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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
11 November 2020

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

12707/20 OJ CRP1 42  
12731/1/20 REV 1 OJ CRP2 42

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)**

**Competitiveness**

2. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research on 27 November 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research.

**Education, Youth, Culture and Sport**

3. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Youth on 30 November 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Youth.

4. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education on 30 November 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education.

5. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Culture and Audiovisual on 1 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Culture and Audiovisual.

6. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Sport on 1 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Sport.

### **Competitiveness**

7. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Space on 20 November 2020: Preparation

1. Europe's role in the global space economy  
*Policy debate*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Space.

2. European Space Policy - Preparation of the Space Council

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Space.

8. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry on 19 November 2020: Preparation

Making the most of recovery: A more dynamic, resilient and competitive European industry through investments in the green transformation #cleanindustry  
*Policy debate*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry.

### **Internal Market and Industry**

9. Conclusions on "A recovery advancing the transition towards a more dynamic, resilient and competitive European Industry" 12539/20  
*Preparation for the approval*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*

The Committee agreed on the draft text of the Council Conclusions and decided on the use of the written procedure for its approval.

10. Conclusions on Regulatory Sandboxes and Experimentation Clauses 12683/20  
*Preparation for the approval*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*

The Committee agreed on the amended draft text of the Council Conclusions and decided on the use of the written procedure for its approval.

### **Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs**

11. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Employment and Social Policy on 3 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Employment and Social Policy.

12. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Health on 2 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Health.

### **Environment**

13. Regulation on LIFE 12578/20  
*Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

## COREPER (PART 2)

### Justice and Home Affairs

20. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs on 13 November 2020: Preparation

- a) Pact on Migration and Asylum<sup>1</sup>  
*Policy debate*

12718/20

The Committee held an exchange of views on the updated text and prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

22. Joint Statement by the EU Home Affairs Ministers on the recent terrorist attacks in Europe  
*Approval*

12634/20

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference and agreed on the text of the joint statement, as revised during the course of the meeting.

#### Oral statement by Estonia

"The paragraph on Digital Services Act (second para p 9) will not in any way pre-empt or bind Estonia's position during the upcoming negotiations over the legal act."

20. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs on 13 November 2020: Preparation

- b) Terrorist threats after recent attacks  
*Policy debate*

12634/20

12630/1/20 REV 1

The Committee held an exchange of views and prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- c) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The Presidency provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

23. Regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online  
*Preparation for the trilogue*

12618/20

The Committee held an exchange of views.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

24. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 4 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

25. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Justice on 3 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

### **General Affairs**

26. Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and Recovery Package  
*Information from the Presidency*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and agreed to revert on this issue at its next meeting.

27. Covid-19 – EU-coordination  
*State of play*

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

28. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 8 December 2020: Preparation  
Preparation of the European Council on 10-11 December 2020: Climate change  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee held an exchange of views on the above-mentioned topic.

29. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of European Affairs on 17 November 2020: Preparation  
Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The Presidency provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

## Foreign Affairs

30. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 19 November 2020: Preparation

a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

b) Multilateralism  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

c) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The EEAS provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

31. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Defence on 20 November 2020: Preparation

a) Current Affairs

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

b) Strategic Compass: from Threat analysis to Compass  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

c) PESCO Strategic review  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

d) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The EEAS provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

## **Economic and Financial Affairs**

32. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Economy and Finance on 4 November 2020: Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the informal videoconference.

33. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 1 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

34. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs/Budget) on 3 December 2020: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

## **Foreign Affairs**

35. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Trade on 9 November 2020: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

#### **IV. Any other business**

##### **COREPER (PART 1)**

Working methods

*Information from the General Secretariat of the Council*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the General Secretariat of the Council.

European Semester 2021 - Roadmap

9291/2/20 REV 2

*Presentation by the Presidency*

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

Directive on minimum wages

12477/20 + ADD 1

*Presentation by the Commission*

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

##### **COREPER (PART 2)**

None.

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**"I" items approved****COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Written questions**

14. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament  
*Adoption by silence procedure* 12620/20  
PE-QE
- a) Olivier Chastel (Renew) 12032/20  
"Permanent Structured Cooperation on medical matters"
- b) Patrick Breyer (Verts/ALE) 11988/20  
"Hosting service providers systematically refusing to remove terrorist content "

**Appointments**

15. One member (FI) of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption* 12535/1/20 REV 1  
12533/20  
SOC

**Fisheries**

16. Council Regulation opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2021-2023  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption* 12564/20  
11814/20  
PECHE
17. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards Eastern Baltic cod, Western Baltic cod and Western Baltic herring  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act* 12547/20  
PECHE

**Agriculture**

18. Assessment of the Council Decision (EU) 2017/2104 on the procedure for coordinating EU positions with regard to the quality standards for fruit and vegetables  
*Approval* 12697/20  
AGRI

## Employment and Social Policy

19. Decision amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES)  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act*

12546/20  
SOC

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

### **Judicial Affairs**

36. Cases C-122/19 P and C-386/19 P ( Hamas v. Council) 12524/20  
*Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee* JUR  
*(Part 2)*

### **Institutional Affairs**

#### **Appointments**

37. EESC renewal - appointment of two members 12304/20  
(FR and SK) 12288/20  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption* CES

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

38. New Luxembourg Commemorative Coin 12312/20  
UEM
39. New Lithuania Commemorative Coin 12558/20  
UEM
40. Transfer No DEC 16/2020 (Section III - Commission) 12696/20  
*Approval* 11469/20  
*Decision to use the written procedure* FIN
41. OLAF's 2019 report: Outcome of proceedings 12673/1/20 REV 1  
*Endorsement* GAF
42. OLAF Supervisory Committee's 2019 activity report: Outcome  
of proceedings 12674/20  
*Endorsement* GAF
43. Regulation on central counterparties recovery and resolution 12550/20 + COR 1  
(CCP RR) EF  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the  
Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the  
Council's reason*

### **General Affairs**

44. LTTs in view of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) 12635/20  
meetings November and December 12316/2/20 REV 2  
*Approval* CYBER

## Foreign Affairs

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| 45. | WTO and environment - Draft Communication on Trade and Environmental Sustainability<br><i>Approval</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>                                | 12643/20<br>12653/20<br>WTO |
| 46. | Joint Statement of the United States and the European Union on a Tariff Agreement<br><i>Approval</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>                                  | 12639/20<br>12652/20<br>WTO |
| 47. | African Peace Facility - Amendment No 2 to the 2019-2020 Action Programme<br><i>Approval</i>  | 12455/20<br>ACP             |
| 48. | Council Decision on EDF contributions: ceiling 2022, annual amount 2021, 1st instalment 2021 and forecast 2023-2024<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>  | 12601/20<br>12191/20<br>ACP |
| 49. | Agreement amending the EU-Pacific States Interim Partnership Agreement regarding the accessions of Samoa and Solomon Islands, and of future accessions of other Pacific Island States | 12637/20<br>ACP             |
|     | a) Council Decision on signing and provisional application<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>   | 11656/20<br>11669/20        |
|     | b) Council Decision on conclusion<br><i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>  | 11657/20<br>11669/20        |
| 50. | 9th EU-Tajikistan Cooperation Council'<br>(VTC, 18 November 2020)<br><i>Establishment of the EU position</i><br><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i>                          | 12651/20<br>COEST           |
| 51. | 16th EU-Central Asia Foreign Ministers' Meeting<br>(VTC, 17 November 2020) - Joint Communiqué<br><i>Endorsement</i>   | 12318/20 + COR 1<br>COEST   |

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| 52. | <p>Conclusions on the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024</p> <p><i>Approval</i></p> <p><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i></p> <p><u>Statement by Austria</u></p> <p>on Action 3.5(a) of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024 concerning the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) on the implementation of the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights:</p> <p>"Austria continues to fully support the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and welcomes all steps to actively promote and support global efforts towards their meaningful implementation. Austria has taken note of Action 3.5, first bullet of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020□2024. Austria does not envision a dedicated NAP on business and human rights but will assess further measures for strengthening responsible business conduct for human rights in light of the UN Guiding Principles, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles Concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy or other tools/initiatives in this area."</p> <p><u>Statement by the Commission</u></p> <p>"The Commission regrets that its proposal to refer the Human Rights Action Plan to the European Council for formal adoption was not considered. Such decision by the European Council would have enabled Council to take decisions pertaining to its implementation through Qualified Majority Voting. The EU needs to be more agile, assertive and effective in its approach to promoting its values and strategic interests around the world. In particular, the Union cannot afford to remain silent on Human Rights in international fora given the priority we give to them and the important role the Union plays in this respect."</p> | <p>12548/20</p> <p>12552/20</p> <p>COHOM</p>  |
| 53. | <p>Council Guidelines for EDA's Work in 2021</p> <p><i>Approval</i></p> <p><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i></p>  | <p>12619/20</p> <p>12435/20</p> <p>CSDP/PSDC</p>  |
| 54. | <p>Progress Catalogue 2020</p> <p><i>Approval</i></p> <p><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i></p>  | <p>12714/20</p> <p>11813/20 <b>R-UE</b></p> <p>+ ADD 1-4 <b>R-UE</b></p> <p>CSDP/PSDC</p> |
| 55. | <p>PESCO Strategic Review 2020</p> <p><i>Approval</i></p> <p><i>Decision to use the written procedure</i></p>  | <p>12658/20</p> <p>12659/20</p> <p>CSDP/PSDC</p>  |
| 56. | <p>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela - review</p> <p><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i></p>  | <p>12229/1/20 REV 1</p> <p>12226/20</p> <p>12228/20</p> <p>CORLX</p>                      |

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| 57. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12537/20<br>12474/20<br>12476/20<br>CORLX |
| 58. | Restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine - draft reply<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                  | 12642/20<br>CORLX                         |
| 59. | DRC restrictive measures - UN pre-notifications<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>   | 12732/20<br>CORLX                         |

### **Energy**

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| 60. | Regulation on funding for decommissioning and management of radioactive waste<br><i>Decision to consult an institution or body</i> | 11127/20<br>12525/20<br>ATO |
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### **EU positions for international negotiations**

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| 62. | Council Decision on the EU position in the Harmonized System under the Harmonised System Convention of the World Customs Organization<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i>                     | 12625/20<br>11650/20<br>11651/20<br>UD |
| 63. | Council Decision on the EU position in the International Sugar Organisation concerning the accession of the UK to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992<br><i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 12562/20<br>12495/20<br>PROBA          |