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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda and "I" items

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The above-mentioned agendas are approved.

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the summary. Details are contained in the document quoted under item 1.

The Commission made a statement on the following item:

29. Approval of a demarche by the EU and its Member States on Iceland whaling
– **Decision to use the written procedure**
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"The Commission would like to recall that the joint demarche on Icelandic whaling reflects established Union positions, and therefore no approval by Council is necessary for the demarche to be conducted on behalf of the Union.

As already stated on previous occasions the Commission recalls that the European Union has exclusive competence in the field of the conservation of the marine biological resources pursuant to the provisions of Article 3(1)(d) in conjunction with Article 38 and Annex I of the Treaty and thus of all living aquatic resources under the Common Fisheries Policy pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002. The fact that this demarche is carried out jointly by the EU and several EU Member States is without prejudice for any future negotiations about the conservation and management of marine biological resources under the common fisheries policy."

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2. **Follow-up to the special meeting of the European Council on 30 August 2014 (restricted session)**
- **Ukraine**
 - = **Restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**
 - **Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**
 - **Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**
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The Commission outlined proposals for additional restrictive measures as set out in a non-paper. RELEX Counsellors were tasked to start work on the draft legal acts and to report to the Committee on 5 September 2014.

On 5 September 2014 the Committee agreed the elements for new sanctions and tasked RELEX to finalise the legal acts with a view to adoption the following week.

– **Other items**

The Committee took note of the work that to date has been undertaken in different Council preparatory bodies, Commission services and the External Action Service to address the crisis caused by the Ebola virus in Africa. The Committee tasked the relevant Council preparatory bodies to examine the French proposal on coordination for medical evacuation by air and specialized hospital treatment capacities, and to continue supporting the coordination at EU level of the assistance provided by EU Member States, in line with the European Council conclusions of 30 August 2014.

The External Action Service and Commission services also provided preliminary information on the main initiatives underway to stem the flow of foreign fighters. Delegations enquired on the preparation of the European Council of December and on progress on the issue of EU Passenger Name Record. The Presidency referred to a possible discussion at the Justice and Home Affairs Council in October.

22. Follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) on 15 August 2014

The Committee took note that the follow-up to the Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) of 15 August 2014 would be discussed in the framework of item 2: "Follow-up to the special meeting of the European Council on 30 August 2014".

23. Activation of a "Friends of Presidency" Group on issues linked to the functioning of the EU system

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The Committee took note of the Presidency's intention to activate the Friends of Presidency Group on improving the function of the EU and discussed the Terms of reference of this Group. On the basis of this discussion the Presidency revised the Terms of reference and submitted them for adoption at its next meeting.

24. Appointment of two judges to the European Union Civil Service Tribunal

The Committee had an exchange of views concerning the appointment of two judges to the European Union Civil Service Tribunal, in view of filling the two vacant posts following the end of the mandates of Sean VAN RAEPENBUSCH (President of the Civil Service Tribunal) and Horst-Peter KREPPEL.

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30. Setting of the provisional agenda for the Council meeting "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 25 and 26 September 2014

The Committee set the provisional agenda for the meeting of the Competitiveness Council.

– **Any other business**

- **Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 5 September 2014**
 - **Information from the Presidency**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) to be held on 5 September 2014.
