



European Parliament

2016 - 2017

MINUTES

of the sitting of

Monday

16 January 2017



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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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2016 - 2017 SESSION

Sittings of 16 to 19 January 2017

STRASBOURG

MINUTES

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017

IN THE CHAIR: Martin SCHULZ

President

1. Resumption of the session

The sitting opened at 18.05.

2. Tribute

On behalf of Parliament, the President paid tribute to the memory of Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and former Member of the European Parliament.

Parliament observed a minute's silence.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

4. Composition of Parliament

Iliana Iotova had given notice in writing of her resignation as Member of Parliament, with effect from 17 January 2017.

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.

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The competent Spanish authorities had given notice of the election to the European Parliament of José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, to replace Pablo Zalba Bidegain, and Jordi Solé, to replace Ernest Maragall, with effect from 3 January 2017.

The competent Bulgarian authorities had given notice of the election to the European Parliament of Peter Kouroumbashev, to replace Iliana Iotova, with effect from 17 January 2017.

Parliament officially noted their election.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as their credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that they had previously made a written declaration stating that they did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Jordi Solé and Peter Kouroumbashev would take their seats in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

5. Verification of credentials

On a proposal from the JURI Committee, Parliament decided to validate the mandates of Alex Mayer with effect from 15 November 2016 and Tiemo Wölken with effect from 14 November 2016.

6. Composition of political groups

Marco Zanni had left the EFDD Group and had joined the ENF Group with effect from 11 January 2017.

Marco Affronte had left the EFDD Group and had joined the Verts/ALE Group with effect from 11 January 2017.

7. Request for waiver of immunity

The French authorities had forwarded a request to waive the immunity of Mylène Troszczynski in relation to __[A187249]__.

The French authorities had forwarded a request to waive the immunity of Jean-Marie Le Pen in relation to __[A187249]__.

Pursuant to rule 9(1), these requests had been referred to the committee responsible, the JURI Committee.

8. Closure of judicial proceedings against a Member in a Member State

The responsible Greek authorities had informed the President that the judicial proceedings brought before the Thessaloniki Magistrates' Court against Sotirios Zarianopoulos, which had involved a waiver of his parliamentary immunity, had been closed in accordance with Article 43 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Hellenic Republic.

9. Composition of committees and delegations

The President had received the following request for an appointment from the PPE Group:

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Željana Zovko to replace Ivica Tolić

The appointment would be deemed ratified if no objections were raised before the approval of these Minutes.

10. Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of President

The President announced that he had received the nominations – satisfying the conditions set out in the Rules - of the Members Eleonora Forenza, Jean Lambert, Gianni Pittella, Laurențiu Rebegea, Helga Stevens, Antonio Tajani and Guy Verhofstadt for the office of President.

The President informed Parliament of the procedure that would be followed for the vote.

11. Documents received

The following documents had been received from the Council and Commission:

- Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax (COM(2016)0755 - C8-0003/2017 - 2016/0371(CNS))

referred to	responsible :	ECON
	opinion :	JURI

- Proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC and Directive 2009/132/EC as regards certain value added tax obligations for supplies of services and distance sales of goods (COM(2016)0757 - C8-0004/2017 - 2016/0370(CNS))

referred to	responsible :	ECON
	opinion :	JURI, IMCO

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020 (13710/2016 - C8-0005/2017 - 2016/0322(NLE))

referred to	responsible :	LIBE
	opinion :	AFET, BUDG

- Proposal for a Council implementing decision amending Decision 2009/935/JHA as regards the list of third States and organisations with which Europol shall conclude agreements (15778/2016 - C8-0007/2017 - 2016/0823(CNS))

referred to	responsible :	LIBE
	opinion :	AFCO, BUDG, CONT

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures and amending Directive 2012/30/EU (COM(2016)0723 - C8-0475/2016 - 2016/0359(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 137(1).

The President would consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal, in accordance with Article 307 of the Treaty.

referred to	responsible :	JURI
	opinion :	EMPL, ECON

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the ranking of unsecured debt instruments in insolvency hierarchy (COM(2016)0853 - C8-0479/2016 - 2016/0363(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 137(1).

The President would consult the European Central Bank on this proposal, in accordance with Article 282(5) of the Treaty.

referred to	responsible :	ECON
	opinion :	BUDG, JURI

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector and repealing Directive 2005/89/EC (COM(2016)0862 - C8-0493/2016 - 2016/0377(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 :	ITRE
	opinion :	ENVI, ECON, IMCO

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Governance of the Energy Union, amending Directive 94/22/EC, Directive 98/70/EC, Directive 2009/31/EC, Regulation(EC) No 663/2009, Regulation(EC) No 715/2009, Directive 2009/73/EC, Council Directive 2009/119/EC, Directive 2010/31/EU, Directive 2012/27/EU, Directive 2013/30/EU and Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 (COM(2016)0759 - C8-0497/2016 - 2016/0375(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 :	ITRE
	opinion :	DEVE, AGRI, ENVI, BUDG, ECON, IMCO

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (13824/2016 - C8-0527/2016 - 2016/0311(NLE))

referred to	responsible :	AFET
	opinion :	ITRE

- Proposal for a Council decision establishing a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2018–2022 (14423/2016 - C8-0528/2016 - 2016/0204(APP))

referred to	responsible :	LIBE
	opinion :	FEMM, AFET, BUDG

- Proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC, as regards rates of value added tax applied to books, newspapers and periodicals (COM(2016)0758 - C8-0529/2016 - 2016/0374 (CNS))

referred to	responsible :	ECON
	opinion :	CULT, JURI, IMCO

12. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 596.857/PDOJ).

13. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 18.15.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Martin Schulz
President

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

16.1.2017

Present:

Adaktusson, Affronte, Aker, Albrecht, Aliot, Anderson Martina, Andersson, Andrieu, Andrikiènè, Annemans, Arena, Arimont, Arnott, Arthuis, Ashworth, Atkinson, Auken, Auštrevičius, van Baalen, Bach, Balas, Balczó, Balz, Batten, Bay, Bayet, Bearder, Becerra Basterrechea, Becker, Belder, Belet, Bendtsen, Benito Ziluaga, Berès, Bilbao Barandica, Bizzotto, Björk, Bocskor, Böge, Bogovič, Boni, Borghezio, Boştinaru, Bours, Boutonnet, Bové, Boylan, Briano, Brok, Buchner, Bullmann, Buşoi, Bütikofer, Cabezón Ruiz, van de Camp, Caputo, Carthy, Carver, Casa, Caspary, Cavada, Cesa, Childers, Chinnici, Chountis, Christensen, Christoforou, Cicu, Cirio, Clune, Coelho, Coffèrati, Collins, Comi, Corazza Bildt, Corbett, Costa, Cozzolino, Cramer, Cristea, Csáky, Czarnecki, Czesak, van Dalen, Dalli, Dăncilă, Danjean, Dantin, Delahaye, Deli, Delli, Delvaux, De Masi, Demesmaeker, De Monte, Denanot, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deß, Deutsch, Diaconu, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dlabajová, Dodds Diane, Dohrmann, Dorfmann, D'Ornano, Durand, Dzhambazki, Eck, Engel, Engström, Epitideios, Erdős, Ernst, Ertug, Estaràs Ferragut, Evans, Fajon, Farage, Faria, Federley, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández, Ferrand, Fisas Ayxelà, Flašíková Beňová, Fleckenstein, Fontana, Ford, Forenza, Foster, Fotyga, Fountoulis, Fox, Freund, Frunzulică, Gahler, Gál, Gáll-Pelcz, Gambús, Gardini, Gasbarra, Gebhardt, Geier, Gerbrandy, Gericke, Giegold, Gierek, Gieseke, Girling, Giuffrida, Gollnisch, Gomes, González Pons, Goulard, Grammatikakis, de Grandes Pascual, Grapini, Gräßle, Graswander-Hainz, Griesbeck, Griffin, Grigule, Grossetête, Gualtieri, Guerrero Salom, Guillaume, Guoga, Guteland, Gutiérrez Prieto, Hadjigeorgiou, Halla-aho, Hannan, Harkin, Häusling, Hayes, Hedh, Henkel, Herranz García, Hetman, Heubuch, Hoc, Hoffmann, Hohlmeier, Hökmark, Hölvényi, Hookem, Hortefeux, Hübner, Hudghton, Huitema, in 't Veld, Iturgaiz, Jaakonsaari, Jäätteenmäki, Jahr, Jakovčić, Jalkh, James, Jáuregui Atondo, Jávör, Ježek, Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, de Jong, Jongerius, Juaristi Abaunz, Jurek, Juvin, Kadenbach, Kallas, Kalniete, Kammerevert, Kappel, Karas, Kari, Kariņš, Karlsson, Karski, Kaufmann, Kelam, Keller Jan, Keller Ska, Koch, Kofod, Kölmel, Korwin-Mikke, Kósa, Kovatchev, Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Krasnodębski, Krehl, Krupa, Kudrycka, Kukan, Kumpula-Natri, Kuneva, Kuźmiuk, Kyllönen, Kyrkos, Kyrtsos, Kyuchyuk, Lamassoure, Lambsdorff, de Lange, Langen, Lauristin, La Via, Lavrilleux, Le Grip, Legutko, Le Hyaric, Lenaers, Le Pen Marine, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Liese, Lietz, Lins, Lochbihler, Loiseau, Løkkegaard, Loones, Lope Fontagné, López Aguilar, López-Istúriz White, Lösing, Lucke, Ludvigsson, Lunacek, Lundgren, Łybacka, McAvan, McClarkin, McGuinness, Maeijer, Mamikins, Mănescu, Maňka, Mann, Manscour, Marias, Marinescu, Marinho e Pinto, Martin David, Martin Edouard, Martusciello, Matias, Mato, Maullu, Mayer Alex, Meissner, Mélenchon, Mélin, Melior, Melo, Metsola, Michel, Michels, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, van Miltenburg, Mineur, Mlinar, Molnár, Monteiro de Aguiar, Montel, Moraes, Morgano, Morin-Chartier, Morvai, Mosca, Müller, Mureşan, Muselier, Mussolini, Nagy, Negrescu, Neuser, Nica, Niebler, Niedermayer, Niedermüller, van Nieuwenhuizen, Nilsson, van Nistelrooij, Noichl, Nuttall, Obermayr, O'Flynn, Omarjee, Ožóg, Panzeri, Paolucci, Papadakis Konstantinos, Papadimoulis, Parker, Paşcu, Patriciello, Pavel, Petersen, Petir, Picierno, Picula, Piecha, Pimenta Lopes, Piotrowski, Pirinski, Pitera, Pittella, Poc, Poche, Ponga, Pořeba, Pospíšil, Post, Preda, Preuß, Proust, Punset, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Radoš, Rangel, Rebege, Reda, Regner, Reimon, Reintke, Reul, Revault

D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Ribeiro, Ries, Riquet, Rochefort, Rodrigues Liliana, Rodrigues Maria João, Rodust, Rolin, Rozière, Ruas, Rübige, Ruohonen-Lerner, Sakorafa, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salini, Sánchez Caldentey, dos Santos, Sârbu, Sargentini, Saryusz-Wolski, Sassoli, Schaake, Schaffhauser, Schaldemose, Schlein, Schmidt, Scholz, Schöpflin, Schreijer-Pierik, Schulz, Schuster, Schwab, Scott Cato, Sehnalová, Selimovic, Senra Rodríguez, Sernagiotto, Silva Pereira, Sippel, Škrlec, Smith, Sógor, Šojdrová, Solé, Šoltes, Sonneborn, Spinelli, Staes, Starbatty, Štefanec, Steinruck, Štětina, Stevens, Stihler, Stolojan, von Storch, Stuger, Šuica, Šulin, Svoboda, Sylikiotis, Synadinos, Szájer, Szanyi, Szejnfeld, Tajani, Takkula, Țapardel, Tarabella, Tarand, Taylor, Telička, Terricabras, Thecharous, Thomas, Thun und Hohenstein, Toia, Tolić, Tomašić, Tomc, Torvalds, Tošenovský, Trebesius, Tremosa i Balcells, Troszczynski, Trüpel, Țurcanu, Ujazdowski, Ulvskog, Ungureanu, Urtasun, Valcárcel Siso, Válean, Valero, Vana, Van Bossuyt, Van Brempt, Vandenkendelaere, Vaughan, Vautmans, Väyrynen, Verheyen, Viegas, Vilimsky, Viotti, Virkkunen, Vistisen, Voigt, Wałęsa, Ward, Weber Renate, Weidenholzer, Werner, Westphal, Wieland, Wierinck, Wikström, Willmott, Winkler Hermann, Winkler Iuliu, Wiśniewska, Woolfe, Záborská, Zanonato, Zdechovský, Zdrojewski, Zemke, Zijlstra, Zimmer, Žitňanská, Zoffoli, Zovko, Zver, Zwiefka

Excused:

Crowley, Drăghici, Händel, Kirton-Darling, Kłosowski, Matera, Messerschmidt, Nart, Zorrinho