exchange of views

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

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IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Directive on European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities Information from the Commission



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

COREPER (PART 2)

Informal meeting of foreign ministers in Kyiv on 2 October 2023

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

Ukrainian grain export

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Poland, Hungary and the Commission and agreed to revert to this issue at a forthcoming meeting.

Incident at the Canadian national parliament

The Committee took note of the information provided by Poland.

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Non-discussion items "I"

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

| 13. | Minutes of Council meetings | | |
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| | a) | AGRIFISH 26.+27.06.2023 | |

b) AGRIFISH 25.07.2023 12175/23 + ADD 1

Other

| 14. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 11 October 2023 <i>Approval</i> | 13193/23 AGRI |
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| 15. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Genetic | 13016/23 |

Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Seeds, Propagating and Planting Materials) on 13 October 2023

Approval

16. Attendance of a third party at the Shipping Working Party on 29 September, 4, 11, 18 and 25 October 2023 TRANS Approval

Judicial Affairs

17. Case T-247/23 (Maud Tea & Seed Co. Ltd and Fresh Produce
Consortium of Kenya Ltd v European Commission)

Information note

13203/23

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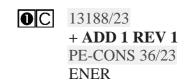
EU positions for international negotiations

18. Differences to be notified on behalf of the EU with regard to
Amendment 93 to ICAO Annex 10, Volume I
Approval

AVIATION

Energy

19. Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive *Adoption of the legislative act*



Statement by Belgium

"Belgium recognizes the need to accelerate the energy transition and phase out fossil fuels in our efforts to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Belgium will support the adoption but would like to express its concerns regarding the challenges that come with the increased renewable energy targets contained in this 3rd Renewable Energy Directive. Serious demographical and geographical limitations, combined with the presence of large clusters of energy intensive industries, imply that the expected national contributions according to the formula referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 are extremely difficult to achieve and seem unachievable, in particular in a time frame of just 7 years. The same goes for the binding sectoral subtargets (regarding RFNBO's in industry, transport and heating and cooling), which do not seem to be coherent with a cost-effective achievement of our climate targets. Notwithstanding these challenges, Belgium will continue to deliver constructive contributions to the European goal."

Statement by Ireland

"Ireland welcomes agreement on the update to the text of the Renewable Energy Directive and acknowledges the need to be ambitious in the renewable energy targets for 2030. The achievement of ambitious targets in a relatively short time frame will require an unprecedented effort from all in society, and it is crucial that we bring everyone with us on that journey.

It is Ireland's view that failure to consider all the implications of the significant increases to the renewable energy targets – such as the current operation of the interim targets under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action - will be counterproductive.

The failure to consider the implications carries with it the risk of undermining the support required to promote renewable energy, when public funds are diverted away from the necessary investment in the energy systems of Member States, despite significant progress and investment having already been made and with much more committed.

The 2030 renewable energy target in the final text goes beyond what was originally proposed as part of the Fit for 55 Package. The impact of the increased renewable energy target, and any unintended consequences, may not become fully apparent until Member States have completed updates to their draft National Energy and Climate Plans.

The Governance Regulation provides for a review in response to a global stocktake of the 2015 Paris Agreement. Ireland believes that such a review of the Governance Regulation would be an opportune time to also review the operation of the interim targets and the compliance mechanisms available to Member States. Such a review may be informed by the analysis' contained in the updated draft National Energy and Climate Plans submitted by Member States."

Statement by Latvia

"The Republic of Latvia emphasises the importance of developing renewable energy sources in order to strengthen energy security and independence, ensure price stability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the European Union's climate objectives. Latvia supports the proposal for a Directive as regards the promotion of energy from renewable sources and in particular the agreement reached on key elements of the proposal, such as sectoral targets, the heating sector and bioenergy.

Latvia will do its utmost to implement all necessary measures to increase the use of renewable energy in the transport sector, and it will work to increase the production of renewable electricity, in order to create the capacities required to produce renewable hydrogen in Latvia. However, Latvia considers that the agreement on the objectives and obligations set out in Article 25 regarding renewable energy, and in particular the use of hydrogen in transport, is beyond Latvia's capacity to implement and achieve, taking into account Latvia's national situation.

Latvia considers it important to take into account a country's economic and social conditions, national energy balances and starting points when setting requirements for renewable energy promotion measures."

Statement by Poland

"Poland is one of the fastest-growing renewable energy markets in Europe. In recent years, our renewable energy capacity has grown exponentially, especially in the solar sector, thanks to government support and public involvement. In order to scale up the development of clean energy, we have created a stable legal framework and set up appropriate support schemes. Simplifying and speeding up permitting procedures are elements of the proposal which are to be welcomed, but they are not enough to ensure that its objectives are met. The rapid introduction of renewable energy sources on the scale proposed in the amended Renewable Energy Directive (RED), and the growth in the share of weather-dependent energy sources in energy production jeopardise both the stability of the grid and overall energy security. Poland has constantly stressed the need to carry out the energy transition at a pace that is achievable for the energy system, accessible to society and favourable to European industry. The targets must be realistic and allow Member States flexibility in choosing the appropriate tools for implementing them.

Furthermore, given the impact of the draft Regulation on the energy mix of the Member States and the resulting negative social consequences, in Poland's view, the legal basis for the proposed act should be Article 192(2), point (c) TFEU.

Poland cannot, therefore, support the proposed revised Directive on energy from renewable sources.

Poland also maintains its negative position on the entire Fit for 55 package, which sets unrealistic targets and ambitions and significantly impacts Member States' energy mixes. Poland is of the opinion that most of the package is being realised on an incorrect legal basis, creating a dangerous precedent."

Statement by Slovakia

"Slovakia considers the overall EU RES target for 2030 to be very ambitious and very difficult to achieve. With regard to the national energy mix and its development, the Slovak Republic does not see a real possibility for any significant increase in its ambition in this area and stresses that any additional contribution to the RES targets calculated on the basis of the non-binding formula set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 may not take into consideration all the relevant factors at national level and may therefore not reflect the real potential for the development of renewables in the country.

Although we consider the ambitious transport and heating targets to be difficult to achieve and there is a risk that they will not be met, the Slovak Republic will strive to achieve them by setting targets and measures in its NECP.

We also have a reservation with regard to support for the production of hydrogen from low-carbon sources, which is a key issue for Slovakia and which has not been satisfactorily addressed in the Directive."

Transport

20. Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU Aviation initiative)

Adoption of the legislative act



Joint statement by Belgium, Luxemburg and Austria

"Sustainable Aviation Fuels will play a key role in the decarbonisation of the aviation sector and in reaching the set emission reduction goals. We have therefore always advocated for ambitious targets and a swift finalization of this important dossier throughout the legislative process. In this context, we have always been very outspoken against the inclusion of low carbon synthetic fuels and low carbon hydrogen, as these fuels stand in a stark contrast with reaching the emission reduction goals, while also not being aligned with the Renewable Energy Directive definitions.

Austria, Belgium and Luxemburg expressly regret the inclusion of "synthetic low-carbon fuels" and "low-carbon hydrogen". In the spirit of compromise, however, we can agree to the compromise text."

Internal Market and Industry

21. Directive on consumer credits Adoption of the legislative act



Statement by Italy

"Italy supports the agreement on the Directive on consumer credits.

While we are not entirely satisfied with the rules on **forbearance measures**, we consider that the Directive as a whole strikes a good balance between the need to protect consumers from the risks involved in borrowing on an evolving digital market and the need to boost the competitiveness of the internal market.

We expect the Commission and the Member States to keep a close eye on new business models that are currently on the rise, such as 'buy now, pay later', in order to safeguard the stability of the consumer credit market and to allow for any adjustments needed to ensure the effectiveness of the legislation over time."

22. Regulation on geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products Adoption of the legislative act

13094/23 **PE-CONS 31/23** PI

Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2019/1754 on the 23. accession of the EU to the Geneva Act (Geographical Indications) Adoption

13014/23 7424/23 ΡI

Fisheries

Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deepsea fish stocks (5th amendment) Adoption

C 12762/1/23 REV 1 12752/23 **PECHE**

Research

Revision of the existing non-binding instrument 'EU-CELAC' Strategic Roadmap for Research and Innovation Authorisation to negotiate an NBI

13025/23 RECH

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COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

| 33. | Case T-385/23 (Action for annulment of the decision of 9 December 2022 adopted by a Permanent Chamber of the EPPO) <i>Information note</i> | 13141/23 JUR |
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| 34. | Case C-408/21 P (Council v Pech) Information note | 12784/23 JUR |
| 35. | Case T-490/23 (Action for annulment Restrictive Measures (Syria)) Information note | 13156/1/23 REV 1 JUR |
| 36. | Case T-492/23 (Action for annulment Restrictive Measures (Syria)) Information note | 13162/1/23 REV 1 JUR |
| 37. | Case T-491/23 (Action for annulment – Restrictive Measures (Syria)) Information note | 13158/1/23 REV 1 JUR |
| 38. | Case T-496/23 (Action for annulment Restrictive Measures (Syria)) Information note | 13165/1/23 REV 1 JUR |

Institutional Affairs

| 39. | | utes of Council meetings roval | PV CONS |
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| | a) | GAC 10.07.2023 | 11736/23 + ADD 1 |
| | b) | ECOFIN 14.07.2023 | 11914/23 + ADD 1 REV 1 |

Appointments

| 40. | Council Decision appointing a member of the European Court of Auditors *Adoption* | 11013/23 11012/23 CMPT |
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| | Letters | |
| 41. | AMLA seat selection procedure Approval of a letter | 13285/23 INST |
| | Other | |
| 42. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on European Free Trade Association on 3 October 2023 Approval | 13264/23 EF |
| 43. | Attendance of a third party at the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats on 3 October 2023 Approval | 12731/23 HYBRID |
| 44. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid on 4-5 October 2023 <i>Approval</i> | 13207/1/23 REV 1 COHAFA |
| 45. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on the Staff Regulations on 4 October 2023 <i>Approval</i> | 13250/23 STAT |
| 46. | Attendance of a third party at the ACP Working Party on 10 October 2023 Approval | 13234/23 ACP |
| 47. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Data Protection on 11 October 2023 <i>Approval</i> | 13222/23 DATAPROTECT |

Economic and Financial Affairs

| 48. | EU position on tax cooperation at the United Nations | 13091/23 |
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| | Approval | 12967/23 |
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Justice and Home Affairs

| 49. | EPPO: Council Decision appointing a European Prosecutor of | 12885/23 |
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| | the European Public Prosecutor's Office | 13000/23 |
| | Adoption | EPPO |

| 50. | Council of Europe Convention on the protection of the | C | 12882/23 |
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| | environment through criminal law (ETS No. 172) | | + ADD 1-2 |
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| a) | Council Decision authorising the Commission to | |
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| | participate in negotiations | |
| | Adoption | |

12693/23 + ADD 1

Position paper of the European Union and the Member b) States **Approval**

12891/23

+ ADD 1

Statement by the Commission is set out in doc. 12882/23 ADD 1

Statement by Ireland is set out in doc. 12882/23 ADD 2

Joint statement by Belgium and Luxembougr is set out in doc. 13434/23 ADD 1.

| 51. | Reply to the request for internal review under Article 10 of | 13239/23 |
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| | Regulation (EC) 1367/2006 | 12850/23 + A |
| | Adoption | SCH-EVAL |

52. Authorisation to produce Council documents before Spanish 13208/23 SCH-EVAL Authorisation to produce a copy of or an extract from a Council document for use in legal proceedings

Foreign Affairs

| 53. | European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act (EDIRPA) Regulation | 13108/23 PE-CONS 40/23 |
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| 5 4 | Adoption of the legislative act | INDEF |
| 54. | Annex XI of the Military Requirements for Military Mobility Approval | 12908/23 EUMC |

| 5: | 5. Reappointment of the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee Working Group. *Approval* | | 13196/23 EUMC |
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| 50 | 5. PSC Decision BiH/35/2023: appointment of the EU Force Commander Decision to publish in the Official Journal | | 13221/23 12920/23 PSC DEC |
| 5′ | 7. PSC Decision EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2023: appointment of the EU Force Commander Decision to publish in the Official Journal | | 13251/23 12968/23 PSC DEC |
| 5 | 8. Ministerial Declaration of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Regional Forum Authorisation to negotiate an NBI | | 13159/23 MED |
| 59 | 9. Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (2022) **Approval** | | 13247/23 13249/23 + ADD 1 CONOP |
| 60 | Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela: pre-notifications Approval | | 13195/23 CORLX |
| 6 | 1. Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma: pre-notifications <i>Approval</i> | | 13272/23 CORLX |
| <u>E</u> | U positions for international negotiations | | |
| 62 | 2. Council Decision on the EU position as regards the modification of an Annex to the EU-Moldova Association Agreement <i>Adoption</i> | C | 12614/23 12598/23 + ADD 1 COEST |
| | Statement by the Commission is set out in doc. 13434/23 ADD 1 | | |
| 6. | 3. Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in EU-UK working groups as regards the adoption of their rules of procedure <i>Adoption</i> | C | 12988/23 13012/23 + ADD 1 UK |
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Statement by the Commission is set out in doc. 13434/23 ADD 1.

64. Council Decision establishing the EU position to be taken in the EU-UK Joint Committee as regards the adoption of a decision adding two newly adopted Union acts to Annex 2 to the Windsor Framework Adoption

C 13130/23 13125/23 + ADD 1 UK

Statement by the Commission is set out in doc. 13434/23 ADD 1.

65. Council Decision establishing the EU position to be taken in the Joint Committee as regards the declaration on the implementation of the EU-UK Windsor Framework to be made Adoption

C 13131/23 13128/23 + ADD 1 UK

Statement by the Commission is set out in doc. 13434/23 ADD 1.

66. Council Decision on the EU position in the EU-Iceland Joint Committee on the protection of geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs as regards the adoption of its rules of procedure Adoption

C 12940/23 12939/23 + ADD 1 EEE

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."

Other items

67. Interim approval of a cryptographic product 12733/23 - R-UE**CSCI** *Approval* **CSC**

12734/23 - **R-UE** Interim approval of a cryptographic product 68. *Approval* **CSCI**

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69. Interim approval of a cryptographic product *Approval*

12735/23 – **R-UE** CSCI CSC

• First reading

Special legislative procedure

Public deliberation (Article 8(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Item based on a Commission proposal

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