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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
6 and 8 March 2024

Adoption of the agenda

7270/1/24 OJ CRP1 9 REV 1
7312/24 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 [with the exception of item 62].

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024

Internal Market and Industry

2. Regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market 1C
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency briefed on the trilogue which took place on 4 March 2024.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

3. Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 11 March 2024: preparation

1. 2024 European Semester

Conclusions on the 2024 Annual Sustainable Growth
Strategy and Joint Employment Report
Approval

6791/1/24 REV 1


The Committee finalised the preparation of this item for the Council meeting.

2. Future policy priorities for the Union on the European
Pillar of Social Rights – Opinion of the Employment
Committee and the Social Protection Committee
Endorsement

7005/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Internal Market and Industry

4. Directive amending Directives 2009/102/EC and (EU) 2017/1132  6823/24
as regards further expanding and upgrading the use of digital
tools and processes in company law
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue
Preparation for the trilogue

The Presidency briefed on the trilogue which took place on 15 February 2024.
The Committee prepared a revised mandate in view of the forthcoming trilogue.

Health

5. Regulation on the European Health Data Space  7050/24
Preparation for the trilogue 7051/24

The Committee prepared a revised mandate in view of the forthcoming trilogue.

Employment and Social Policy

6. Regulation on European statistics on population and housing  7138/1/24 REV 1
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared a revised mandate with a view to the forthcoming trilogue.

Environment

7. Council meeting (Environment) on 25 March 2024: agenda

The Committee took note of the provisional agenda presented by the Presidency, with two orientation debates on the waste framework directive and the regulation on microplastics pollution, and an exchange of views on the Communication on 2040 climate targets, as well as several AOBs. It decided that the AOBs requested by CZ on “Annual Policy Dialogue Statement and the need for strengthening just transition in regions affected by decarbonisation” and RO on “Reassessing the conservation status of brown bear populations across Europe” will be held in public session.


Agriculture and Fisheries

8. Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 26 March 2024: agenda (For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)


The Committee took note of the provisional agenda, which includes a public AOB by the Presidency on the “Call to Care for Animal Welfare” symposium. Coreper also agreed to a request by ES for an AOB on the recent judgement of the ECJ in Case C-330/22, in public session. Further, Coreper approved the attendance of UA Minister Solskyi in the first part of the item on the Market Situation.

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Telecommunications


9. Regulation laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents (Cyber Solidarity Act) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 5 March 2024.

10. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/881 (Cybersecurity Act) as regards managed security services 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 5 March 2024.

Environment

11. Regulation establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals  7136/24
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.

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

12. Directive on air quality (recast) 1C 7135/24 + COR 1
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.

Statements by Germany, Latvia and Malta are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

13. Regulation on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC 1C
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 4 March 2024.

Agriculture

14. Revision of phytosanitary legislation 1C
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 5 March 2024.

Health

5. (continued) Regulation on the European Health Data Space 1C
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 7 March 2024.

Employment and Social Policy

15. Directive extending the Directive establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities to third country nationals 1C
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 4 March 2024.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

3. (continued) Council meeting (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 11 March 2024: preparation

3. Directive on improving working conditions in platform work 1C 7126/24 + ADD 1
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee prepared this item and forwarded the final compromise text to the Council with no changes. It also agreed to withdraw four AOBs (on revision of the regulations on the coordination of social security systems, Regulation establishing an EU Talent Pool, revision of the European Works Councils Directive and the European Year of Skills) from the provisional agenda.

COREPER (PART 2)

General Affairs

31. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 19 March 2024:
preparation

- a) Preparation for the European Council on 21 and 22 March 6085/24
2024: guidance
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the cabinet of the President of the European Council and held an exchange of views on the guidelines.

- b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.
Three ‘any other business’ items were requested: Poland on rule of law, Germany on elections in candidate countries and Spain on Regulation No 1/58.

32. Interinstitutional ethics body 7249/24
State of play and guidance for further work

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play, held an exchange of views in preparation for the next interinstitutional political meeting, and agreed to revert thereafter at its next meeting.

33. Regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans  5573/3/24 REV 3
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.
Joint statements by:

- Austria, Cyprus, Spain, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Slovakia
- Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden
- The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Sweden

are set out in document in ADD 1 to this document.

34. Relations with the EP (February II 2024)
Debriefing

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Foreign Affairs

35. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) from 25 to 29 February 2024: follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

36. Council Decision amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 establishing a European Peace Facility
Preparation for the adoption 7214/24

The Committee held an exchange of views but did not reach agreement.

37. Council Decision on a European Union Diplomatic Academy
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

Justice and Home Affairs

38. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 4 and 5 March 2024: follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

39. Regulation on Advance Passenger Information (API)

a) Borders



b) Enforcement



Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the outcome of the final trilogue and will revert to confirm agreement on the text at its next meeting.

Economic and Financial Affairs

40. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 12 March 2024: preparation

a) Social investment and reforms for resilient economies
Policy debate

7163/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

b) (poss.) Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility
State of play

The Committee confirmed this agenda item and prepared it for the Council meeting.

- c) Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 26-29 February 2024
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- e) EU budget: recommendation on the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2022
Adoption
- 6179/24 + ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- f) EU budget: conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2025
Approval
- 6178/24 + ADD 1
REV 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- g) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and approved the attendance of the EIB President at the ECOFIN and breakfast sessions as well as of the European Stability Mechanism director general and President of the Eurogroup at the breakfast session only.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

The European Defence Industrial Strategy (EDIS) and European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP).

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and the EEAS. Visit by the Prime Minister of Greece to Odesa/Ukraine.

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Greek delegation.

Non-discussion items "I"

COREPER (PART 1)

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Institutional affairs

Appointments

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| 16. | Alternate member (FI) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6931/24
SOC |
| 17. | Alternate member (IT) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 7000/24
SOC |
| 18. | Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work 2022-2025
<i>Adoption</i> | 6633/24
6632/24
SOC |
| 19. | Member (FI) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
<i>Adoption</i> | 6982/24
SOC |
| 20. | Member (NL) of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
<i>Adoption</i> | 6993/24
SOC |

Other

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| 21. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Environmental Issues (WPIEI Desertification) on 15 March 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 6889/24
WPIEI |
| 22. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Public Procurement) on 11 March 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 7137/1/24 REV 1
MAP |

Judicial Affairs

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| 23. | Case C-240/23, reference for a preliminary ruling, validity of the regulation (EU) 2018/848 (organic production)
<i>Information note</i> | 7026/24
JUR |
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EU position for international negotiations

24. Position to be taken on behalf of the EU on the other agenda items of the 231st session of the ICAO Council (Montreal, 11 - 22 March 2024)
Approval

7004/1/24 REV 1
AVIATION

Energy

25. Council Decision on the approval of the withdrawal of the European Atomic Energy Community from the Energy Charter Treaty
Preparation for the adoption

☐ 6515/24
6514/24
ATO

Statements by Estonia and the Commission are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

26. Council Decision on the withdrawal of the Union from the Energy Charter Treaty
Agreement in principle
Request for the consent of the European Parliament

☐ 6511/24 + ADD 1
6509/24
ATO

A statement by Estonia is set out in document 6511/24 ADD 1.

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

Internal Market and Industry

27. Council Decision extending the term of office of the Deputy Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
Adoption

6580/24
6575/24
PI

Research

28. Commission's intention to enter into a Ministerial declaration on behalf of the EU on Science, Innovation and Technology with the OECD
Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

6976/24
RECH

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EU positions for international negotiations

29. Council Decision on the EU position at the 231st ICAO Council as regards the adoption of amendments to Annex 13 – Aviation Accident and Incident Investigation
Adoption

☐ 6928/24
6930/24
AVIATION

Foreign Affairs

30. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on institutional solutions for EU-Switzerland agreements
Adoption
- 7219/24 + ADD 1
7031/24 + ADD 1
+ ADD 1 COR 2
EEE

64. Ukraine and Moldova: autonomous trade measures



- (a) Renewal of the Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions under the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

7392/24
5998/24
POLCOM

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

- (b) Renewal of the Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation supplementing trade concessions under the EU-Moldova Association Agreement

7395/24
5999/24
POLCOM

Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial affairs

41. Case C-711/23 P, appeal against the judgment in Case T-305/22 (restrictive measures Ukraine territorial integrity) 6834/24
Information note JUR

Institutional affairs



Appointments

42. A member (BE) of the Committee of the Regions 6890/24
Adoption 6888/24
CDR

Other items

43. Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Asia-Oceania Working Party on 7 March 2024 7191/24
Approval COASI
44. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues on 8 March 2024 7125/24
Approval CYBER
45. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Security Committee on 12 and 13 March 2024 6961/24
Approval CSC
46. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid on 13 and 14 March 2024 7175/24
Approval COHAFA
47. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of Persons on 14 March 2024 6996/24
Approval JAI
FREMP
48. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Terrorism (International Aspects) on 19 March 2024 7128/24
Approval COTER
49. Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Military Committee on 27 March 2024 6980/24
Approval EUMC


Transparency

50. Public access to documents 6017/24 + COR 1
Confirmatory application No 05/c/01/24 INF
Approval
51. Request for access to documents: request 24/0347  7201/24
Decision to make the statements public CORLX
52. Request for access to documents: request 24/0382  7076/24
Approval COHOM

Economic and Financial Affairs

53. New Slovak commemorative coin 6084/24
Information note UEM
54. Council Decision approving the external auditors of Banque 6748/24
centrale du Luxembourg 6749/24
Adoption UEM

General Affairs

55. EP Resolutions and Decisions (February II 2024) 7118/24
Information note PE-RE
56. Regulation on the transparency and targeting of political  6962/1/24 REV 1
advertising PE-CONS 90/23
Adoption of the legislative act AG

Statement by the Commission

“The provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council includes an obligation for the Commission to set up a European repository for online political advertising. This repository has the tasks to enable public access to online advertisements, together with the information provided by political advertising publishers via a single portal, i.e. the European repository, and to ensure that this information is stored, hosted, indexed and made available to the public through a dedicated single portal for a period of seven years. The Commission recalls that, in comparison to the initial Commission proposal (COM(2021) 730 final of 21.11.2021), this constitutes a significant development which entails a substantial financial and administrative burden for the Commission.

Indeed, the provisional agreement introduces a number of tasks and obligations for the Commission which will entail a substantial increase in workload, both in the short and in the long-term i.e. beyond the current programming period. These include:

- the adoption of implementing acts in areas which the Commission had not envisaged,
- the development, deployment and future maintenance and upgrades of uniform and effective IT tools for this repository, including to ensure:
 - o that political advertising publishers are able to access this mandatory service;
 - o that the public, interested entities and competent national authorities are able to access the information provided by this Repository; and

o that compliance with relevant laws is guaranteed, including during periods affecting national elections.

This has a direct impact on the human resources required for the Commission services, as well as on the budget, which was not anticipated when the Commission submitted its proposal, amounting to around four to six additional FTEs at the European level and, at minimum, around EUR 1,5 million additional annual budget costs. The Commission has prepared a Legislative Financial Statement to this effect.

For the current Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), tasks that are to be performed internally in the Commission will need to be addressed by reallocation and redeployment within the services, and financed through redeployments within the available financial envelope of existing programmes or prerogative budget lines, which would therefore be reduced so as to increase the EU contribution to an agency or other management body entrusted with the management of the Repository. Funding after 2027 cannot be prejudged and will depend on the outcome of the preparations and negotiations of the MFF post-2027.

In parallel, the Commission will explore possible options to entrust the responsibility for the management and operations of the European repository for political advertisements to an agency or management body, which is a flexibility that is provided for in the provisional agreement.”

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 57. Schengen Evaluation Recommendation – Luxembourg: data protection
<i>Adoption</i> | ☐ 7105/24
7104/24
SCHE-VAL |
| 58. EU support for the joint statement by the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drugs Threats at the High-level Segment of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 14 March 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 7151/24
7150/24
CORDROGUE |

Foreign Affairs

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| 59. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
<i>Adoption</i> | 5796/24
5792/24
5794/24
CORLX |
| 60. Proceedings before the International Civil Aviation Organization | 7237/24
CORLX |
| 61. Actions recommended by the EU and the US for online platforms to protect human rights defenders online
<i>Approval of a non-binding instrument</i> | 7027/24
COHOM |

A statement by Hungary is set out in document 7027/24 ADD 1.


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| 62. Revised mandate of the Ad hoc Working Party on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine | 7192/24
PLATEFORME UA |
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Approval

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

EU positions for international negotiations

63. Council Decision on the EU's position in the 67th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the addition to the list of substances in Table I of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
Adoption

 6954/24
6701/24
UD



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal
