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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

16830/09 OJ CONS 69 TRANS 482 TELECOM 257 ENER 422

The Council adopted the abovementioned agenda.

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the EU Treaty)

2. **Energy efficiency**

- (a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings (recast)**

15929/08 ENER 398 ENV 850 CODEC 1592
+ REV 1 (en)

- (b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy related products (recast)**

15906/08 ENER 390 ENV 847 CONSOM 188 CODEC 1585
+ REV 1 (fr,de,en)

- (c) **Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters**

11707/1/09 ENER 251 ENV 489 TRANS 274 CONSOM 144 CODEC 946 REV1

– Information from the Presidency on the state of play

The Presidency informed the Council of the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on labelling of tyres as well as of the agreement with the EP on the substance of the Directive on the energy performance of buildings and of the Directive on energy labelling, both of which still require adaptations of the legal basis and comitology provisions, following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. On this occasion and in reply to a query from the Dutch delegation with respect to Article 9a of the Building Directive, the Commissioner stated that Member States have full responsibility on the choice and implementation of the financial instruments referred to in this Article.

3. Security of Energy Supply

(a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the security of gas supply**

- Presentation by the Commission
- Progress report
- Policy debate
 - 11892/09 ENER 253 CODEC 963
 - 16000/09 ENER 390 CODEC 1313

Following an outline of the main elements of the proposal by the Commissioner, the Council took note of the progress report comprised in Annex I of 16000/09 and held a policy debate on the basis of the questions set out in Annex II of 16000/09.

(b) **Regulation (EC) No 663/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a programme to aid economic recovery by granting Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy**

- Oral information by the Commission on the state of play and exchange of views

The Council took note of the state of play on the implementation of Regulation 663/2009 as well as of the concerns of Bulgaria, Spain, Greece, Italy and Luxembourg in this respect.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

4. Approval of the list of "A" items

17053/09 PTS A 62

The Council adopted the "A" item set out in 17053/09.

5. **Security of Energy Supply**

Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Community and repealing Regulation (EC) No 736/96

- Presentation by the Commission
- Progress report
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1), first sub para CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
 - 12235/09 ENER 257
 - 15692/09 ENER 382

Following an outline of the proposal by the Commissioner, the Council took note of the progress report comprised in 15692/09.

6. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "Investing in the Development of Low-Carbon Technologies (SET-Plan)"**

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
 - 14230/09 ENER 323 ENV 639 RECH 314

The Commissioner first outlined the Communication, noting the contribution of its seven Energy Industrial Initiatives to the action against climate change as well as the need to increase R&D financing. After the President of the Council had summed up the outcome of the Stockholm Conference on the SET-Plan (14-15 October), the Council proceeded to an exchange of views on the issues raised in the conclusions of the Communication.

7. International relations in the field of energy

- (a) Status on gas relations between Ukraine and the Russian Federation**
- (b) Energy Community Treaty**
- (c) Eastern Partnership**
- (d) EU-US Energy Council**
- (e) Other international events**
 - Information from the Commission and the Presidency
16001/09 ENER 391 RELEX 1084

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and the Presidency on the above topics.

8. Any Other Business

- (a) Progress achieved so far in implementing BEMIP**
 - Information from the Commission (requested by the Lithuanian delegation)
16779/09 ENER 419

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan, regarding electricity, gas and LNG, which involves Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden.

- (b) The signature of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Central Eastern European Forum for Electricity Market Integration**
 - Information from the Polish delegation
16926/09 ENER 425

The Council took note of the information contained in 16926/09.

- (c) **Sustainability criteria for Biomass**
– Information from the Belgian delegation
16982/09 ENER 429 ENV 864

The Council took note of the request outlined in 16982/09 and supported by Belgium/Poland/the United Kingdom and Finland.

- (d) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
– Information from the Spanish delegation
16947/09 ENER 427

The Council took note of the priorities outlined by the incoming Presidency.

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