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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
4, 5, 7 and 8 May 2020

I. Adoption of the agenda

7689/2/20 REV 2 OJ CRP2 18 + CM 2152/20
7692/20 OJ CRP1 18 + COR 1

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 2)

MONDAY 4 MAY 2020

Foreign Affairs

2. EU-Western Balkans videoconference of 6 May 2020 7552/1/20 REV 1

The Committee held an exchange of views and reached an agreement on the draft declaration.

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020

General Affairs

3. EU-UK negotiations 7685/20
State of play

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

Foreign Affairs

4. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Defence on 12 May 2020: Preparation

7756/20

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Defence.

5. 27th EU-Japan Summit preparation
Exchange of views

The Committee agreed on the text of the draft statement to be used as a basis for negotiations.

6. Conclusions on Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020
Exchange of views

7506/1/20 REV 1

The Committee held an exchange of views and reached an agreement on the open issues regarding the draft Council conclusions.

COREPER (PART 1)

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

17. Informal videoconference of Ministers of Health on
12 May 2020: *Preparation*

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Health. The Committee agreed to invite representatives of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the European Medicines Agency, as well as EFTA countries to participate.

Transport

18. Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of the air services in the Community in view of the COVID-19 pandemic 7613/20
7576/20 + COR 1
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee confirmed that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments. The Committee authorised the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly.

19. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/352 in respect of the levying of port infrastructure charges in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak 7660/20
7644/20
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee confirmed that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments. The Committee authorised the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly.

Statement by the Commission

"Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/352 requires Member States to ensure that a port infrastructure charge is levied. Member States have taken measures to implement this obligation. It is therefore the responsibility of each Member State to bring its national law in conformity with the new transitional provisions of Regulation (EU) 2017/35, as well as to ensure legal certainty within the national legal order.

In so far as, in the context of Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/352, Member States may set the requirements in accordance with their general ports policy, any such requirements must not render ineffective the exercise of the option provided to the managing body of the port or the competent authority under that provision."

20. Directive amending Directive (EU) 2016/797 and Directive (EU) 2016/798 as regards the extension of the transposition period of 4th Railway Package
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament
- 7661/20
7645/20

The Committee confirmed that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments. The Committee authorised the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly.

21. Regulation on measures concerning the validity of certificates, licences, authorisations and postponement of checks and trainings in view of COVID-19 outbreak
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament
- 7665/20
7652/20

The Committee confirmed that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal with the agreed minor amendments. The Committee authorised the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly.

Fisheries

22. Preparation of the EU-Norway consultations concerning sprat for 2020
Preparation for the establishment of the EU position
- 7632/20

The Committee established the EU's position for the upcoming consultations with Norway on fishing opportunities for sprat.

Agriculture and Fisheries

23. Informal videoconference of Agriculture and Fisheries Ministers on 13 May 2020: *Preparation*
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Committee held an exchange of views in preparation of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries, for the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 2)

Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 15 May 2020

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

Suspension of deadlines in infringement proceedings

The Committee took note of the information provided by Spain.

COREPER (PART 1)

COVID-19 crisis single market response
Information from the Commission

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

COVID-19 related initiatives
Information from the Commission

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

Follow-up to ministerial videoconferences

The Committee took note of the request by France.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 2)****TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020****Economic and Financial Affairs**

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| 7. | Council Decision approving the external auditors of Latvijas Banka
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7594/20
7104/20
UEM |
| 8. | Council Implementing Decision authorising Italy to extend the VAT derogation for certain small businesses
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7579/20
7439/20
FISC |
| 9. | Transfer No DEC 06/2020 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7587/20
7452/20
FIN |
| 10. | Transfer No DEC 07/2020 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7588/20
7493/20
FIN |
| 11. | Transfer No DEC 08/2020 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7589/20
7494/20
FIN |
| 12. | Decision on Macro-financial assistance in the context of the COVID-19
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 7642/20
ECOFIN |

Foreign Affairs

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| 13. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States - renewal
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7466/20
7263/20
CORLX |
| 15. | Council Decision on the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali)
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7670/20
7593/20
CORLX |

Other items

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| 14. | Release of TEMPEST technical documents to the Information Assurance Authority of the EP
<i>Approval</i> | 7584/20
CSC |
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THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020

Foreign Affairs

16. Conclusions on Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

7783/20
7510/20
COEST

COREPER (PART 1)

Internal Market and Industry

24. Regulation on temporary measures concerning the general meetings of European companies (SE) and of European Cooperative Societies (SCE)
Request for the consent of the European Parliament
Decision to use the written procedure 7638/1/20 REV 1
7648/20

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

25. One member (SE) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7543/1/20 REV 1
7540/1/20 REV 1
SOC
26. One alternate member (SE) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7545/1/20 REV 1
7544/1/20 REV 1
SOC
27. One member (SE) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7547/1//20 REV 1
7546/1/20 REV 1
SOC

Other

28. Seven members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority: selection and voting procedure
Endorsement 7432/20
AGRILEG

Judicial Affairs

29. Case C-161/20 (European Commission v Council of the European Union)
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) 7403/20
JUR

Research

30. Regulation on European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Decision on Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
- Recitals of the Regulation and the SIA and the Articles of the SIA
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 7523/20
RECH