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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
21 April 2021

I. Adoption of the agenda

7927/21 OJ CRP1 15 + COR 1
7954/21 OJ CRP2 15

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)

Internal Market and Industry

2. Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) 7813/21
Guidance for further work

The Committee held an exchange of views and provided guidance for further work.

Environment

3. Regulation on European Climate Law
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 20 April 2021.

COREPER (PART 2)

Justice and Home Affairs

11. (poss.) Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 of 30 June 2020 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction
Approval
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Foreign Affairs

12. EU-India Leaders' Meeting (8 May 2021, Porto)
State of play

The Committee took note of the state of play of the upcoming EU-India Leader's meeting.

13. Connectivity
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the EEAS non-paper and held an exchange of views.

14. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 10 May 2021:
Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda.

15. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Development on 29 April 2021: Agenda and preparation
 - a) Future European Financial Architecture for Development (EFAD)
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the informal videoconference.

- b) Other items in connection with the informal videoconference

The EEAS provided further information regarding the informal videoconference.

16. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 19 April 2021: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

General Affairs

17. COVID-19 EU coordination: vaccines
Information from the Commission

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and held an exchange of views.

18. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 11 May 2021:
Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

19. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of European Affairs
on 20 April 2021: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Justice and Home Affairs

20. Implementation Review Mechanism of the United Nations
Convention against Corruption: Statement of the EU and
Internal rules
Endorsement
Decision to use the written procedure

7206/2/21 REV 2
7341/1/21 REV 1
7342/1/21 REV 1

The Committee confirmed its agreement on the text of the statement of the European Union and on the internal rules for the review. The Commission welcomed the documents.

Economic and Financial Affairs

21. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of the Economy and
Finance on 16 April 2021: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Porto Social Summit (7 - 8 May 2021)
Information from the Presidency

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

COREPER (PART 2)

Georgia

The Committee took note of the information provided by the PEC Cabinet.

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

4. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure 7863/21
PE-QE
- a) Mounir Satouri (Verts/ALE), Hannah Neumann (Verts/ALE) 7823/21
"Council discussions for the EU to become an observer regional organisation at the first meeting of States Parties to the Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons "
- b) Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE) 7825/21
"Recognition by the Biden Government of Juan Guaidó as president of Venezuela"
- c) Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE) 7827/21
"Preservation of cultural heritage"
- d) Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE) 7450/21
"Relations with the countries of the Southern Neighbourhood"
- e) Lukas Mandl (PPE) 7828/21
"Visa liberalisation for Kosovo"
- f) Bronis Ropè (Verts/ALE) 7830/21
"Sanctions against the 'Belorus' sanatorium"
- g) Markéta Gregorová (Verts/ALE) 7435/21
"Abortion rights for Polish women in other Member States"

Appointments

5. One alternate member (PT) of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work 7845/21
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7844/21
SOC

Transport

7. IMO – Member States and Commission submission - MEPC 76 on Exhaust Gas Cleaning System malfunctioning
Endorsement
- 7782/21 + ADD 1
MAR
OMI

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that Union submissions to be sent to the IMO are covered by EU exclusive competence. Submission of proposals to the IMO on issues of EU competence is an act of external representation, which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.

In the Commission's view, the procedural arguments against presenting submissions to the IMO by the Commission on behalf of the EU are not convincing. This is because there is no evidence to suggest that the IMO, as a specialised agency of the United Nations, would be in a position to reject such a submission.

The Treaty provisions on external representation of the Union must be applied. It should therefore be made by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and sent to the IMO by the Commission.

The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

8. IMO – Member States and Commission submission - III 7 on a review of the Model Agreement for the authorisation of recognised organisations
Endorsement
- 7786/21 + ADD 1
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Fisheries

9. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union and non-Union waters 7806/21
7401/21 + COR 1
PECHE
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

Statements by the Commission

On shared stocks managed under provisional Total allowable catches (TACs)

"Provisional TACs have been established to allow fishing activities of EU fleets to continue while not prejudging the outcome of ongoing consultations with the United Kingdom. In April 2021, the Commission will assess the situation of the stocks shared with the United Kingdom subject to provisional TACs. The Commission, on the basis of the uptake of quotas reported by Member States, will come up with stock-taking and relevant suggestions for the way forward and possible revisions of the provisional TAC levels, especially concerning the seasonality of fishing activities and "choke situations", in order to address Member States' needs, and/or to establish definitive TACs."

On exemption deductions for certain TACs in the North Sea and Skagerrak

"Following further clarification by Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, of their 2020 landings and discards of catches of certain stocks, including plaice and whiting by vessels that shall be exempted from the landing obligation in the North Sea and Skagerrak in 2021, the Commission will consider, if appropriate, submitting a proposal for an in-year amendment to the 2021 fishing opportunities regulation adjusting the level of the relevant TACs to take into account the revised permitted discard rate."

On Norway Pout

"Following the outcome of the agreement between the European Union and Norway, no transfers of Norway pout to Norway were agreed. The amount reserved for Norway has therefore not been allocated. Following the outcome of the EU-UK consultations the Commission will reassess and, if appropriate, propose the allocation of the remaining Norway Pout to allow fishing to start in September."

On Malta's Bluefin tuna farming capacity

"The Commission can confirm that it has completed its examination of Malta's request to increase the input capacity for its Bluefin tuna farms and that it is prepared to revise the farming capacity for Malta in the next in-year Fishing Opportunity amendment.

The Commission at the same time strongly encourages Malta to take all necessary measures to ensure effective control and enforcement over the Bluefin tuna farming activities."

10. Joint Declaration on the designation of Marine Protected Areas in the Southern Ocean with Australia, Norway, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and possibly other third countries 7633/21
7889/21
PECHE
Authorisation to sign on behalf of the European Union
Decision to use the written procedure

COREPER (PART 2)

Institutional Affairs

22. Minutes of Council meetings

Approval

FAC 22.2.2021

6435/21 + ADD 1

Appointments

23. A member and an alternate member (NL) of the Committee of the Regions

Adoption by silence procedure

7821/21

7573/21

CDR

24. An alternate member (PT) of the Committee of the Regions

Adoption by silence procedure

7822/21

7572/21

CDR

Transparency

25. Public access to documents

Confirmatory application No 09/c/01/21

Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

7814/21 + ADD 1

7047/21

INF

API

Economic and Financial Affairs

26. ECA SR No 05/2021 on infrastructure for charging electric vehicles

Designation of a Working Party

7833/21

FIN

27. Joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2021

Approval

Decision to use the written procedure

7864/21

7865/21

FIN

28. Joint statement on the European Union Space Programme Agency (EUSPA) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

Approval

Decision to use the written procedure

7866/21

7867/21

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| 29. | Council position on DAB No 2/2021: Financing the COVID-19 response and including refinements and updates related to the final adoption of the MFF
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7872/21
7873/21
7304/21
FIN |
| 30. | Decision on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece and France in relation to natural disasters and to Albania, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain (public health emergency)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7875/21 + COR 1
7876/1/21 REV 1
FIN |
| 31. | Transfer No DEC 03/2021 (Section III - Commission)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7877/21
7306/21
FIN |
| 32. | Council Implementing Decisions amending Implementing Decisions granting temporary support to Member States under the SURE Regulation | 7826/21
ECOFIN |
| a) | Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the Kingdom of Belgium
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7499/21 |
| b) | Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the Republic of Cyprus
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7498/21 |
| c) | Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the Hellenic Republic
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7497/21 |
| d) | Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the Republic of Latvia
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7495/21 |

e) Council Implementing Decision amending
Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the
Republic of Lithuania
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7496/21

f) Council Implementing Decision amending
Implementing Decision granting temporary support to the
Republic of Malta
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption 7494/21

33. Conclusions on Next Generation EU Green Bonds
Approval 7816/21
Decision to use the written procedure 7817/21
ECOFIN

Justice and Home Affairs

34. Directive amending Council Framework Decision
2002/465/JHA as regards its alignment with EU rules on the
protection of personal data
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 7843/21
7842/21
JAI

35. Directive amending Directive 2014/41/EU as regards its
alignment with EU rules on the protection of personal data
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 7847/21
7846/21
COPEN

Foreign Affairs

36. Procedure for the appointment of the Council and Member
States representatives in the Commission's selection panel for
the selection of adjudicators of investment courts and trade
agreements
Endorsement 6660/21 + COR 1
WTO

37. Conclusions on Team Europe
Approval 7753/21
Decision to use the written procedure 7752/21
DEVGEN

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 internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in place where the conclusions refer to gender equality Poland will interpret it as a equality between women and men, according to art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Also Poland will understand wording "gender" as referring to sex and "gender mainstreaming" as referring to mainstreaming equal opportunities for women according to art. 10, art. 19 para 1 and art. 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

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| 38. | Conclusions on the Annual Report on the implementation of the EU instruments for financing external actions in 2019
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7757/21
7756/21
DEVGEN |
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| 39. | Reappointment of the Secretary General of the Lisbon Study Groups
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7751/21
PROBA |
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| 40. | Conclusions on ECA SR No 02/2021 on EU humanitarian aid for education
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 7858/21
7857/21
COHAFA |
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Statement by Poland

"Poland understands wording "gender equality" as referring to "equality between women and men", in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Also Poland understands wording "gender" as referring to "sex" in line with art. 10, art. 19 para 1 and art. 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union."

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| 41. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7616/21
7611/21
7613/21
CORLX |
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| 42. | Council Implementing Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 7923/21
7776/21
7779/21
CORLX |
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| 43. | Commission Decision accepting the role of administrator, accounting officer and internal auditor for assistance measures under the European Peace Facility | 7924/21
CORLX |
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| 44. | Council Decision on the participation of Canada in the PESCO project Military Mobility
<i>Adoption</i> | 7759/21
7557/21
CORLX |
| 45. | Council Decision on the participation of the Kingdom of Norway in the PESCO project Military Mobility
<i>Adoption</i> | 7760/21
7558/21
CORLX |
| 46. | Council Decision on the participation of the United States of America in the PESCO project Military Mobility
<i>Adoption</i> | 7761/21
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CORLX |
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