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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
4, 5 and 6 March 2020

I. Adoption of the agenda

6466/20 OJ CRP1 9 + ADD 1
6470/1/20 REV 1 OJ CRP2 9

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)

Environment

41. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 5 March 2020: Preparation

Any other business items

The Committee decided to invite an external guest for item 8 a) and to hold items 8 a) and c) in public.

Agriculture and Fisheries

2. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 March 2020: Agenda
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee noted that no items on the Council agenda fell within its remit.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

3. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 6 March 2020: Preparation

COVID-19 6458/20

Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

4. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 19 March 2020: Preparation

1. Conclusions on enhancing well-being at work 6147/20

Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

2. A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions 6330/20

Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

3. Demography: Demographic challenges - the way ahead 6331/20

Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Internal Market and Industry

5. Directive on representative actions
Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 2 March 2020.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020

Justice and Home Affairs

15. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 4 March 2020: Preparation
Migration - Situation at the external borders of the EU
Exchange of views
Statement/Conclusions
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

Foreign Affairs

16. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 6 March 2020:
Preparation
Syria/Turkey
Exchange of views
Conclusions/Statement
Adoption

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

General Affairs

17. Update on the Republic of Albania and the Republic of North Macedonia 6423/20
6424/20
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission.

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020

Foreign Affairs

16. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 6 March 2020:
Preparation
Syria/Turkey
Exchange of views
Conclusions/Statement
Adoption

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020

General Affairs

18. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 24 March 2020:
Agenda

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Foreign Affairs

19. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 12
March 2020: Preparation
- a) Preparations for the 12th World Trade Organization
Ministerial Conference
State of play
 - b) Trade relations with China
State of play
 - c) Trade relations with the US
State of play
 - d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Economic and Financial Affairs

20. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
17 March 2020: Preparation
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Justice and Home Affairs

21. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 13 March
2020: Preparation
- a) JHA strategic guidelines 6345/20
Exchange of views
Approval
 - b) Setting up of the European Public Prosecutors Office 6215/20
(EPPO)
State of play

- c) Digital Justice: e-Evidence
 - i) Negotiations for EU-US agreement on cross-border access to e-evidence
Information from the Commission
 - ii) Negotiations on a second additional protocol to the Budapest Convention
Information from the Commission
 - iii) e-evidence Digital Exchange System
Information from the Commission/State of play
- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Foreign Affairs

- 22. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 23 March 2020:
Agenda

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

- 23. (poss.) EU-Western Balkans Summit, Zagreb, 7 May 2020
Orientation debate

6204/20

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

- 24. 15th EU-India Summit preparation (Brussels, 13 March 2020)
Exchange of views

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

Coronavirus

The Committee took note of the information provided by Belgium.

Debrief PEC meetings

The Committee was debriefed of the visit of the President of the European Council to Greece and Bulgaria and of his meeting with the President of Turkey.

"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> | ☒ 6397/20
PE-QE |
| a) | Caroline Nagtegaal (Renew)
"Proliferation of court cases in the Netherlands due to the failure to review air passenger rights (Renew)" | 5836/20 |
| b) | Monika Beňová (S&D)
"Turkey's invasion of Syria" | 5791/20 |
| c) | Martin Schirdewan (GUE/NGL)
"Golden visas" | 5697/20 |
| d) | Agnes Jongerius (S&D) and Kathleen Van Brempt (S&D)
"Exploitation of construction workers working on the new Council building" | 5790/20 |

Appointments

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| 7. | One alternate member (EL) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6153/20
SOC |
| 8. | One alternate member (AT) of the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
<i>Adoption</i> | 6154/20
SOC |
| 9. | One alternate member (LT) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6159/20
SOC |
| 10. | One member (EL) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6295/20
SOC |
| 11. | One alternate member (EL) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6296/20
SOC |

Health

12. Conclusions on "Addressing antimicrobial resistance"
(CoA SR 21/2019) 6341/20 + COR 1
SAN
Adoption

Fisheries

13. Council Decision on the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries
Partnership Agreement (SFPA) with the Republic of The
Gambia and of the Implementation Protocol thereto 6166/20 + ADD 1
8974/19
PECHE
Adoption

Statement by the Commission

"By its judgement in joined cases C-103/12 and C-165/12 (European Parliament and the Commission v. Council) the Court of Justice clearly confirmed that decisions relating to the conclusion of external fisheries agreements fall fully within the scope of Article 43(2) TFEU (in conjunction with the applicable procedure of Article 218 TFEU, i.e. Article 218(6)(a)(v) for the decisions on the conclusion of the agreements) and rejected the position that such decisions could fall within the scope of Article 43(3) TFEU.

In relation to the decision on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto, the Commission regrets the Council's amendment replacing the substantive legal basis of Article 43(2) TFEU with Article 43 (without mentioning the paragraph), and therefore maintains its initial proposal."

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Energy

14. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX correcting certain
language versions of Regulation (EU) No 1253/2014 6105/20
5244/20
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implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European
Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign
requirements for ventilation units
Decision not to oppose adoption

COREPER (PART 2)

Institutional Affairs

25. Minutes of Council meetings

Approval

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| a) FAC 10.1.2020 | 5333/20 + ADD 1 |
| b) FAC 20.1.2020 | 5371/20 + ADD 1 |
| c) ECOFIN 21.1.2020 | 5433/20 + ADD 1 |
| d) GAC 28.1.2020 | 5557/20 + ADD 1 |

Appointments

26. Renewal of the Committee of the Regions 2020-2025

Adoption

6143/20
6097/20
CDR

Transparency

27. Public access to documents

Confirmatory application No 02/c/01/20

Adoption

5694/20
INF
API

Economic and Financial Affairs

28. ECA SR No 3/2020 on nuclear safety in the EU

Designation of a Working Party

6267/20
FIN

Justice and Home Affairs

29. Regulation on the False and Authentic Documents Online

(FADO) system and repealing Joint Action 98/700/JHA

Adoption of the legislative act

6142/20
PE-CONS 97/19
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| 30. | Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection
<i>Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons</i> | 6148/20
15300/19 + ADD 1
JAI |
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Joint statement by Malta and Slovakia

"We acknowledge the efforts of the Presidency to reach a compromise with the European Parliament on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

However, we cannot accept the compromise as stated in the "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection" (ST 15300/19).

Our concerns on this draft regulation, as already expressed during several Council Working Parties on Statistics, and during the COREPER meetings of 20 November 2019, 4 December 2019 and 15 January 2020, and also through the silence procedure that was launched, have not been addressed. The lack of real and relevant justification for the additional data and their added value for policy making persists, and the double-reporting problem has not been adequately catered for but left unclear. Furthermore, the change to recital 11, wherein requesting the prioritization of the inclusion of data requirements in the legal architecture of the regulation, has exacerbated our problem on the process since this is enabling the circumvention of an appropriate impact assessment vis-à-vis their policy-needs and creating unsubstantiated high resource and administrative constraints for Member States."

Foreign Affairs

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| 31. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN transposition
<i>Adoption</i> | 6210/20
6207/20
CORLX |
| 32. | Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya - UN transposition
<i>Adoption</i> | 6434/20
6359/20 + ADD 1
6360/20 + ADD 1
CORLX |
| 33. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine - review
<i>Adoption</i> | 5750/20
5478/20
5480/20
CORLX |

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| 34. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine - review
<i>Adoption</i> | 6311/20
6062/20
6064/20
CORLX |
| 35. | EU HEX-ML 18 (PACE) - EU Internal Report
<i>Endorsement</i> | 6349/20
14895/19 R-UE
POLMIL |
| 36. | (Poss.) Council Decision on the accession of Solomon Islands to the EU-Pacific Interim Partnership Agreement
<i>Adoption of the Irish language version</i> | 6253/20
9405/19
ACP |
| 37. | EU-LAC International Foundation: Decision regarding the participation in the meetings of the Board of Governors
<i>Approval</i> | 6221/20
COLAC |
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<u>Other items</u> | | |
| 38. | Interim approval of a cryptographic product
<i>Approval</i> | 6279/20
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| 39. | Interim approval of a cryptographic product
<i>Approval</i> | 6282/20
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| 40. | Security assessment visit
<i>Approval</i> | 6300/20
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