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Subject: **DECISION No 54/18 OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL**
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the European Council's Rules of Procedure of 1 December 2009,¹ and in particular Article 13(3) thereof and to the Council's Rules of Procedure of 1 December 2009², and in particular Article 23(5) thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union (hereinafter "the Financial Regulation"),³

Whereas:

- (1) The Secretary-General has full responsibility for administering the appropriations entered in Section II — European Council and Council — of the budget and takes all measures necessary to ensure that they are properly managed. The Secretary General will implement the appropriations in question in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation applicable to the budget of the Union.
- (2) The appropriations in Section II – European Council and Council – of the budget under Item 2202 (Interpretation costs) cover the payment for interpretation services rendered to the European Council, the Council and its preparatory bodies.
- (3) The appropriations in Section II – European Council and Council – of the budget under Item 2200 (Travel expenses of delegations) cover the travel expenses incurred by the Presidency and delegations at meetings of the European Council and the Council as well

1 OJ L 315, 2.12.2009

2 OJ L 325, 11.12.2009

3 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1)

as at meetings held within the European Council and the Council framework, such as at meetings of Council's preparatory bodies, referred to in Annex 1.

- (4) The framework for interpreting for the European Council, the Council and its preparatory bodies is considered fair and in conformity with the principles of multilingualism and equal treatment for all languages. On the basis of the long experience of its operation, it is possible to increase flexibility in connection with the framework for reimbursement of travel expenses of delegates of Member States, while maintaining the current budgetary structures.
- (5) The increased flexibility, as endorsed by Permanent Representatives Committee (Part II) on 5 December 2018⁴, should be ensured through the introduction of a technical interpreting envelope. The latter should partially fund the languages currently used as pivot languages, a technical tool used as a bridge between language combinations, instrumental for ensuring multilingual communication. The technical envelope should be divided up between the pivot languages, in proportion to their relative use. It represents a fair financial compensation for the services provided by the languages used also as pivot languages. It should be financed by part of the unspent amounts of the budget line for delegates travel expenses, up to an amount of 4 million euros per year.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

INTERPRETATION

Article 1

Principles and scope for interpreting

1. For the purpose of this Decision, the budgetary appropriations under Item 2202 (Interpretation costs) of Section II - European Council and Council - of the general budget of the European Union shall be used:

⁴ As set out in document 13993/2/18

- to cover entirely the payment for interpreting services for meetings of the European Council and the Council;
 - to cover entirely the payment for interpreting services for meetings of the preparatory bodies which are marked "F" in the list in Annex 3;
 - to cover 50% of the payment for interpreting services for meetings of Coreper; the remaining 50% shall be financed in accordance with Articles 4 to 7;
 - to cover, in accordance with Articles 3 to 6, payment for interpreting services for meetings of preparatory bodies for which interpreting is available on request, marked "R" in the list in Annex 3;
 - to cover payment for interpreting services for any other meeting organized by the GSC for which such payment is approved by the Secretary-General of the Council;
 - to cover payments due to meeting cancellations and other contingencies; for this purpose, an annual amount shall be set aside as a reserve.
2. No interpreting shall be provided for meetings of preparatory bodies or coordination meetings of officials outside the headquarters of the European Council and of the Council, nor for meetings of preparatory bodies marked "Z" in the list in Annex 3.

Article 2

Planning of interpreting

1. Delegations wishing to avail themselves of active or passive interpreting for their official language(s) in a preparatory body marked "R" in the list in Annex 3 shall indicate their requests for the coming six-month period by 15 April and 15 October each year.
2. Active interpreting means that a booth is allocated for the language into which interpreting is provided; the language in question can be listened to as well as spoken by delegates. Passive interpreting means that the language in question may be spoken by delegates, but no interpreting is provided into that language.

3. No differentiated requests shall be made for different sub-areas of a given preparatory body, except for Member States which use more than one official language.
4. Newly-created working parties shall in principle be subject to the "on request" system of paragraph 1, unless otherwise decided by Coreper.

Article 3

Calculation of costs for interpreting

1. The cost for interpreting shall be calculated on the basis of the daily rate established with the service provider(s) for the period in question.
2. Passive interpreting shall be charged at 50 % of the daily rate, unless it can be provided within the resources provided by the service provider(s) and does not require additional interpreters.

Article 4

Annual envelope for interpreting

1. The total cost of interpreting upon request as well as 50 % of the cost for interpreting for meetings of Coreper shall be set off against annual envelopes in two six-monthly instalments for each language. The annual interpretation envelope is divided among the two semesters by 55%/45%⁵.
2. The envelopes shall be increased annually in line with the estimate of the parameters for adjusting remunerations used in drawing up the budget. The GSC shall inform Member States of the amount of the provision available for each language for each six-month period.

⁵ Doc. 10718/14 of 10 June 2014.

Article 5

Technical envelope for interpreting

1. An annual technical envelope of up to 4 m€, set in accordance with Article 10(3), shall be allocated for languages required for multilingual communication (hereinafter "pivot languages") among the 23 languages used for interpretation.
2. The technical envelope shall be distributed to the pivot languages in proportion to their relative use⁶, and shall cover the cost of interpreting upon request.

Article 6

Six-monthly provisions for interpreting

1. Before 1 January and 1 July each year, the GSC shall provide delegations with an estimate of costs for interpreting for meetings of Coreper and for interpreting upon request for each language for the coming six-month period, based on the programme of meetings planned for that corresponding period.
2. If the estimated total costs for interpreting, as referred to in paragraph 1, exceed the provision available for a given language for the six-month period in question, including the provision in the technical envelope, as foreseen in Article 5 in relation to the pivot languages, the delegation(s) concerned shall cover the exceeding amount. This amount shall be apportioned between the delegations sharing official languages in conformity with the breakdown notified by the Member States concerned and set out in a decision of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council.⁷
3. Delegations shall make an advance payment to the GSC in the first three months of the six-month period in question to cover any outstanding amount exceeding the available provision foreseen in articles 4 and 5. The revenue resulting from the advance payments shall constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(3)(a) of the Financial Regulation, and be assigned to cover expenditure under Item 2202 (Interpretation costs) of Section II - European Council and Council - of the general budget of the European Union.

⁶ As set in doc. ST 13993/2/18 REV 2, paragraph 11

⁷ Decision 85/05 of the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council

4. If at the end of the six-month period, the costs actually incurred for interpreting in a given language during the six-month period is less than the amount of the advance payment made pursuant to paragraph 3, the unused amounts shall be set off against any advance payments due for the next six-month period, where applicable in conformity with the breakdown referred to in paragraph 2, or, at the request of the delegation(s) concerned, be reimbursed to the Member State(s) concerned.
5. The GSC shall provide delegations with monthly statements of estimated costs for interpreting for Coreper meetings and interpreting upon request for their official language(s) for the current six-month period.

SECTION II

TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DELEGATIONS

Article 7

Principles and scope for the reimbursement of delegates' travel expenses

1. Travel expenses incurred by delegates of Member States shall be charged to the general budget of the European Union (Section II – European Council and Council), on the budget Item 2200 (Travel expenses of delegations) subject to the conditions and limits set out below, provided the travel actually took place to attend:
 - a meeting of the European Council or the Council or one of its preparatory bodies;
 - a meeting in the framework of the activities of the European Council or the Council;
 - a meeting of an intergovernmental conference with a view to revising the Treaties or the accession of a State to the European Union, or of one of its dependent bodies;
 - any meeting other than those mentioned above, held within the framework of the Treaties and which is considered to be inextricably linked to the work of the European Council or the Council and aimed at giving major political impetus to the development of the Union.

2. The list of meetings for which travel expenses may be reimbursed is included in Annex 1 to this Decision. Expenses arising from travel undertaken in order to participate in meetings mentioned in the list of Annex 1 shall be reimbursed in conformity with the implementation rules of this Decision,⁸ independently of whether such sessions or meetings are held at the European Council's or Council's headquarters.

Article 8

Annual envelope for delegates' travel expenses

1. Each Member State shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses up to a fixed annual envelope for delegates' travel expenses, which shall be equal to the percentage of the budgetary appropriations under Section II – European Council and Council – of the Item 2200 (Travel expenses of delegations) of the general budget of the European Union, established in Annex 2 to this Decision. The annual envelopes shall enable each Member State to decide on the extent of its representation at the meetings referred to in Article 7.
2. The percentage shall be multiplied by 1,5 for Member States holding the Presidency of the Council in any given year. The other Member States percentages will be adjusted accordingly.
3. In the event of accession to or withdrawal from the European Union by a State the list and the percentages set out in Annex 2 shall be revised.

Article 9

Procedure for implementing the annual envelopes for travel expenses

1. The GSC shall make an advance payment of the annual envelopes to the relevant national administration. The advance payment shall be made in euros in two instalments: 40% of the amount on 30 January and 60% on 15 July of each year.
2. In the first fortnight of December of the budgetary year in question, the Member States shall provide the GSC with an estimate of their travel expenditure falling within the scope of Article 7.

⁸ SN 1704/11.

3. In two months following the end of the budget year in question, each Member State shall provide the GSC with a statement showing how the envelope for delegates' travel expenses allocated to it has been used. Member States must present supporting documents for each declared amount.
4. The GSC shall check the statement and verify the Member State's use of its appropriation.
5. If the amount of delegates' travel expenses declared in the annual statement provided by each Member State exceeds the amount of its envelope, the balance shall be borne by the Member State.
6. Unused sums and amounts for which no supporting documents have been provided shall be reimbursed by the Member States to the GSC by deducting those sums and amounts from the amounts to be advanced in the next instalment.
7. The total amount of reimbursements shall be assigned to cover expenditures under item 2200 (travel expenses of delegations) of Section II - European Council and Council - of the general budget of the European Union of the following year.
8. The GSC shall keep lists of attendance at meetings, for which travel expenses fall within the scope of Article 7 .

SECTION III

HORIZONTAL RULES

Article 10

Automatic transfers between interpreting and delegates travel expenses' budget items

1. If it appears, on the basis of the monthly statements referred to in Article 6 paragraph 1, that the estimated cost of interpreting for a given language is less than the provision available for the current six-month period, the GSC shall transfer 66 % of the unused amounts to the envelope(s) available under the budget line for delegates' travel expenses (item 2200) for that delegation(s) for the current financial year and 34% to cover expenditures to the general budget for interpreting under item 2202 (Interpretation costs). The transfer shall be made after the end of the first 6-month period of the year concerned, and before the end of the second six-month period of the year concerned. The transferred appropriations shall be used according to the terms of Section II and shall cover only travel expenditure incurred in the current financial year
2. For delegations sharing official languages, the breakdown notified by the Member States concerned set out in the decision referred to in article 6(2) shall be used for calculating transfers to the envelopes for delegations under the budget line for delegates' travel expenses.
3. An amount which is equivalent to the underspent amount of previous year in delegates travel expenses budget line (2200) shall be transferred annually from the budget of the year to interpretation budget line (2202). From this amount, 4 m€ shall fund the technical envelope referred to in article 5, and the remaining amount shall fund the general interpretation costs. In case the amount of underspent delegates travel expenses would be less than 4 m€, the transfer to the technical envelope would be reduced accordingly, however the distribution percentages of the pivot languages would still be applied.

Article 11

On request transfers between interpreting and delegates travel expenses' budget items

1. A delegation exceeding its provision for interpreting for the six month period may request a transfer from its envelope under the budget line for delegates travel expenses for the current financial year to cover the exceeding amount. Transfer shall be made by request up to available funds in the travel expenses envelope of that delegation at the beginning of six-month period in question.
2. A delegation may request that unused funds in interpreting envelopes are not transferred to its travel expenses envelope at the end of the first semester. In the case of official languages shared by Member States, the agreement of all Member States concerned shall be required.

Article 12

Final provisions

1. Should the European Union budget not be adopted at the time of a payment, the provisional twelfths procedure shall apply, and any advance payments from the GSC shall be made accordingly, by twelfths.
2. Any implementing provisions of this Decision concerning interpreting or the reimbursement of travel expenses of delegates of Member States shall be adopted or amended by the Director General of Organisational Development and Services.
3. Decision No 111/2007 of the Secretary-General of the Council/High Representative of the Common Foreign and Security Policy concerning interpreting for the European Council, the Council and its preparatory bodies and Decision No 30/2013 of the Secretary-General concerning reimbursement of travel expenses of delegates of Member States are hereby repealed.
4. This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2019.

Done at Brussels,

Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN

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Done at Brussels,

The Secretary-General



Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN

MEETINGS GIVING ENTITLEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT

1. (i) European Council meetings;
- (ii) Council meetings;
- (iii) joint Council meetings;
- (iv) working parties and committees in the list of committees and working parties involved in the Council's preparatory work established by Coreper (including joint working parties and committees)¹. This list is regularly updated by the Secretariat in the light of the operation of the Council²; from this list, the following Committees set up by the Treaties are **excluded** (travel expenses are met by the European Commission):
 - a) Economic and Financial Committee (A.2)
 - b) Employment Committee (A.3)
 - c) Social Protection Committee (A.7);
 - d) Economic Policy Committee (A.11)and, if the meetings are held alongside Parliamentary sessions, in Strasbourg:
 - e) Working Party in General Affairs (B.1)
- (v) Biennial ministerial meetings of the WTO;
- (vi) Summits or ministerial level meetings (bilateral or multilateral) between the European Union and third countries wherever they take place. The reimbursement is strictly limited to the principal meeting.

¹ In the framework of bilateral and regional fishing agreements which are the exclusive competence of the Community, the Working Party on External Fisheries Policy (F. 24) is required to participate in the meetings referred to in the Annex. In such cases, only applications for the annual meeting of the agreement in question, or alternatively for the meeting considered most important, give entitlement to reimbursement.

² See Doc 10925/18 of 06 July 2018.

- (vii) Intergovernmental conferences and their dependent bodies.
- (viii) Meetings of a task force or similar body with representatives of the Member States established at the request of the European Council.

2. Other meetings (in Brussels and elsewhere)

- (i) Meetings in the country of the Presidency: meetings of working parties or committees traditionally organised in the country of the Presidency are eligible under this decision. Under no circumstance these meetings may exceed **fifteen by Presidency**.
- (ii) Bilateral and regional fishing agreements (external fisheries policy meetings) - list subject to changes:

Regional:

CCAMLR - Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
IATTC - Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
ICCAT - International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
IOTC - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
GFCM - General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
NAFO - Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NASCO - North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC - North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
SEAFO - South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organization
SIOFA - Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
SPRFMO - South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organ
SWIOFC - South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission
WCPCF - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

Bilateral (EC-country):

Cape Verde	Mauritius
Cook Islands	Micronesia
Comoros	Morocco
Côte d'Ivoire	Mozambique
Faroe Islands	Norway
Gabon	Peru
Gambia	Russian Federation
Greenland	São Tomé and Príncipe
Guinea	Senegal
Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Iceland	Solomon Islands
Kiribati	
Madagascar	
Mauritania	

Share of each Member State in the budgetary appropriations under Item 2200 (Travel expenses of delegations) expressed as percentages

Member State	Share
Belgium	0,22%
Bulgaria	4,64%
Czech Republic	3,07%
Denmark	4,53%
Germany	1,95%
Estonia	6,53%
Greece	2,55%
Spain	5,58%
France	1,18%
Croatia	2,66%
Ireland	2,30%
Italy	4,52%
Cyprus	4,68%
Latvia	5,39%
Lithuania	4,90%
Luxembourg	0,32%
Hungary	3,58%
Malta	3,07%
Netherlands	0,52%
Austria	3,33%
Poland	2,96%
Portugal	4,97%
Romania	4,84%
Slovenia	2,66%
Slovakia	2,84%
Finland	7,61%
Sweden	5,13%
United Kingdom	3,47%

Provision of interpreting in Council preparatory bodies¹**Legend**

The interpreting arrangements in the right hand column are designated as follows:

"F" : Full interpreting

"R" : Interpreting on request

"Z" : Zero interpreting

"C" : If interpreting, it is provided by the Commission

COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATIES		
A.1	Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper) * - Part II - Part I - Article 50	Article 1(1)(c)
A.2	Economic and Financial Committee	C
A.3	Employment Committee	C
A.4	Trade Policy Committee (TPC) - Full Members - Deputies - Experts (STIS, Services and Investment)	R
A.5	Political and Security Committee (PSC)	Z
A.6	Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)	F
A.7	Social Protection Committee	C

COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL DECISION		
A.8	Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)	F

¹ Working party is no more active, if the code does not appear on the list.

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL ACT		
A.9	European Union Military Committee (EUMC)	Z
A.10	Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CivCom)	Z
A.11	Economic Policy Committee	C
A.12	Financial Services Committee	R
A.13	Security Committee - Information Assurance (AQUAs, Tempest Experts: Implementation Tempest Taskforce/ITTF) - Security Accreditation Board (SAB)	Z
A.19	Ad hoc Working Party on Article 50 TEU	R

GROUPS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH COREPER		
A.14	Antici Group * Antici Group (Article 50)	Z
A.15	Mertens Group *	Z
A.16	Friends of the Presidency Group - Regulatory procedure with scrutiny (RPS) adaptation - Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements and Solidarity Clause Implementation (IPCR/SCI) - Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) - EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) - Macro-Regional Strategies - Valletta Summit on Migration - External Investment Plan/European Fund for Sustainable Development (EIP/EFSD) - EU approach to international cultural relations - Implementation of Action 1 of the Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats - European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) - European Defence Fund (EDF) - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Z
COUNSELLORS/ATTACHES		
A.18	Counsellors/Attachés	Z

GENERAL AFFAIRS		
B.1	Working Party on General Affairs	Z
B.3	High-Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration	F
B.4	Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG)	F
B.5	Working Party on Structural Measures	R
B.6	Working Party on Outermost Regions	Z
B.7	Working Party on Atomic Questions	R
B.8	Working Party on Statistics	R
B.9	Working Party on Information	Z
B.11	Coordination Committee for Communication and Information Systems (CCCIS) - CCCIS (TECH)	Z

B.12	Working Party on Codification of Legislation	R
B.13	Working Party of Legal/Linguistic Experts	Z
B.14	Working Party on the Court of Justice	R
B.15	Working Party on the Staff Regulations	R
B.17	Ad hoc Working Party on the follow-up to the Council conclusions on Cyprus of 26 April 2004	R
B.18	Ad hoc Working Party on the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania	R
B.19	Working Party on Enlargement and Countries Negotiating Accession to the EU	R
B.21	Working Party on E-Law	R
B.23	Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues (Cyber)	R
B.24	Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030)	R
B.25	Ad Hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027	R

FOREIGN AFFAIRS		
C.1	Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors (RELEX) - Sanctions	Z
C.2	Working Party on Public International Law - International Criminal Court	Z
C.3	Working Party on the Law of the Sea	Z
C.4	United Nations Working Party (CONUN)	Z
C.5	Working Party on Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe(OSCE) and the Council of Europe (COSCE)	Z
C.6	Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM)	Z
C.7	Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA)	Z
C.9	Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia (COEST)	Z
C.10	Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	Z
C.11	Working Party on the Western Balkans Region (COWEB)	Z
C.12	Ad hoc Working Party on the Middle East Peace Process (COMEPP)	Z
C.13	Middle East/Gulf Working Party (MOG)	Z
C.14	Mashreq/Maghreb Working Party (MAMA)	Z
C.15	Africa Working Party (COAFR)	Z
C.16	African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Working Party	Z
C.17	Asia-Oceania Working Party (COASI)	Z
C.18	Working Party on Latin America and the Caribbean (COLAC)	Z
C.19	Working Party on Terrorism (International Aspects) (COTER)	Z
C.20	Working Party on Non-Proliferation (CONOP)	Z
C.21	Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM)	Z
C.22	Working Party on Global Disarmament and Arms Control (CODUN) - Space	Z
C.23	Working Party on Dual-Use Goods	R
C.25	Politico-Military Group (PMG)	Z
C.26	Military Committee Working Group (EUMCWG) - Headline Goal Task Force (HTF)	Z
C.27	Working Party on Trade Questions	R
C.28	Working Party on the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)	R
C.30	Working Party on Development Cooperation (CODEV)	Z
C.31	Working Party on Preparation for International Development Conferences	Z

C.32	Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)	Z
C.33	Working Party on Commodities (PROBA)	R
C.34	Working Party on Consular Affairs (COCON)	Z
C.36	Nicolaidis Group	Z
C.38	Working Party on restrictive measures to combat terrorism (COMET)	Z
C.39	Ad Hoc Working Party on the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (MFF NDICI)	R

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

D.1	Working Party on Own Resources	R
D.2	Working Party of Financial Counsellors	Z
D.3	Working Party on Financial Services	F
D.4	Working Party on Tax Questions - Indirect Taxation - Direct Taxation	F
D.5	Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation) - Subgroup (abuse issues related to inbound and outbound profit transfers and mismatches between tax systems) - Subgroup (third countries) - Subgroup (third and fourth criteria of the Code)	F
D.6	High Level Working Party	R
D.7	Budget Committee	R
D.8	Working Party on Combating Fraud	R
D.9	Working Party on Insurance	R
D.11	Export Credits Group	R
D.14	Ad hoc Working Party on the Strengthening of the Banking Union	R

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

E.1	Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA)	F
E.2	Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion	F
E.3	Visa Working Party	R
E.4	Asylum Working Party	F
E.6	Working Party on Frontiers	F
E.7	Working Party on Civil Law Matters	F
E.12	Working Party on Terrorism	R
E.13	Customs Cooperation Working Party	R
E.14	Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters	F
E.15	Working Party on Substantive Criminal Law	F
E.21	Working Party on Civil Protection (PROCIV)	R
E.22	Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of Persons (FREMP)	R
E.23	Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection	R
E.24	Justice and Home Affairs-Foreign Relations Counsellors (JAI-RELEX) Working Party	Z
E.25	Coordinating Committee in the area of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (CATS)	F
E.26	Law Enforcement Working Party	F
E.27	Working Party for Schengen Matters	R
E.29	Ad Hoc Working Party on JHA Financial Instruments	R

AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES		
F.1	High Level Group on Agriculture	R
F.2	Working Party on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development - Agriculture and Environment - Rural Development - Outermost Regions and Aegean Islands	R
F.3	Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions - Simplification of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) - Strengthening of Controls	R
F.4	Working Party on the Promotion of Agricultural Products	R
F.5	Working Party on Genetic Resources in Agriculture	R
F.6	Working Party on Foodstuff Quality - Organic Farming - Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin - Certificates of Specific Character	R
F.8	Working Party on Agricultural Products - Arable Crops - Sugar and Isoglucose - Fruit and Vegetables - Olive Oil	R
F.12	Working Party on Wines and Alcohol	R
F.15	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)	R
F.16	Working Party on Forestry	R
F.17	Working Party on Agricultural Questions - Labelling of Processed Agricultural Products - Feedingstuffs - Seeds and Propagating Material - Harmful Organisms - Pesticide Residues - Pesticides/Plant Protection Products - Plant Breeder Rights - Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	R
F.18	Working Party of Chief Plant Health Officers	R
F.19	Working Party on Plant Health - Protection and Inspection - Propagating and Planting Materials - Roosendaal Group - International Plant Protection Convention / Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (IPPC/CPM) Affairs	R
F.20	Working Party of Chief Veterinary Officers	R
F.21	Working Party of Veterinary Experts - Public Health - Animal Health - Animal Welfare - Animal Husbandry - Potsdam Group	R

F.22	Coordination Working Party - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	R
F.23	Codex Alimentarius Working Party	R
F.24	Working Party on External Fisheries Policy	R
F.25	Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy	R
F.26	Working Party of Directors-General of Fisheries Departments	R
F.27	Ad Hoc Working Party on General Food Law	R

COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)		
G.1	Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth	R
G.2	Working Party on Public Procurement	R
G.3	Working Party on Intellectual Property - Patents - Copyright - Design - Trademarks - Enforcement	R
G.4	Working Party on Company Law	R
G.6	Working Party on Establishment and Services	R
G.7	Working Party on Technical Harmonisation - Motor Vehicles - Fertilisers	R
G.8	Working Party on Customs Union	R
G.12	Working Party on Competition	R
G.13	Working Party on Research	R
G.14	Joint Working Party on Research/Atomic Questions	R
G.21	European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) - High Level Group on Joint Programming (GPC) - Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)	Z R R
G.22	Working Party on Space	R
G.23	Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information	F
G.24	High Level Working Group on Competitiveness and Growth	R
G.25	High Level Working Party of the Directors General of Customs	R

TRANSPORT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ENERGY		
H.1	Working Party on Land Transport	R
H.2	Working Party on Shipping	R
H.3	Working Party on Aviation	R
H.4	Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks	R
H.5	Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society	R
H.6	Working Party on Postal Services	R
H.7	Working Party on Energy	R

EMPLOYMENT/SOCIAL POLICY HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
I.1	Working Party on Social Questions	R
I.2	Working Party on Public Health	R
I.3	Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level	R
I.4	Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices	R
I.5	Working Party on Foodstuffs	R

ENVIRONMENT		
J.1	Working Party on the Environment	R
J.2	Working Party on International Environment Issues	R

EDUCATION/YOUTH/CULTURE/SPORT		
K.1	Education Committee	R
K.2	Youth Working Party	R
K.3	Cultural Affairs Committee	R
K.4	Audio-visual Working Party	R
K.5	Working Party on Sport	R