EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee - IN CAMERA

Thursday, 7 May 2015, 9.00-10.00 **Room JAN4Q2**

RESULTS

07.05.2015

Present:
Mr La Via, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP Group
Mr Poc, Acting Coordinator of the S&D Group
Mr Demesmaeker, Acting Coordinator of the ECR Group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE Group
Ms Kyllonen, Acting Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Mr Pedicini, Coordinator of the EFDD group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Informal Council

As usual, the Chair was invited to the Informal Environment Council which took place on 14-15 April in Riga and attended in particular the joint meeting of Environment and Energy Ministers which discussed the interaction between the conservation of biological diversity and the promotion of renewable energy.

2.2 CCC extraordinary meeting with President Schulz

An extraordinary Conference of Committee Chairs meeting took place on Tuesday, 14 April 2015, where a first exchange of views with Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, on the possible revision of the Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-making of 2003 and on annual and multi-annual programming. At the meeting Committee Chairs suggested a number of improvements to the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making, such as on transparency, political scrutiny, equal access to the documents as the Council, independent impact assessments, lack of access of the EP in COREPER and technical meetings, etc. Further inputs of the CCC are foreseen later in the process.

2.3 Main items discussed at last CCC meeting

2.3.1 STOA

An increase of the overall composition of STOA was agreed. ENVI will have 3 representatives.

<u>Decision taken:</u> The Chair was mandated to transmit the names of the 3 ENVI representatives (Mr Grzyb, Ms Briano and Ms Swinburne) to the President.

2.3.2 Regular invitation of Commission VP to CCC meetings on horizontal issues

The CCC agreed, on a proposal of Mr Buzek, to regularly invite Commission VP to discuss horizontal issues. Several Chairs stressed that it should be made clear to the Commission that these exchange of views would not replace normal exchange of views in the competent committees and in the context of the structured dialogue.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS

Reports

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory

ENVI/8/03379 ***I 2015/0093(COD) COM(2015)0177 - C8-0107/2015

Responsible: ENVI - Opinions: ITRE - IMCO - AGRI

Decision taken: Postponed to an extraordinary coordinators' meeting in Strasbourg. An

informal opinion of the Legal Service will be requested.

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Opinions

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean repealing Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 - ENVI/8/03357 (EI) - ***I 2015/0096(COD)-

COM(2015)0180 – C8-0118/2015 - Responsible: PECH

Decision taken: No opinion

3. Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: Floods in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy

ENVI/8/03272 - 2015/2079(BUD) COM(2015)0162 - C8-0094/2015

Responsible: BUDG – Siegfried Mure an (PPE)

Decision taken: No opinion

Documents received for information

4. Proposal for a Council Decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of additional chemicals in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants - COM(2015)0133

Decision taken: No specific action. For information only.

5. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the delegation conferred on the Commission pursuant to Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use and pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency COM(2015)0138

<u>Decision taken</u>: No specific action (already dealt with in the comitology newsletter)

6. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: Experience gained in the implementation of Directive 2003/122/EURATOM on the control of high-activity sealed radioactive sources and orphan sources - COM(2015)0158 (TV)

Decision taken:: No action. For information only

7. Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) of the EEA Agreement (Novel foods) - COM(2015)0167 (ER)

Decision taken: No specific action. For information only

8. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the voluntary ecodesign scheme for games consoles - COM(2015)0178 (NN)

Decision taken: No action. For information only

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Other documents received

9. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Illustrative guidance on import/transit conditions and controls of certain composite products, and products which could erroneously be considered as composite products, originating from third countries - SWD(2015)0079

- 10. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Control of high-activity sealed radioactive sources in Europe: Implementation of Directive 2003/122/EURATOM in EU-27 and the current EU regulatory development activities Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on Experience gained in the implementation of Council Directive 2003/122/EURATOM on the control of high-activity sealed radioactive sources and orphan sources SWD(2015)0084
- 11. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the voluntary ecodesign scheme for games consoles SWD(2015)0088
- 12. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the voluntary ecodesign scheme for games consoles SWD(2015)0089

B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS

Opinions to own-initiative reports following last CCC meeting:

13. DROI Committee own-initiative report on "The fight against trafficking in human beings in the EU external relations"

Decision taken: EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)

14. FEMM Committee own-initiative report on "Report on the implementation of the Directive 2011/36/EU of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combatting trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims from a gender perspective"

Decision taken: No opinion

15. EMPL Committee own-initiative report on "The EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020" (EC)

Decision taken: No opinion

16. PECH Committee own-initiative report on "Fishery related aspects in the context of the international agreement on marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. United Nations Convention on the law of the sea"

Decision taken: No opinion

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Report "Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy"- request for plenary vote in July and consideration as strategic report)

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the Conference of Presidents

requesting the report to be included in the agenda of the July part-session

with full debate.

4.2 Appointment of a representative in the inter-committee network on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD)

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators appointed Mr Gambus and Mr Torvalds respectively as full and substitute member.

4.3 Structure of exchange of views with VIPs in ENVI meetings

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators held an exchange of views on the matter.

4.4 Request for a study on emission reduction targets for international aviation and shipping consistent with 2 °C objective

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators decided to commission the above mentioned study.

4.5 Activities on the EU biodiversity policy review

Decision taken: Coordinators decided:

- to invite Commissioner Vella to the ENVI meeting of 16-17 June to present the "State of Nature in the EU" report and to report on the Commission's current activities regarding EU biodiversity policy;
- to invite the Minister for the Environment of Luxembourg, Ms Carole Dieschbourg, for an informal exchange of views in a coordinators' meeting open to all interested ENVI Members if possible before the summer break;
- to request authorisation for an own-initiative report on the mid-term review of the Biodiversity Strategy.

5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

- 5.1 Decisions on procedure
- 5.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133
- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on transport and maintaining the cold chain B8-0321/2015 Nicola Caputo
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on longevity and welfare systems B8-0327/2015 Nicola Caputo

<u>Decision taken</u>: No specific action. The Chair will reply accordingly to the authors of the MfRs.

5.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

The following issues are currently on the short-list:

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action: Managing risks to achieve resilience COM(2014)0216

Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth') COM(2014)0219

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Implementation report on the Commission Communication on Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges [COM(2008) 679 final] and Council Recommendation of 8 June 2009 on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02) - COM(2014)0548

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators took note of the list.

- 5.1.3. Petitions received for opinion (TV)
- Petition N° 0215/2014 by Peter Gill (British) concerning the deletion of Article 18 of the Commission proposal for a directive regarding the sale of tobacco and related products relating to electronic cigarettes
- Petition N° 0230/2014 by Gordon Beard (British) on alleged irregularities in the adoption of changes to the law regarding electronic cigarettes

Decision taken: No opinion - the Chairman will reply by letter to the PETI Chair.

6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI

The list of on-going INI reports was included in the file.

- 6.2 State of play on cooperation among committees information on decisions taken
 - ITRE request for Rule 54 on ENVI INI report on COP 21
 - ENVI request for Rule 54 on ITRE INI report on European Energy Union

Both requests were endorsed by the Conference of Committee Chairs on 28 April. The INI reports and application of Rule 54 are expected to be authorised by the Conference of Presidents at its meeting of 13 May.

- 6.3 Interventions by the EP in cases before the ECJ
 - Case C-409/13 Council v Commission Withdrawal of a Commission proposal Distortion of crucial elements of a proposal

On 14 April the Court delivered a judgment on the above.

• Case C-28/12 Commission v Council - Mixed Agreements - Interpretation of Article 218 TFEU (Parliament intervened in support of the Commission)

On 28 April 2015 the Court annulled a "Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Member States, meeting within the Council" concerning the signing and the provisional application of international agreements in the field of air transport.

• Case C-148/14 Bundesrepublik Deutschland v Nordzucker AG - ETS - Determination of the extent of the obligation to surrender allowances — Penalties

On 29 April the Court delivered a judgment on the above.

• Case C-528/13 Léger - Blood donation - Preliminary ruling

On 29 April the Court delivered a judgment on the above.

- 6.4 Guidelines by the Conference of Committee Chairs on roll-call votes in committee

 The file included the guidelines on the above adopted by the CCC in January 2015 and transmitted to the President on 10 March 2015.
- 6.5 Report by a Working Group of the Political Groups on Trilogues and First reading Agreements

The file included the above mentioned report.

6.6 Feedback of Life Working Group meeting of 31 March 2015

The file included the above mentioned feedback note.

6.7 Arrangements for hotel booking for COP21 on Climate Change in Paris

A copy of the e-mail sent to political groups on 29 April was included in the file. As soon as the names of the Members of the delegation are known, they will be informed individually.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Extraordinary meeting in Strasbourg during May part-session (date tbc) Wednesday, 17 June at 9.00 (tbc)