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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 1 and 2 March 2017

BRUSSELS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2017

IN THE CHAIR: Antonio TAJANI
President

1. Resumption of the session

The sitting opened at 15.00.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Composition of Parliament

The German authorities had given notice of the election of Arndt Kohn to replace Martin Schulz as Member of Parliament with effect from 24 February 2017.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as his credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that he had previously made a written declaration stating that he did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Arndt Kohn would take his seat in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

4. Verification of credentials

On a proposal by the JURI Committee, Parliament decided to confirm the validity of the mandates of José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, with effect from 3 January 2017, and Peter Kouroumbashev, with effect from 17 January 2017.

5. Composition of committees and delegations

At the request of the S&D and ENF Groups, Parliament ratified the following appointments:

CONT Committee: Arndt Kohn to replace Jens Geier

BUDG Committee: Vicky Maeijer to replace Auke Zijlstra

LIBE Committee: Auke Zijlstra to replace Vicky Maeijer

6. Negotiations ahead of Parliament's first reading (Rule 69d)

The President announced that the INTA and PECH Committees had decided to enter into interinstitutional negotiations, in accordance with Rule 69:

- INTA Committee, on the basis of Parliament's position adopted at first reading on 16 April 2014 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) No .../2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community and Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community (2013/0103(COD) - P7_TA(2014)0420);
- PECH Committee, on the basis of Parliament's position adopted at first reading on 2 February 2017 with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 (2015/0289(COD) - P8_TA-PROV(2017)0015).

The positions adopted by Parliament at first reading, which constituted the mandate for those negotiations, were available on the Europarl website.

7. Signature of acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure (Rule 78)

The President announced that he had, with the President of the Council, that day signed the following acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure:

- 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) (00064/2016/LEX - C8-0093/2017 - 2016/0075(COD))

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council 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 (revision of the suspension mechanism) (00058/2016/LEX - C8-0092/2017 - 2016/0142(COD)).

8. Implementing measures (Rule 106)

The following draft implementing measure falling under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny had been forwarded to Parliament:

- Commission Regulation establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation (D042907/04 - 2017/2577(RPS) - deadline: 22 May 2017)
referred back to committee responsible: ITRE

9. Delegated acts (Rule 105(6))

The following draft delegated acts had been forwarded to Parliament:

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 639/2014 as regards the control measures relating to the cultivation of hemp, certain provisions on the greening payment, the payment for young farmers in control of a legal person, the calculation of the per unit amount in the framework of voluntary coupled support, the fractions of payment entitlements and certain notification requirements relating to the single area payment scheme and the voluntary coupled support, and amending Annex X to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (C(2017)00735 - 2017/2571(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 15 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: AGRI

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance (C(2017)00805 - 2017/2573(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 16 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: AGRI

- Commission Delegated Regulation on the classification of horizontal settlement and short term water absorption performance for in-situ formed loose fill cellulose (LFCI) thermal insulation products under EN 15101-1 pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (C(2017)01143 - 2017/2578(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 3 months from the date of receipt of 24 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: IMCO

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea (C(2017)01162 - 2017/2580(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 24 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: PECH

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1613 as regards livestock farmers in earthquake-stricken regions of Italy (C(2017)01163 - 2017/2575(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 17 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: AGRI

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the removal of Kazakhstan from the list of countries in Annex I thereto (C(2017)01184 - 2017/2581(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 24 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: INTA

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 673/2005 establishing additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America (C(2017)01202 - 2017/2579(DEA))

Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 24 February 2017

Referred to the committee responsible: INTA

Draft delegated act for which the period for lodging objections has been extended:

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 510/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to take into account the evolution of the mass of new light commercial vehicles registered in 2013, 2014 and 2015 C(2016)08395 - 2016/3046(DEA)
Deadline for lodging objections: 2 months from the date of receipt of 14 December 2016
Extension of the deadline for lodging objections: 2 months at the request of the Council.
Referred to the committee responsible: ENVI (Rule 54)
Opinion: ITRE (Rule 54)

10. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from the Council and Commission

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers and Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences (COM(2017) 0047 - C8-0025/2017 – 2017/0015(COD))

In accordance with Articles 304 and 307 of the Treaty, the President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the proposal.

referred to responsible: TRAN
opinion: EMPL

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (COM(2017)0085 - C8-0034/2017 - 2017/0035(COD))

referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: FEMM, AFCE, DEVE, CULT, AFET, PECH, AGRI, ENVI, EMPL, ITRE, ECON, LIBE, INTA, IMCO, TRAN, REGI

- Proposal for a Council Directive on Double Taxation Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in the European Union (COM(2016)0686 - C8-0035/2017 - 2016/0338(CNS))

referred to responsible: ECON
opinion: IMCO

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia (12256/2014 - C8-0080/2017 - 2014/0023(NLE))

referred to responsible: TRAN

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part (15653/2016 - C8-0094/2017 - 2006/0048 (NLE))

referred to responsible: TRAN

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (COM(2017)0097 - C8-0095/2017 - 2017/0043(COD))

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

referred to	responsible:	PECH
	opinion:	ENVI

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the internal market for electricity (recast) (COM(2016)0861 - C8-0492/2016 - 2016/0379(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:	ECON, IMCO, JURI (Rule 104)

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast) (COM(2016)0864 - C8-0495/2016 - 2016/0380(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, BUDG, ECON, IMCO, JURI (Rule 104)

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) (COM(2016)0767 - C8-0500/2016 - 2016/0382 (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:	PETI, AGRI, ENVI, ECON, TRAN, REGI, JURI (Rule 104)

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 1-INF/2017 - Court of Justice (N8-0005/2017 - C8-0036/2017 - 2017/2031(GBD))

referred to	responsible:	BUDG
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- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 02/2017 - Section III – Commission (N8-0006/2017 - C8-0096/2017 - 2017/2032(GBD))

referred to	responsible:	BUDG
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2) from committees

2.1) reports

- Report on minimum standards for the protection of farm rabbits (2016/2077(INI)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: Stefan Eck (A8-0011/2017)

- Report on EU Common Commercial Policy in the context of wildlife sustainability imperatives (2016/2054(INI)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Emma McClarkin (A8-0012/2017)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (COM(2015)0593 - C8-0383/2015 - 2015/0272(COD)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Simona Bonafè (A8-0013/2017)

- Report on responsible ownership and care of equidae (2016/2078(INI)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: Julie Girling (A8-0014/2017)

- Report on the implementation of Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period 2014–2020 (2015/2329(INI)) - CULT Committee - Rapporteur: María Teresa Giménez Barbat (A8-0017/2017)

- *** Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein 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 (12852/2016 - C8-0515/2016 - 2016/0247(NLE)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Josef Weidenholzer (A8-0025/2017)

- *** Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (05748/2016 - C8-0171/2016 - 2015/0292(NLE)) - AFET Committee - Rapporteur: Ramona Nicole Mănescu (A8-0027/2017)

- Report on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2014 to 2020) and repealing Decisions No 1718/2006/EC, No 1855/2006/EC and No 1041/2009/EC (2015/2328 (INI)) - CULT Committee - Rapporteur: Silvia Costa (A8-0030/2017)

- Report on EU options for improving access to medicines (2016/2057(INI)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Soledad Cabezón Ruiz (A8-0040/2017)

- Report on e-democracy in the European Union: potential and challenges (2016/2008(INI)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (A8-0041/2017)

- Report on the request for waiver of the immunity of Marine Le Pen (2016/2295(IMM)) - JURI Committee - Rapporteur: Laura Ferrara (A8-0047/2017)

2.2) recommendations for second reading

- ***II Recommendation for second reading on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (10755/1/2016 - C8-0015/2017 - 2013/0140(COD)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Karin Kadenbach (A8-0022/2017)

11. Transfers of appropriations

In accordance with Article 27(3) of the Financial Regulation, the Committee on Budgets had decided to approve transfer of appropriations DEC 1/2017 by the Commission - Section III – Commission.

12. Questions for oral answer (submission)

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

- (O-000149/2016) by Mady Delvaux, on behalf of the JURI Committee, to the Council: Gender balance among judges at the Court of Justice of the European Union (2016/3025 (RSP)) (B8-0203/2017);
- (O-000008/2017) by Sophia in 't Veld, Catherine Bearder, Gérard Deprez, Cecilia Wikström, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Angelika Mlinar, Louis Michel, Nathalie Griesbeck, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Yana Toom, Renate Weber, Javier Nart, Carolina Punset, Ivo Vajgl, Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon and Marietje Schaake, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Claude Moraes and Seb Dance, on behalf of the S&D Group, Jean Lambert, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst, Barbara Spinelli, Marina Albiol Guzmán, Kostas Chrysogonos, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Stelios Kouloglou, Merja Kyllönen and Paloma López Bermejo, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to the Commission: Breaches of current freedom of movement rights of EU citizens residing in the UK and the use of six-month expulsions (2017/2572(RSP)) (B8-0204/2017).

13. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

The Council had forwarded certified true copies of the following:

- Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia;
- Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons, regarding the participation of the Republic of Croatia as a contracting party, following its accession to the European Union;
- 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;
- Protocol to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union;
- Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Ecuador;
- Agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Liechtenstein 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 2014-2020;

- Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part;
- Framework Agreement between the European Union and Kosovo* on the general principles for the participation of Kosovo in Union programmes;
- Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part;
- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil pursuant to Article xxiv:6 and Article xxviii of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

14. Action taken on Parliament's resolutions

The Commission communication on the action taken on the resolutions adopted by Parliament during the October II 2016 part-session was available on the Europarl site.

15. Order of business

The following spoke: Terry Reintke on the case of Deniz Yücel, correspondent for the German daily *Die Welt*, and other journalists currently imprisoned in Turkey (the President underscored his commitment to defending freedom of expression), Barbara Spinelli on recent statements by the President on the subject of refugee camps in Libya (the President specified what he had said), Tomáš Zdechovský on the application of the Rules of Procedure, and Petras Auštrevičius on the third anniversary of the Ukrainian revolution of February 2014.

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The final draft agenda for the March and I 2017 sittings (*PE 600.409/PDOJ*) had been distributed and the following changes had been proposed (Rule 149a):

Wednesday

Following consultations with the political groups, the President proposed the following changes to the final draft agenda:

- that a statement by the President of the Commission on the White Paper on the Future of Europe be added as the first item on the agenda;
- that the report by Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (A8-0041/2017) on e-Democracy in the EU: potential and challenges be postponed until the March II part-session;
- that the sitting be extended until 24.00.

The House agreed to the changes.

Thursday

The President announced that, following its adoption by the JURI Committee, the report by Laura Ferrara (A8-0047/2017) on the Request for the waiver of the immunity of Marine Le Pen, would be included in Voting Time the following day.

The order of business was thus established.

16. Statement by the President of the Commission on the White Paper on the future of Europe

The President made a brief statement to introduce the debate.

Jean-Claude Juncker (President of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Esteban González Pons, on behalf of the PPE Group, Gianni Pittella, on behalf of the S&D Group, Ulrike Trebesius, on behalf of the ECR Group, Guy Verhofstadt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Patrick Le Hyaric, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Philippe Lamberts, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Gerard Batten, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Vicky Maeijer, on behalf of the ENF Group, Diane James, non-attached Member, Paulo Rangel, Maria João Rodrigues, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Josep-Maria Terricabras, Rolandas Paksas, Harald Vilimsky, Konstantinos Papadakis, Herbert Reul, Kathleen Van Brempt, Pascal Durand, Marco Valli, Janusz Lewandowski, Pervenche Berès, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Franck Proust, Elena Valenciano, Peter Lundgren, Luděk Niedermayer, Jeppe Kofod, Gunnar Hökmark, Tanja Fajon, Viviane Reding, Roberto Gualtieri and Victor Boștinaru.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Michaela Šojdrová, Nicola Caputo, Notis Marias, Miguel Viegas and Krisztina Morvai.

The following spoke: Jean-Claude Juncker.

IN THE CHAIR: Mairead McGUINNESS
Vice-President

17. Preparation of the European Council meeting of 9 and 10 March 2017 (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Preparation of the European Council meeting of 9 and 10 March 2017 (2017/3019(RSP))

Chris Agius (President-in-Office of the Council), Jyrki Katainen (Vice-President of the Commission) and Dimitris Avramopoulos (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Françoise Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, Maria João Rodrigues, on behalf of the S&D Group, Geoffrey Van Orden, on behalf of the ECR Group, Pavel Telička, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Miguel Viegas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Ernest Urtasun, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Steeve Briois, on behalf of the ENF Group, and Krisztina Morvai, non-attached Member.

IN THE CHAIR: Ryszard CZARNECKI
Vice-President

The following spoke: György Schöpflin, Tanja Fajon, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, Javier Couso Permuy, Mario Borghezio, Tibor Szanyi on the conduct of the debate, Georgios Epitideios, Knut Fleckenstein, Bernd Lucke, Udo Voigt, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Pervenche Berès and Tonino Picula.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Seán Kelly, Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Notis Marias and Ana Gomes.

The following spoke: Dimitris Avramopoulos and Chris Agius.

The debate closed.

18. Tackling the disappearance of migrant children in Europe (debate)

Commission statement: Tackling the disappearance of migrant children in Europe (2017/2566 (RSP))

Dimitris Avramopoulos (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, on behalf of the PPE Group, Tanja Fajon, on behalf of the S&D Group, Monica Macovei, on behalf of the ECR Group, Hilde Vautmans, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Marina Albiol Guzmán, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Jean Lambert, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Gerard Batten, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Mara Bizzotto, on behalf of the ENF Group, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra and Caterina Chinnici.

IN THE CHAIR: Bogusław LIBERADZKI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Nathalie Griesbeck, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kristina Winberg, Mariya Gabriel, Josef Weidenholzer, Ryszard Czarnecki, Monika Hohlmeier, Péter Niedermüller, Notis Marias, Alessandra Mussolini, Sylvie Guillaume and Juan Fernando López Aguilar.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Michaela Šojdrová, Nicola Caputo, Ruža Tomašić, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Julie Ward, João Pimenta Lopes, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță, Eleftherios Synadinos, Ana Gomes and Maria Grapini.

The following spoke: Dimitris Avramopoulos.

The debate closed.

19. Gender pay gap (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Gender pay gap (2017/2567(RSP))

Chris Agius (President-in-Office of the Council) and Věra Jourová (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Elisabeth Köstinger, on behalf of the PPE Group.

The following spoke: Iratxe García Pérez, on behalf of the S&D Group, who also replied to a blue-card question by Janusz Korwin-Mikke, Jana Žitňanská, on behalf of the ECR Group, Angelika Mlinar, on behalf of the ALDE Group, João Pimenta Lopes, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Ernest Urtasun, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Barbara Kappel, on behalf of the ENF Group, Anna Záborská, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Marian Harkin, Dominique Martin, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Pina Picierno, Julie Girling, Anna Hedh and Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Caterina Chinnici, Ruža Tomašić and Izaskun Bilbao Barandica.

The following spoke: Věra Jourová and Chris Agius.

The debate closed.

20. Recent partial decriminalisation of domestic violence in Russia (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Recent partial decriminalisation of domestic violence in Russia (2017/2570(RSP))

Věra Jourová (Member of the Commission) made the statement on behalf of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

The following spoke: Michael Gahler, on behalf of the PPE Group, Elena Valenciano, on behalf of the S&D Group, who also replied to a blue-card question by Michaela Šojdrová, Monica Macovei, on behalf of the ECR Group, Renate Weber, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Terry Reintke, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Mylène Troszczynski, on behalf of the ENF Group, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, to put a blue-card question to Mylène Troszczynski, and Jaromír Štětina.

The following spoke: Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Josef Weidenholzer and Liliana Rodrigues.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Michaela Šojdrová, Caterina Chinnici, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Patricija Šulin and Heidi Hautala.

The following spoke: Věra Jourová.

The debate closed.

21. Breaches of current freedom of movement rights of EU citizens residing in the UK and the use of six-month expulsions (debate)

Question for oral answer (O-000008/2017) by Sophia in 't Veld, Catherine Bearder, Gérard Deprez,

Cecilia Wikström, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Angelika Mlinar, Louis Michel, Nathalie Griesbeck, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Yana Toom, Renate Weber, Javier Nart, Carolina Punset, Ivo Vajgl, Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon and Marietje Schaake, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Claude Moraes and Seb Dance, on behalf of the S&D Group, Jean Lambert, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Cornelia Ernst, Barbara Spinelli, Marina Albiol Guzmán, Kostas Chrysogonos, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Stelios Kouloglou, Merja Kyllönen and Paloma López Bermejo, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to the Commission: Breaches of current freedom of movement rights of EU citizens residing in the UK and the use of six-month expulsions (2017/2572(RSP)) (B8-0204/2017)

Catherine Bearder, Claude Moraes, Barbara Spinelli and Jean Lambert moved the question.

Věra Jourová (Member of the Commission) answered the question.

The following spoke: Roberta Metsola, on behalf of the PPE Group, Richard Corbett, on behalf of the S&D Group, Anthea McIntyre, on behalf of the ECR Group, who also replied to two blue-card questions by Liadh Ní Riada and Seb Dance, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, on behalf of the ALDE Group, and Matt Carthy, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Raymond Finch, on behalf of the EFDD Group, who declined a blue-card question from Anneliese Dodds, Janice Atkinson, on behalf of the ENF Group, Jeroen Lenaers, Soraya Post, Emil Radev, Victor Negrescu and Jiří Pospíšil.

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

The following spoke: Věra Jourová.

The debate closed.

22. Gender balance among judges at the Court of Justice (debate)

Question for oral answer (O-000149/2016) by Mady Delvaux, on behalf of the on behalf of the JURI Committee, to the Council: Gender balance among judges at the Court of Justice of the European Union (2016/3025(RSP)) (B8-0203/2017)

Mady Delvaux moved the question.

Chris Agius (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the question.

The following spoke: Tadeusz Zwiefka, on behalf of the PPE Group, Jytte Guteland, on behalf of the S&D Group, António Marinho e Pinto, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Jiří Maštálka, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Heidi Hautala, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Gilles Lebreton, on behalf of the ENF Group, and Evelyn Regner.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Stanislav Polčák, Caterina Chinnici, Notis Marias and Jonathan Arnott.

The following spoke: Chris Agius.

The debate closed.

23. Information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements and non-binding instruments in the field of energy *I (debate)**

Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements and non-binding instruments between Member States and third countries in the field of energy and repealing Decision No 994/2012/EU [COM(2016)0053 - C8-0034/2016 - 2016/0031(COD)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Zdzisław Krasnodębski (A8-0305/2016)

Zdzisław Krasnodębski introduced the report.

The following spoke: Miguel Arias Cañete (Member of the Commission).

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The following spoke: Bendt Bendtsen (rapporteur for the opinion of the INTA Committee), Vladimir Urutchev, on behalf of the PPE Group, Miroslav Poche, on behalf of the S&D Group, Angelika Mlinar, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Neoklis Sylikiotis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Indrek Tarand, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Roger Helmer, on behalf of the EFDD Group, and Jerzy Buzek.

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

The following spoke: Miguel Arias Cañete and Zdzisław Krasnodębski.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 2.3.2017, item 6.4.*

24. Options for improving access to medicines (debate)

Report on EU options for improving access to medicines [2016/2057(INI)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Soledad Cabezón Ruiz (A8-0040/2017)

Soledad Cabezón Ruiz introduced the report.

The following spoke: Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Piernicola Pedicini (rapporteur for the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Eleonora Evi (rapporteur for the opinion of the PETI Committee), Françoise Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, Carlos Zorrinho, on behalf of the S&D Group, Bolesław G. Piecha, on behalf of the ECR Group, who also replied to a blue-card question by Janusz Korwin-Mikke, Gesine Meissner, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Kateřina Konečná, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mireille D'Ornano, on behalf of the ENF Group, Zoltán Balczó, non-attached Member, Pál Csáky, who also replied to a blue-card question by Kateřina Konečná, Damiano Zoffoli, Urszula Krupa, Luke Ming Flanagan, Andrey Kovatchev, Tiemo Wölken and Anna Záborská.

The following spoke: Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis and Soledad Cabezón Ruiz.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 2.3.2017, item 6.6.*

25. 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:

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Andrejs Mamikins, José Inácio Faria, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, Daniel Buda, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Michaela Šojdrová, Josep-Maria Terricabras, Nicola Caputo, Marina Albiol Guzmán, László Tőkés, Notis Marias, Jiří Pospíšil, Davor Škrlec, Gilles Lebreton, Janusz Korwin-Mikke, Pál Csáky, Jordi Solé, Liadh Ní Riada and Marek Jurek.

26. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 600.409/OJJE).

27. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.40.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Antonio Tajani
President

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Present:

Adaktusson, Adinolfi, Affronte, Agea, Agnew, Aguilera García, Aiuto, Aker, Albiol Guzmán, Albrecht, Ali, Andrikiènè, Androulakis, Annemans, Arena, Arimont, Arnautu, Arnott, Ashworth, Assis, Atkinson, Auštrevičius, Ayala Sender, Ayuso, Bach, Balczó, Balz, Barekov, Batten, Bay, Becerra Basterrechea, Becker, Beghin, Belder, Belet, Bendtsen, Benifei, Benito Ziluaga, Berès, Bergeron, Bilbao Barandica, Bilde, Bizzotto, Blanco López, Blinkevičiūtė, Bocskor, Böge, Bogovič, Bonafè, Boni, Borghezio, Borzan, Boștinaru, Bours, Boutonnet, Boylan, Brannen, Briano, Briois, Brok, Buchner, Buda, Bullmann, Bușoi, Buzek, Cabezón Ruiz, Cadec, Calvet Chambon, Caputo, Carthy, Carver, Castaldo, del Castillo Vera, Cesa, Charanzová, Chauprade, Childers, Chinnici, Chountis, Christensen, Christoforou, Chrysogonos, Cicu, Ciocca, Cirio, Clune, Coburn, Coelho, Coffferati, Collin-Langen, Collins, Comodini Cachia, Corazza Bildt, Corbett, Corrao, Costa, Couso Permuy, Cozzolino, Cramer, Cristea, Csáky, Czarnecki, Czesak, van Dalen, Dalli, Dalton, Dalunde, D'Amato, Dance, Dăncilă, Danjean, Danti, (The Earl of) Dartmouth, De Castro, Delahaye, Deli, Delli, Delvaux, De Masi, Demesmaeker, De Monte, Denanot, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deß, Deva, Diaconu, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dlabajová, Dodds, Dodds, Dorfmann, D'Ornano, Durand, Dzhabazki, Eickhout, Engel, Epitideios, Ernst, Estaràs Ferragut, Evans, Evi, Fajon, Faria, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández, Ferrand, Ferrara, Finch, Fisas Ayxelà, Flanagan, Beňová, Fleckenstein, Florenz, Fontana, Ford, Forenza, Foster, Fotyga, Fountoulis, Fox, Freund, Frunzulică, Gabriel, Gahler, Gál, Gáll-Pelcz, Gambús, García Pérez, Gardiazabal Rubial, Gardini, Gebhardt, Geier, Gentile, Gericke, Geringer de Oedenberg, Giegold, Gierek, Gieseke, Gill Nathan, Gill Neena, Girling, Giuffrida, Goddyn, Goerens, Gollnisch, Gomes, González Pons, Gosiewska, Goulard, Grammatikakis, de Grandes Pascual, Grapini, Gräßle, Graswander-Hainz, Griesbeck, Grigule-Pēterse, Grossetête, Grzyb, Gualtieri, Guerrero Salom, Guillaume, Guteland, Gutiérrez Prieto, Hadjigeorgiou, Halla-aho, Harkin, Harms, Hautala, Hayes, Hazekamp, Hedh, Henkel, Herranz García, Hetman, Heubuch, Hoc, Hohlmeier, Hökmark, Honeyball, Hookem, Hortefeux, Hübner, Hudghton, Huitema, Iturgaiz, Ivan, Iwaszkiewicz, Jaakonsaari, Jäätteenmäki, Jahr, Jakovčić, Jalkh, James, Jáuregui Atondo, Ježek, Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, de Jong, Jongerius, Juaristi Abaunz, Jurek, Kadenbach, Kalinowski, Kallas, Kalniete, Kammerevert, Kappel, Kari, Kariņš, Karski, Kaufmann, Kefalogiannis, Kelam, Keller Jan, Keller Ska, Kelly, Kłosowski, Koch, Kofod, Kohlíček, Kohn, Kölmel, Konečná, Korwin-Mikke, Kósa, Köstinger, Kouloglou, Kouroumbashev, Kovatchev, Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Krasnodębski, Krehl, Krupa, Kudrycka, Kukan, Kumpula-Natri, Kuźmiuk, Kyenge, Kyllönen, Kyrkos, Kyrtos, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambsdorff, Lange, de Lange, Langen, Lauristin, La Via, Lavrilleux, Lebreton, Legutko, Le Hyaric, Leinen, Lenaers, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Liese, Lietz, Lins, Lochbihler, Loiseau, Løkkegaard, Lope Fontagné, López, López Aguilar, López Bermejo, López-Istúriz White, Lösing, Lucke, Ludvigsson, Łukacijewska, Lunacek, Lundgren, Lybacka, McAllister, McAvan, McClarkin, McIntyre, Macovei, Maeijer, Maletić, Malinov, Mamikins, Mănescu, Maňka, Mann, Marcellesi, Marias, Marinescu, Marinho e Pinto, Martin David, Martin Dominique, Martin Edouard, Martusciello, Maštálka, Matias, Mato, Maullu, Maurel, Mavrides, Maydell, Mayer Georg, Mayer Alex, Mazuronis, Meissner, Melior, Melo, Metsola, Michels, Mihaylova, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, van Miltenburg, Mlinar, Moi, Moisa,

Molnár, Monot, Monteiro de Aguiar, Moody, Moraes, Morano, Morgano, Morin-Chartier, Morvai, Müller, Mureşan, Mussolini, Nagy, Negrescu, Neuser, Nica, Nicholson, Nicolai, Niebler, Niedermayer, Niedermüller, van Nieuwenhuizen, Nilsson, Ní Riada, van Nistelrooij, Nuttall, Obermayr, O'Flynn, Omarjee, Ožóg, Pabriks, Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Paksas, Panzeri, Papadakis Demetris, Papadakis Konstantinos, Papadimoulis, Pargneaux, Parker, Paşcu, Patriciello, Pavel, Pedicini, Peillon, Peterle, Petersen, Petir, Picierno, Picula, Piecha, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Pimenta Lopes, Piotrowski, Piri, Pirinski, Pitera, Plura, Poc, Poche, Polčák, Ponga, Pospíšil, Post, Preda, Preuß, Proust, Radev, Radoš, Rangel, Rebege, Reda, Reding, Regner, Reid, Reintke, Reul, Ribeiro, Ries, Riquet, Rivasi, Rochefort, Rodrigues Liliana, Rodrigues Maria João, Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Rolin, Ropè, Rosati, Ruas, Rübige, Ruohonen-Lerner, Saïfi, Sakorafa, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salini, Salvini, Sánchez Caldentey, Sander, Sant, dos Santos, Sârbu, Sargentini, Sarvamaa, Saryusz-Wolski, Sassoli, Saudargas, Schaake, Schaffhauser, Schaldemose, Schlein, Schmidt, Scholz, Schöpflin, Schreijer-Pierik, Schuster, Schwab, Sehnalová, Selimovic, Senra Rodríguez, Sernagiotto, Serrão Santos, Seymour, Siekierski, Silva Pereira, Simon Peter, Simon Siôn, Škripek, Škrlec, Smith, Smolková, Sógor, Šojdrová, Solé, Šoltes, Sommer, Soru, Spinelli, Spyraiki, Staes, Starbatty, Štefanec, Steinruck, Štětina, Stihler, Stolojan, Šuica, Šulin, Svoboda, Sylikiotis, Synadinos, Szájer, Szanyi, Szejnfeld, Tajani, Takkula, Tamburrano, Tănăsescu, Tang, Tannock, Ţapardel, Tarabella, Tarand, Telička, Terricabras, Theocharous, Thomas, Thun und Hohenstein, Toia, Tőkés, Tolić, Tomaševski, Tomašić, Tomc, Toom, Torres Martínez, Torvalds, Tošenovský, Trebesius, Tremosa i Balcells, Troszczyński, Trüpel, Ţurcanu, Turmes, Ujazdowski, Ujhelyi, Ulvskog, Ungureanu, Urbán Crespo, Urtasun, Urutchev, Uspaskich, Vaidere, Vajgl, Valcárcel Siso, Valenciano, Valero, Valli, Vallina, Vana, Van Brempt, Vandenkendelaere, Van Orden, Vaughan, Vautmans, Väyrynen, Vergiat, Verheyen, Viegas, Vilimsky, Viotti, Vistisen, Voigt, Voss, Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Wałęsa, Ward, Weber Renate, Weidenholzer, von Weizsäcker, Wenta, Wemer, Westphal, Wieland, Willmott, Winberg, Winkler Iuliu, Wiśniewska, Wölken, Woolfe, Záborská, Zagorakis, Zahradil, Zanni, Zanonato, Ždanoka, Zdechovský, Zdrojewski, Zeller, Zemke, Zile, Žitňanská, Złotowski, Zoffoli, Żółtek, Zorrinho, Zovko, Zullo, Zver, Zwiefka

Excused:

Crowley, Dati, Drăghici, Händel, Karas, Kirton-Darling, Matera, Messerschmidt, Mosca, Punset