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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
5 and 6 May 2021

I. Adoption of the agenda

8364/21 OJ CRP1 17
8377/1/21 REV1 OJ CRP2 17 + CM 3101/21

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)

Transport

2. Single European Sky Package 8030/21 + ADD 1-2
Guidance for further work

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

Energy

3. Revision of the TEN-E Regulation 8078/21
Guidance for further work

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

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

4. Meeting of the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 17 and 18 May 2021: Preparation

1. Conclusions on equity and inclusion in education and training in order to promote educational success for all 7985/21 + ADD 1-2
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Poland

"The Republic of Poland understands 'gender equality' as referring to equality between women and men as established in Articles 2 and 3 TEU.

In addition, the Republic of Poland understands 'gender' as 'sex' in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) TFEU."

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between men and women, in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union, as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the concept of 'gender' as reference to 'sex' in the Council conclusions on equity and inclusion in education and training in order to promote educational success for all. Furthermore, Hungary interprets the term of "diversity" in the Council conclusions, in line with the content and scope of Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Paragraph 22 of Annex of the Council Conclusions refers to the Communication from the Commission on achieving the European Education Area by 2025. Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 mentioned on page 4 of the Communication from the Commission on achieving the European Education Area by 2025, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State."

2. Conclusions on the European Universities initiative - Bridging higher education, research, innovation and society: Paving the way for a new dimension in European higher education 7963/21 + ADD 1-2
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Poland

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In addition, the Republic of Poland understands 'gender' as 'sex' in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) TFEU."

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary declares, that the Commission's Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, mentioned on page 4 of the Communication from the Commission on achieving the European Education Area by 2025, which is referred to in point 19 of the Annex on page 25 of the Council Conclusions, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.

In addition, Hungary declares that the Commission's Communications on a Union of Equality: LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, mentioned on page 6 and 8 in the Communication from the Commission on the Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027 (which is referred to in point 23 of the Annex on page 26 of the Council Conclusions), should also be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State."

3. Evolving scenarios for the transformation of EU Higher Education
Policy debate

8093/21

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

4. Conclusions on strengthening the multilevel governance when promoting the participation of young people in decision-making processes
Approval

8169/21 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Poland

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In addition, the Republic of Poland understands 'gender' as 'sex' in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) TFEU."

5. A rights-based approach to youth policies: The drive for commitment in the future?
Policy debate

8172/21

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

6. Conclusions on sport innovation
Approval

8126/21 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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 places where the conclusions refer to "gender" Poland will interpret it as meaning women and men, in accordance with Article 8 TFEU."

7. Sport diplomacy: Promoting Europe's Interests and Values
in the World
Policy debate

8128/21

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Agriculture and Fisheries

5. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 26 and 27 May 2021: Agenda
(For the items in the remit of the Permanent Representatives Committee)

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

Competitiveness

6. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 27 and 28 May 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

Environment

7. Regulation on European Climate Law
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

8204/21

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and will inform the European Parliament.

Statements by the Commission

"LULUCF sink and 2030 target

The EU land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector both emits greenhouse gases and absorbs CO₂ in its soil and biomass. Restoring and growing our land carbon sink - the ability to absorb CO₂ by our natural environment such as trees - is crucial to our climate goals.

We need a growing sink in order for the EU to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. Reversing the current trend requires significant short-term action. The Commission Communication "Stepping up Europe's 2030 climate ambition - Investing in a climate-neutral future for the benefit of our people" estimates that it is needed and possible to reverse the current trend and increase the carbon sink to levels above 300 million tons CO₂eq. by 2030.

The Commission will make proposals to revise the LULUCF Regulation, in line with this ambition."

"Access to Justice

The EU and its Member States are parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters of 25 June 1998 (the 'Aarhus Convention').

When performing their obligations under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 concerning the involvement of the public in the preparation of the national energy and climate plans and the consultations on the long-term strategies, Member States should ensure that the public concerned is granted access to justice in case of breach of such obligations in line with the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, and in full respect of the obligations Member States have undertaken as parties to the Aarhus Convention."

Telecommunications

8. Regulation on a temporary derogation from the ePrivacy

Directive

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 29 April 2021.

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021

Foreign Affairs

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

The Committee took note of the latest developments of the preparations of the upcoming EU-India Leader's meeting and exchanged views on the draft joint statement.

Joint Statement by Poland and Hungary

"In relation to the Joint statement for the EU-India Leaders' Meeting, 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 and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. With this clarification, Poland accepts the proposal concerning Joint statement for the EU-India Leaders' Meeting, 8 May 2021, Porto."

General Affairs

21. Informal meeting of the Members of the European Council on social issues (8 May 2021) - Draft Porto declaration
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert on this issue at the continuation of its meeting on Thursday 6 May 2021.

Justice and Home Affairs

58. Adding Israel to Annex I of Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction
Approval

The Committee agreed to add Israel to Annex I of the Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912.

19. 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
Information from the Commission

8387/21

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

General Affairs

22. COVID-19 EU coordination: vaccinations
Information from the Commission

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

24. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 11 May 2021:
Preparation

- a) Conference on the Future of Europe
Information from the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Preparation of the special European Council meeting on 25 May 2021: Annotated Draft Agenda 8258/21
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Presidency provided further information regarding the Council meeting.

Foreign Affairs

25. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 10 May 2021:
Preparation

- a) Current Affairs
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Western Balkans
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Transatlantic relations
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Belarus
Exchange of views

This item has been removed from the Council agenda.

- e) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The EEAS provided further information regarding the Council meeting.
The Committee has been informed that Belarus item will be treated under current affairs.

THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021

General Affairs

21. Informal meeting of the Members of the European Council on social issues (8 May 2021) - Draft Porto declaration
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed on the text of the Joint declaration.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COREPER (PART 1)

The Committee took note of the information provided by Italy and the Commission concerning the World Health Summit that will take place in Rome on 21 May 2021.

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

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

9. Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
Adoption by silence procedure 8267/21
PE-QE
- a) Filip De Man (ID) 8170/21
"Turkey's unilateral actions and provocations"
- b) Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi (PPE) 8171/21
"Turkish provocation off the islets of Imia"
- c) Victor Negrescu (S&D) 8173/21
"Visa charging arrangements applied by the United Kingdom to citizens of certain EU countries"

Appointments

10. One member (PT) of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
Adoption 8251/21
SOC
11. One alternate member (PT) of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
Adoption 8252/21
SOC

Judicial Affairs

12. Case C-733/19 (Kingdom of the Netherlands v Council of the European Union and European Parliament) 8276/21
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) JUR

Research

13. Council Regulation on Euratom programme complementing
Horizon Europe
Adoption

7992/21 + ADD 1-2
5215/1/21 REV 1
RECH

Statement by Luxembourg

"Le Luxembourg reste, de manière générale, très critique en ce qui concerne le financement des activités de recherche nucléaire par l'Union européenne. Le Luxembourg souhaiterait qu'une orientation des fonds européens, davantage axée sur les énergies renouvelables, soit exploitée à l'avenir. La proposition de 'Règlement du Conseil établissant le programme de recherche et de formation de la Communauté européenne de l'énergie atomique pour la période 2021-2025 complétant le programme-cadre pour la recherche et l'innovation "Horizon Europe"', ne préconisant pas une telle orientation, la position du Luxembourg reste inchangée. Malgré les réticences quant au contenu de cette décision, le Luxembourg est cependant en mesure de lever sa réserve générale et s'abstient par conséquent du vote."

Courtesy translation

"Luxembourg remains, in general, very critical towards the funding of nuclear research activities by the European Union. Luxembourg would like a reorientation of European funds, more focused on renewable energies, to be exploited in the future. Since the proposal of the 'Council Regulation establishing the European the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021 – 2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation' does not advocate such a reorientation, Luxembourg's position remains unchanged. Despite the reluctance as to the content of this Regulation, Luxembourg is however able to lift its general reservation and abstains therefore from the vote."

Statement by Austria

"The Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025 continues to put an emphasis on the improvement of nuclear safety, security and radiation protection. In addition, the programme aims at complementing the achievements of Horizon Europe's non-nuclear objectives, inter alia in the context of the energy transition. Austria understands this provision of the Euratom Research and Training Programme as a requirement for relevant nuclear research to duly justify its activities with regard to their contribution to a successful non-nuclear energy transition to which Horizon Europe contributes in the coming years.

Austria recalls its view that the energetic use of nuclear fission is neither a viable nor a cost efficient nor a sustainable option to combat the greenhouse effect. Austria does not support EU funding or any supportive framework on European level for nuclear power plants. As the compromise text achieved at political level still displays ambiguity in this regard, Austria, in line with its long-standing political consensus at national level, abstains."

Statement by Poland

"Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE."

"Courtesy translation"

"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 wordings referring to gender Poland will interpret it as a equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU."

Statement by Germany

"The Federal Republic of Germany welcomes the establishment of the Euratom Research Regulation (2021-2025). Germany agrees with the Regulation, but points out the following: Germany regrets that, despite long negotiations, it was not possible to agree on wording that makes it clear that not all Member States share the view that the results of Euratom's research constitute a potential contribution to developing a climate-neutral energy system (Recital 2) which is also considered safe and efficient, and that not all Member States consider this Regulation to make a contribution to the energy transition (Article 3(1)). Germany objects to such an interpretation, also in relation to other EU projects, and documents Germany's position in this statement, which can be referred to for any future interpretations. It is the sovereign right of each EU Member State to determine its own energy mix. However, we would have found it desirable for the statements made in the Regulation regarding the potential for nuclear power to contribute to mitigating climate change and undertaking the energy transition to better reflect the specific circumstances in the individual EU Member States. The EU Member States do not have a uniform, common understanding of this.

The termination of the use of nuclear energy for the commercial generation of electricity in Germany falls within the period of validity of the Euratom Research Regulation (2021-2025). In the field of nuclear fission, Euratom research will therefore focus on technical and scientific support for the operation of nuclear power plants in Germany until the end of 2022, the subsequent post-operational phase, the disposal of radioactive waste, radiation protection and the maintenance of competence in the longer term with a view to developments abroad. This future orientation of Germany's nuclear energy policy towards civil use must be taken into account in a balanced manner in relevant European decision-making processes, including in the context of potential project financing in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation together with the corresponding recital (Recital 14)."

14. Council Decision establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe
Adoption

8195/21
+ ADD 1 REV 1
8967/20
RECH

Statement by Poland

"Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE."

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Statement by the Commission

"Article 14(6) No-opinion clause

The Commission underlines that it is contrary to the letter and to the spirit of Regulation 182/2011 (OJ L 55 of 28.2.2011, p. 13) to invoke Article 5 § 4, subparagraph 2, point b) in a systematic manner. Recourse to this provision must respond to a specific need to depart from the rule of principle which is that the Commission may adopt a draft implementing act when no opinion is delivered. Given that it is an exception to the general rule established by Article 5 (4) recourse to subparagraph 2, point b), cannot be simply seen as a "discretionary power" of the legislator, but must be interpreted in a restrictive manner and thus must be justified. While the Commission notes the agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on the recourse to this provision, it regrets that such justification is not reflected in a recital."

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| 15. | Joint Declaration on a Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Authorisation to sign on behalf of the European Union</i> | 7913/21 + ADD 1
RECH |
| 16. | Regulation on European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 8240/21 + COR 1
+ ADD 1
PE-CONS 8/21
RECH |

Statement by Poland

"Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE."

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Statement by Hungary

"Hungary welcomes the outcome of the negotiations concerning the regulation on the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT), which is an important step to ensure the effective functioning of the EIT.

The EIT's governance model is based on a strong, independent and high-level Governing Board. We strongly support that the EIT and its Governing Board shall be accountable to the Commission, Member States and European Parliament as well.

The draft regulation provides for granting supervisory role and *de facto* veto right to the European Commission which, according to Hungary, undermines the EIT's independence.

There is no reason for the proposed changes concerning the EIT's governing structure, Hungary therefore disagrees with it, because such restrictions seriously harm the EIT's independence.

Hungary underlines that all future measures should be in line with the principled-based provision on the EIT's operational independence, and shall carry out its activities independently of national authorities and external pressures."

17. Decision on Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Adoption of the legislative act

8241/21 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 9/21
RECH

Statement by Poland

"Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE."

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Delegated or Implementing Acts

Agriculture

18. Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, mepiquat, Metschnikowia fructicola strain NRRL Y-27328 and prohexadione in or on certain products
Decision not to oppose adoption

8243/21
7400/21 + ADD 1-2
AGRILEG

COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

27. Case T-139/21 AJ (Slim Ben Ali v Council) 8147/21
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 2) JUR
28. Case T-141/21 (Shakutin / Conseil) 08230/21
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 2) JUR
29. T-163/21 de Capitani v. Council of the European Union 7870/21
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 2) JUR
API
30. Judgment in Case C-481/19, DB v. Consob 8303/21
Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee
(Part 2) JUR

Transparency

31. Complaint 717/2021/DL 8227/21
Approval of a letter 8157/21 + ADD1
API
INF

Economic and Financial Affairs

32. Regulation establishing the 'Fiscalis' programme for cooperation 8239/21 + ADD 1
in the field of taxation 6116/21 + ADD 1
Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the
statement of the Council's reasons FISC
33. Amendments to Council Regulation on administrative 8186/21
cooperation in the field of excise duties as regards the content of 7312/21
electronic registers FISC
Adoption
34. Council Implementing Decision authorising Croatia to apply a 8187/21
tax exemption to gas oil used to operate machinery in 7892/21
humanitarian demining FISC
Adoption
35. Chair of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions 8231/21
Authority (EIOPA), confirmation EF
Approval of a letter

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| 36. | ECA SR No 07/2021 on EU space programmes GALILEO and COPERNICUS
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 8225/21
FIN |
| 37. | Regulation on Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 8255/21
ECOFIN |

Statement by the Commission

"In the event that the expected cumulative resources from assigned revenues would differ substantially from the amount referred to in Article 4(1)(b), the Parliament, based on a proposal of the Commission, will identify and support the allocation to the Facility, in accordance with Article 314 TFEU, of complementary resources needed to address the financing needs of the Facility and ensure its full implementation. The proposal of the Commission will be consistent with the multiannual financial framework and will not jeopardise the implementation of the programmes listed in Annex I of the [PSLF Regulation]."

General Affairs

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| 38. | EP Resolutions and decisions (April 2021) | 8174/21
PE-RE |
| 39. | Notification by the European Union made in accordance with the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
<i>Approval</i> | 8218/21
8219/21
UK |

Justice and Home Affairs

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| 40. | Union Civil Protection Mechanism Decision
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | 8237/21 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 6/21
PROCIV |
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Joint statement by Poland and Hungary

"Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary and Poland ensure equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian and Polish national legal systems in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. Therefore, Hungary and Poland understand 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. | COVID-19 Vaccine fraud: Operational response and preparedness | 8245/21
8244/21
COSI |
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42. EPPO - Process of the appointment of the European Prosecutors
Approval of a letter 8162/21 + COR 1-2
8072/21 R-UE
+ COR 1 R-UE
EPPO

Foreign Affairs

43. Regulation setting up a Union regime for dual-use items
Adoption of the legislative act 8238/21 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 54/20
COMER
44. (poss.) Horn of Africa: a geo-strategic priority for the EU -
Conclusions
Approval 8134/21
COAFR

Joint statement by Poland and Hungary

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45. Conclusions on Security and Defence
Approval 8092/21
8280/21
POLMIL

Joint statement by Poland and Hungary

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46. Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement with
Norway regarding the modifications in the EU's TRQs in the
WTO schedule following Brexit
Adoption 8253/21
10643/20
10644/20
WTO

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| 47. | Connectivity Partnership with India
<i>Approval</i> | 8290/21
COASI |
| 48. | Conclusions on Hong Kong
<i>Approval</i> | 8369/21
COASI |
| 49. | Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - Cyber Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran: request for delisting
<i>Approval</i> | 8292/21
CORLX |
| 50. | Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States - review
<i>Adoption</i> | 8020/21
8019/21
CORLX |
| 51. | Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against Syria
<i>Adoption</i> | 6307/21
6303/21
6305/21
CORLX |

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 52. | Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 24.3.2021 amending Delegated Regulations (EU) No 1003/2013 and (EU) 2019/360 as regards the annual supervisory fees charged by the European Securities and Markets Authority to trade repositories for 2021
<i>Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections</i> | 8213/21
7398/21 + COR 1
EF |
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 53. | Council Decision on the EU position within the EU-Ukraine Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee, as regards the list of experts willing to serve as panellists under Chapter 13 of the Agreement
<i>Adoption</i> | 8181/21 + ADD 1
7649/21
7733/21
COEST |
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Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission. The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

54. Council Decision on the EU position within the EU-Georgia Association Committee in Trade Configuration as regards a favourable opinion to the comprehensive roadmap approved by the Georgian Government for the implementation of the legislation related to public procurement and recognizing the completion of phase 1 of Annex XVI-B of the Association Agreement
Adoption

8179/21 + ADD 1
7273/21
7791/21
COEST

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 3 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.
The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

55. Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the Trade Committee established under the Trade Agreement with Colombia, Peru and Ecuador as regards the amendment of previous Trade Committee decisions and updating the lists of arbitrators and of sustainable development experts
Adoption

7765/21 + ADD 1
7766/21
7767/21
WTO

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 3 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.
The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

56. Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the WTO TRIPS Council
Adoption

7809/21 +ADD 1
7810/21
WTO

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate. The expression of the Union position in a body set up by an agreement is an act of external representation of the Union which, in accordance with Article 17(1) TEU, is the institutional prerogative of the Commission.
The Commission reserves all its rights in this regard."

Other items

57. Release of approved cryptographic product
Approval

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