MINUTES

of the sitting of

Monday

3 October 2016
KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

* Consultation procedure
*** Consent procedure
***I Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading
***II Ordinary legislative procedure: second reading
***III Ordinary legislative procedure: third reading
(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed in the draft act.)

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

AFET Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE Committee on Development
INTA Committee on International Trade
BUDG Committee on Budgets
CONT Committee on Budgetary Control
ECON Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
EMPL Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
ENVI Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
ITRE Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
IMCO Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
TRAN Committee on Transport and Tourism
REGI Committee on Regional Development
AGRI Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
PECH Committee on Fisheries
CULT Committee on Culture and Education
JURI Committee on Legal Affairs
LIBE Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
AFCO Committee on Constitutional Affairs
FEMM Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
PETI Committee on Petitions
DROI Subcommittee on Human Rights
SEDE Subcommittee on Security and Defence

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PPE Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats)
S&D Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
ECR European Conservatives and Reformists Group
ALDE Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
GUE/NGL Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
Verts/ALE Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
EFDD Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group
ENF Europe of Nations and Freedom
NI Non-attached Members
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1. Resumption of the session
The sitting opened at 17.00.

2. Statement by the President
The President, on behalf of the House, paid tribute to Shimon Peres, former President of Israel and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, who had died on 28 September 2016.

Parliament observed a minute's silence.

3. Announcement by the President
The President announced that Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Ségalène Royal, the French Environment Minister and President of COP21, would be present the following day for the vote on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement of 12 December 2015 on climate change. Ban Ki-moon would address the House before the vote.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting
The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

5. Composition of Parliament
Jordi Sebastià had given notice in writing of his resignation as Member of Parliament, with effect from 10 October 2016.

In accordance with Rule 4(1) and (3), Parliament had noted that the seat was vacant from that date and had informed the national authority concerned.

6. Verification of credentials
On a proposal from the JURI Committee, Parliament confirmed the validity of the mandate of Angelo Ciocca with effect from 7 July 2016.

7. Request for waiver of immunity
The Hungarian authorities had forwarded a request to waive the immunity of Béla Kovács in
relation to criminal proceedings brought against him by the Hungarian Chief Public Prosecutor's Central Investigations Office.

Pursuant to Rule 9(1), the request had been referred to the committee responsible, the JURI Committee.

8. Composition of committees and delegations
The President had received the following requests for appointments from the ALDE and ENF Groups:

IMCO Committee: Catherine Bearder to replace Antanas Guoga

FEMM Committee: Antanas Guoga to replace Catherine Bearder

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Angelo Ciocca

The appointments would be deemed ratified if there were no objections before the approval of these minutes.

9. Corrigenda (Rule 231)
The relevant committees had forwarded the following corrigenda to texts adopted by the Parliament:


The corrigenda were available on Europarl.
Pursuant to Rule 231(4), these corrigenda would be deemed approved unless, within 24 hours, a request was made by a political group or at least 40 Members that they be put to the vote.

10. Questions for oral answer (submission)
The following questions for oral answer had been submitted by Members (Rule 128):

- (O-000092/2016) by Claude Moraes, on behalf of the LIBE Committee, to the Council: European Public Prosecutor's Office and Eurojust (2016/2750(RSP)) (B8-0715/2016);

- (O-000093/2016) by Claude Moraes, on behalf of the LIBE Committee, to the Commission: European Public Prosecutor's Office and Eurojust (2016/2750(RSP)) (B8-0716/2016);
- (O-000099/2016) by Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, to the Commission: Next steps towards attaining global goals and EU commitments on nutrition and food security in the world (2016/2705(RSP)) (B8-0717/2016);

- (O-000103/2016) by Giovanni La Via, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, Peter Liese, on behalf of the PPE Group, Jo Leinen, on behalf of the S&D Group, Julie Girling, on behalf of the ECR Group, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Estefanía Torres Martínez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bas Eickhout, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Marco Affronte, on behalf of the EFDD Group, to the Council: 2016 UN Climate Change Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco (COP22) (2016/2814(RSP)) (B8-0718/2016);

- (O-000104/2016) by Giovanni La Via, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, Peter Liese, on behalf of the PPE Group, Jo Leinen, on behalf of the S&D Group, Julie Girling, on behalf of the ECR Group, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Estefanía Torres Martínez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bas Eickhout, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Marco Affronte, on behalf of the EFDD Group, to the Commission: 2016 UN Climate Change Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco (COP22) (2016/2814(RSP)) (B8-0719/2016);

- (O-000112/2016) by Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, Giovanni La Via, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, Bernd Lange, on behalf of the INTA Committee, Czesław Adam Siekierski, on behalf of the AGRI Committee, and Jerzy Buzek, on behalf of the ITRE Committee, to the Commission: Tackling illegal logging, deforestation and forest degradation - an EU agenda for action (2016/2824(RSP)) (B8-0720/2016);


11. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from the Council and Commission

- Draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017: Council position of 12 September 2016 (11900/2016 - C8-0373/2016 - 2016/2047(BUD)) referred to responsible : BUDG
    opinion : PETI, FEMM, AFCO, DEVE, CULT, AFET, PECH, AGRI, ENVI, EMPL, ITRE, JURI, ECON, CONT, LIBE, INTA, IMCO, TRAN, REGI

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) 2015/1017 as regards the extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub (COM(2016)0597 - C8-0375/2016 - 2016/0276(COD)) The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 137(1) and Rule 138(1).
    referred to responsible : ECON
    opinion : AGRI, ENVI, EMPL, BUDG, ITRE, TRAN, REGI

- Proposal for an amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in
budgetary matters and on sound financial management (COM(2016)0606 - C8-0386/2016 - 2016/2232(ACI))
referred to responsible : AFCO
opinion : AFET, BUDG, LIBE

referred to responsible : BUDG

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federated States of Micronesia on the short-stay visa waiver (09780/2016 - C8-0388/2016 - 2016/0098(NLE))
referred to responsible : LIBE
opinion : AFET

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (12256/2016 - C8-0401/2016 - 2016/0184(NLE))
referred to responsible : ENVI

2) from committees, reports


- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Georgia) (COM(2016)0142 - C8-0113/2016 - 2016/0075(COD)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Mariya Gabriel (A8-0260/2016)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Kosovo*) (COM(2016)0277 - C8-0177/2016 - 2016/0139(COD)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Tanja Fajon (A8-0261/2016)


- * Report on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by the European


12. Order of business

The final draft agenda for the October I 2016 sittings (PE 589.867/PDOJ) had been distributed and the following changes had been proposed (Rule 152):

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The following spoke: Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, on the fate of migrants shipwrecked off Lampedusa and those who come to their aid, and Cornelia Ernst.

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Monday

With the agreement of the political groups, the President proposed that the short presentation of the Thomas report entitled ‘How to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform’ (A8-0234/2016) (item 26 on the final draft agenda) be postponed until the October II part-session.

The House agreed to the proposal.

Tuesday

Subject to its adoption that day by the ENVI Committee, the La Via recommendation on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement adopted within the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change would be included in Voting Time.

The House agreed to the proposal.

The President reminded the Members that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon would be present for the vote on the de La Via recommendation. He would address the House briefly at 12:00, and the political groups would then have the floor.

If the House voted in favour, the letter forwarding the text to the Council would be signed in the presence of Ban Ki-moon, Jean-Claude Juncker (President of the Commission), Miguel Arias Cañete (Member of the Commission), Karmenu Vella (Member of the Commission), the President-in-Office of the Council and Ségolène Royal, the French Environment Minister and President of COP 21.

Wednesday

Request by the ECR Group to remove from the agenda the debate on the Commission statement on women’s rights in Poland (item 86 on the final draft agenda), which was to have been the fourth item of the afternoon.

The following spoke: Ryszard Antoni Legutko, on behalf of the ECR Group, to move the request, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, in favour of the request, and Malin Björk, against it.

Parliament rejected the request.

The debate on women’s rights in Poland was therefore kept on the agenda.

The following spoke: Marek Jurek and Anna Elżbieta Fotyga.

Request by the GUE/NGL Group to include, as the fifth item on the agenda for the afternoon, after debate on women’s rights in Poland, a Commission statement on the situation in Hungary: the referendum campaign and aspects of EU and international asylum law.

The following spoke: Marie-Christine Vergiat, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to move the request, Philippe Lamberts, in favour of the request, and Enrique Guerrero Salom, against it.

Parliament voted by roll-call vote (101 in favour, 181 against, 11 abstentions) to reject the request.

Thursday
No changes proposed.

The order of business was thus established.

**13. The future of ACP-EU relations beyond 2020 (debate)**


IN THE CHAIR: Mairead McGUIINNESS

Vice-President

Norbert Neuser introduced the report.

The following spoke: Neven Mimica (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Javier Couso Permuy (rapporteur for the opinion of the AFET Committee), Jude Kirton-Darling (rapporteur for the opinion of the INTA Committee), Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (rapporteur for the opinion of the BUDG Committee), Maurice Ponga, on behalf of the PPE Group, Enrique Guerrero Salom, on behalf of the S&D Group, Morten Messerschmidt, on behalf of the ECR Group, Paavo Väyrynen, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Maria Heubuch, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Ignazio Corrao, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Olaf Stuger, on behalf of the ENF Group, Eleftherios Synadinos, non-attached Member, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Cécile Kasetu Kyenge, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Charles Goerens, João Ferreira, Bodil Valero, Raymond Finch, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Cristian Dan Preda, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Isabella Adinolfi, Michael Gahler, Marlene Mizzi and György Hőlvényi.

IN THE CHAIR: Ioan Mircea PAŞCU

Vice-President

The following spoke: Maria Arena, Francesc Gambús, Alojz Peterle, Lefteris Christoforou and Adam Šzejnfeld.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Nicola Caputo, Notis Marias, Ivan Jakovčić and Julie Ward.

The following spoke: Neven Mimica and Norbert Neuser.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 4.10.2016, item 7.9.


Johannes Hahn (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Jeroen Lenaers, on behalf of the PPE Group, Norbert Neuser, on behalf of the S&D Group, Ryszard Czarnecki, on behalf of the ECR Group, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bodil
Valero, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Marek Jurek, Maria Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Couso Permuy, Jaromír Štětina, Tanja Fajon, Marietje Schaake, who also replied to a blue-card question by Marek Jurek, Josef Weidenholzer, Julie Ward, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Michela Giuffrida and Caterina Chinnici.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Kinga Gál, Nicola Caputo, Notis Marias, Ivan Jakovčić, Georgios Epitideios and Silvia Costa.

The following spoke: Elly Schlein.

The following spoke: Johannes Hahn.

The debate closed.

15. Global goals and EU commitments on nutrition and food security in the world (debate)

Question for oral answer (O-000099/2016) by Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, to the Commission: Next steps towards attaining global goals and EU commitments on nutrition and food security in the world (2016/2705(RSP)) (B8-0717/2016);

Enrique Guerrero Salom moved the question.

Neven Mimica (Member of the Commission) answered the question.

The following spoke: Bogdan Brunon Wenta, on behalf of the PPE Group, Marc Tarabella, on behalf of the S&D Group, Eleni Theocharous, on behalf of the ECR Group, Ivan Jakovčić, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Maria Heubuch, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Raymond Finch, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Lampros Fountoulis, non-attached Member, Adam Szejnfeld, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Jasenko Selimovic, Anja Hazekamp, Molly Scott Cato, Ignazio Corrao, Jytte Guteland, Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner, Klaus Buchner, Paolo De Castro, Notis Marias, Tibor Szanyi, Elly Schlein and Julie Ward.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Franc Bogovič.

IN THE CHAIR: Ryszard CZARNECKI
Vice-President

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Nicola Caputo, João Ferreira and Seán Kelly.

The following spoke: Neven Mimica.

Motion for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 128(5):

— Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, on the next steps towards attaining global goals and EU commitments on nutrition and food security in the world (2016/2705(RSP)) (B8-1042/2016).

The debate closed.
16. Amendment of the agenda

The President announced that the La Via recommendation on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Paris Agreement adopted within the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change had been adopted by the ENVI Committee. He proposed that this item be included in Voting Time the following day 4 October 2016.

The House agreed to the proposal.

The President reminded the Members that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon would address the House before the vote.

17. Tackling illegal logging, deforestation and forest degradation (debate)

Question for oral answer (O-000112/2016) by Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, Giovanni La Via, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, Bernd Lange, on behalf of the INTA Committee, Czesław Adam Siekierski, on behalf of the AGRI Committee, and Jerzy Buzek, on behalf of the ITRE Committee, to the Commission: Tackling illegal logging, deforestation and forest degradation - an EU agenda for action (2016/2824(RSP)) (B8-0720/2016)

Paavo Väyrynen and David Martin moved the question.

Karmenu Vella (Member of the Commission) answered the question.

The following spoke: Franc Bogovič, on behalf of the PPE Group, Renata Briano, on behalf of the S&D Group, Ruža Tomašić, on behalf of the ECR Group, Ulrike Müller, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Heidi Hautala, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Julia Reid, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Philippe Loiseau, on behalf of the ENF Group, Georgios Epitideios, non-attached Member, Elisabeth Köstinger, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ivan Jakovčić, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Tonino Picula, Eleonora Forenza, Francesc Gambús, Miroslav Poche and Neoklis Sylikiotis.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Stanislav Polčák, Nicola Caputo and Notis Marias.

IN THE CHAIR: Antonio TAJANI
Vice-President

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Seán Kelly and Csaba Sógor.

The following spoke: Karmenu Vella.

The debate closed.

18. Composition of committees and delegations

The President had received the following request for an appointment from the ECR Group: Delegation for relations with the United States: Brian Crowley to replace Timothy Kirkhope
The appointment would be deemed ratified if no objections were raised before the approval of these Minutes.

19. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

In accordance with Rule 163, the following Members who wished to draw the attention of Parliament to matters of political importance spoke for one minute:


20. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 589.867/OJMA).

21. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 22.20.

Klaus Welke
Secretary-General

Mairead McGuinness
Vice-President
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

3.10.2016

Present:
