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of the sitting of

**Monday**

12 March 2018



## 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**

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**Sittings of 12 to 15 March 2018**

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**MINUTES**

**MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018**

IN THE CHAIR: Antonio TAJANI  
*President*

### **1. Resumption of the session**

The session suspended Thursday 1 March 2018 was resumed.

### **2. Opening of the sitting**

The sitting opened at 17.02.

### **3. Statements by the President**

The President made a statement on the dramatic humanitarian situation in Syria, particularly regarding the civilian population in eastern Ghouta, reiterated his strong condemnation of acts of barbarity ethnic cleansing and massacres of innocent people, and made a solemn appeal for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2401 on the humanitarian situation in Syria.

The President also made a statement on International Women's Day, and recalled Parliament's commitment to the fight for meaningful gender equality. Combating violence against women is also of paramount importance to Parliament. He thanked the Members Terry Reintke, Elly Schlein and Edouard Martin and staff at Parliament for drafting two petitions on this subject. The President announced that that evening the Bureau was likely to adopt a raft of measures to prevent and combat sexual harassment at Parliament.

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The following spoke: Notis Marias, on the illegal detention of two Greek soldiers in Turkey (the President undertook to follow up the case personally and to contact the Turkish ambassador to obtain further information), Bruno Gollnisch, on a breach of confidentiality concerning Members' email (the President invited Mr Gollnisch to provide him with more information), Ana Miranda, on the detention of former MEP Oriol Junqueras, and Marek Jurek, to request that a painting which he

considered offensive to religious people be removed from Parliament (the President would pass on the request to the Quaestors).

#### **4. Approval of the minutes of the previous sittings**

The minutes of the sittings of 28 February and 1 March 2018 were approved.

#### **5. Composition of political groups**

Laurențiu Rebegea had left the ENF Group and would take his place amongst the non-attached Members with effect from 2 March 2018.

Ana Miranda had left the GUE/NGL Group and had become a Member of the Verts/ALE Group with effect from 2 March 2018.

#### **6. Composition of committees and delegations**

The President The President had received the following requests for appointments from the PPE and Verts/ALE Groups:

EMPL Committee: Miroslavs Mirtrofanovs to replace Tatjana Ždanoka

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Delegation to the EU-Armenia and EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and the and EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee: Lukas Mandl to replace Claudia Schmidt

Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly: Lukas Mandl to replace Claudia Schmidt

Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for relations with Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia: Miroslavs Mirtrofanovs to replace Tatjana Ždanoka

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

#### **7. Negotiations ahead of Parliament's first reading (Rule 69(c))**

The President announced that he had received a request for a vote to be held from the GUE/NGL and Verts/ALE Groups concerning the decision by the ITRE Committee to enter into the interinstitutional negotiations, on the basis of the report by Françoise Grossetête (A8-0037/2018), announced in the minutes of Wednesday, 28 February 2018 (*minutes of 28.2.2018, item 10*).

The vote would be held on the following day, pursuant to Rule 69(c)(2).

The President announced that he had not received any requests for a vote to be held from Members or a political group or groups, reaching at least the medium threshold, concerning the other decisions to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in the minutes of Wednesday, 28 February 2018 (*minutes of 28.2.2018, item 10*).

The ITRE and IMCO Committees had therefore been able to enter into those negotiations following

expiry of the deadline laid down in Rule 69c(2), on the basis of the report by Pascal Arimont (A8-0043/2018), Krišjānis Kariņš (A8-0044/2018), Krišjānis Kariņš (A8-0042/2018), Morten Helveg Petersen (A8-0040/2018) and Flavio Zanonato (A8-0039/2018).

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The President announced the decisions by several committees to enter into interinstitutional negotiations pursuant to Rule 69(c)(1):

- IMCO Committee on the basis of the report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a single digital gateway to provide information, procedures, assistance and problem solving services and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 (COM(2017)0256 - C8-0141/2017 – 2017/0086(COD)). Rapporteur: Marlene Mizzi (A8-0054/2018)

- ECON Committee on the basis of the report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (COM(2017) 0142 – C8-0119/2017 – 2017/0063(COD)). Rapporteur: Andreas Schwab (A8-0057/2018)

- CULT Committee on the basis of the report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU (COM(2017)0262 - C8-0162/2017 – 2017/0102(COD)). Rapporteur: Helga Trüpel (A8-0060/2018)

In accordance with Rule 69(c)(2), Members or political group(s) reaching at least the medium threshold could request in writing, before midnight the following day, Tuesday, 13 March 2018, that decisions to enter into negotiations be put to the vote.

Negotiations may start at any time after that deadline has expired if no request for a vote in Parliament on the decision to enter into negotiations has been made.

## **8. Request for consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee (Rule 137(2))**

The President announced that he had received a request, pursuant to Rule 137(2) of the Rules of Procedure, from the FEMM Committee to consult the European Economic and Social Committee with a view to drawing up an own-initiative report on the situation and rights of women with disabilities.

The request shall be deemed to have been approved, unless, within 24 hours from the announcement, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold request that it be put to the vote.

## **9. Signature of acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure (Rule 78)**

The President announced that on Wednesday, together with the President of the Council, he would sign the following acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure:

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2016/97 as regards the date of application of Member States' transposition measures (00001/2018/LEX - C8-0106/2018 - 2017/0350(COD));

- This title is not currently available in all languages. Directive du Parlement européen et du Conseil modifiant la directive 2003/87/CE afin de renforcer le rapport coût-efficacité des réductions d'émissions et de favoriser les investissements à faible intensité de carbone, et la décision (UE) 2015/1814 (00063/2017/LEX - C8-0105/2018 - 2015/0148(COD));

- Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 466/2014/EU granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union (00065/2017/LEX - C8-0100/2018 - 2016/0275(COD));

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions (00066/2017/LEX - C8-0099/2018 - 2016/0274(COD)).

## **10. Action taken on Parliament's positions and resolutions**

The Commission communications on the action taken on positions and resolutions adopted by Parliament at the October II 2017 and January 2018 part-sessions had been made available on Europarl.

## **11. Questions for oral answer (submission)**

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

— (O-000005/2018) by Iskra Mihaylova, on behalf of the REGI Committee, to the Commission: Performance reserve of the ESI funds (2018/2546(RSP)) (B8-0006/2018);

— (O-000006/2018) by Czesław Adam Siekierski, on behalf of the AGRI Committee, to the Commission: US attack on EU farm support under the CAP (in the context of Spanish olives) (2018/2566(RSP)) (B8-0007/2018);

— (O-000016/2018) by Linda McAvan, on behalf of the DEVE Committee, to the Commission: Conflict minerals: accompanying measures (2018/2542(RSP)) (B8-0008/2018);

— (O-000017/2018) by Bernd Lange, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to the Commission: Implementation of the Conflict Minerals Regulation (2018/2557(RSP)) (B8-0009/2018).

## **12. Documents received**

The following documents had been received:

*1) from the Council and Commission*

- Council recommendation on the appointment of the Vice-President of the European Central Bank (N8-0053/2018 - C8-0040/2018 - 2018/0804(NLE))

referred to committee responsible ECON



- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code (COM(2018)0085 - C8-0097/2018 - 2018/0040 (COD))

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## 2) from committees

- Report on gender equality in EU trade agreements (2017/2015(INI)) - INTA Committee - FEMM Committee - Rapporteurs: Eleonora Forenza, Malin Björk (A8-0023/2018)
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease (COM(2017)0742 - C8-0431/2017 - 2017/0329(COD)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Adina-Ioana Vălean (A8-0026/2018)
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing further macro-financial assistance to Georgia (COM(2017)0559 - C8-0335/2017 - 2017/0242(COD)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Hannu Takkula (A8-0028/2018)
- \*\*\* Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters (07712/2016 - C8-0237/2017 - 2016/0006(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Daniel Caspary (A8-0029/2018)
- Report on gender equality in the media sector in the EU (2017/2210(INI)) - FEMM Committee - Rapporteur: Michaela Šojdrová (A8-0031/2018)
- Recommendation on the draft Council decision amending Council Decision 2003/76/EC establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (14532/2017 - C8-0444/2017 - 2017/0213 (APP)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Jean Arthuis (A8-0034/2018)
- Report on a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (2017/2067(INI)) - TRAN Committee - Rapporteur: István Ujhelyi (A8-0036/2018)
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry (COM(2017)0294 - C8-0180/2017 - 2017/0125(COD)) - ITRE Committee - Rapporteur: Françoise Grossetête (A8-0037/2018)
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on rail transport statistics (recast) (COM(2017)0353 - C8-0223/2017 - 2017/0146(COD)) - TRAN Committee - Rapporteur: Karima Delli (A8-0038/2018)
- Report on reform of the European Union's system of own resources (2017/2053(INI)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteurs: Gérard Deprez, Janusz Lewandowski (A8-0041/2018)
- Report on the role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on

- climate change (2017/2006(INI)) - REGI Committee - Rapporteur: Ángela Vallina (A8-0045/2018)
- Report on lagging regions in the EU (2017/2208(INI)) - REGI Committee - Rapporteur: Michela Giuffrida (A8-0046/2018)
- Report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2018 (2017/2226(INI)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Hugues Bayet (A8-0047/2018)
- Report on the next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 (2017/2052(INI)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteurs: Jan Olbrycht, Isabelle Thomas (A8-0048/2018)
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council directive on a Common Corporate Tax Base (COM(2016)0685 - C8-0472/2016 - 2016/0337(CNS)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Paul Tang (A8-0050/2018)
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council directive on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) (COM(2016)0683 - C8-0471/2016 - 2016/0336(CNS)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Alain Lamassoure (A8-0051/2018)
- Report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2018 (2017/2260(INI)) - EMPL Committee - Rapporteur: Krzysztof Hetman (A8-0052/2018)
- Report containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros (2017/2266(INI)) - PECH Committee - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (A8-0055/2018)
- \* Report on the Council recommendation for appointment of the Vice President of the European Central Bank (N8-0053/2018 - C8-0040/2018 - 2018/0804(NLE)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Roberto Gualtieri (A8-0056/2018)
- \*\*\* Recommendation on the draft Council decision denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros (14423/2017 - C8-0447/2017 - 2017/0241(NLE)) - PECH Committee - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (A8-0058/2018)
- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (application from Germany – EGF/2017/008 DE/Goodyear) (COM(2018)0061 - C8-0031/2018 - 2018/2025(BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Ingeborg Gräßle (A8-0061/2018)

### **13. Order of business**

The final draft agenda for the March 2018 plenary sittings (PE 618.460/PDOJ) had been distributed and the following changes had been proposed (Rule 149a):

*Monday*

Request by the GUE/NGL Group to close the debate on the Commission statement on the 'Integrity policy of the Commission, in particular the appointment of the Secretary-General of the European Commission' (*point 85 of the final draft agenda*) by presenting a motion for a resolution.

The following spoke: Dennis de Jong, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to move the request, Esteban González Pons, on behalf of the PPE Group, to oppose the request, Philippe Lamberts, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, to propose sending the issue to the CONT Committee for its opinion, following that afternoon's debate, on the opportuneness of presenting motions for resolutions, Esteban González Pons, to oppose the proposal, Dennis de Jong and Philippe Lamberts.

Parliament approved the proposal by Philippe Lamberts.

Request by the ENF Group for the inclusion as the second item on Monday's agenda of a Commission statement on development aid and the abuses committed by NGOs, following the Commission statement on the 'integrity policy of the Commission'.

As a result, the debate and vote on the report by Peter Lundgren - A8-0321/2017 concerning the 'Initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles and driving licences' (*point 43 of the final draft agenda*) would be postponed until the April part-session.

The following spoke: Olaf Stuger, on behalf of the ENF Group, to introduce the request.

Parliament rejected the request.

*Tuesday*

Request by the ENF Group for the debate on the Council and Commission statements on the 'Guidelines on the framework of future EU-UK relations' (*point 70 of the final draft agenda*) to not be closed by the presentation of motions for resolutions and therefore to not be voted on.

The following spoke: Janice Atkinson, on behalf of the ENF Group, to move the request.

Parliament rejected the request.

Request by the S&D Group for the inclusion as the third point on Tuesday's agenda, following the debate on the Report: Daniele Viotti - on 'Guidelines for the 2019 budget - Section III' (*point 49 of the final draft agenda*), of a statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on progress made on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and on refugees, to be voted on during the April part-session.

The following spoke: Maria João Rodrigues, on behalf of the S&D Group, to move the request, Cecilia Wikström, to propose holding the debate in April, Maria João Rodrigues to ask that, in spite of this, Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy make a short statement on Tuesday so that a debate could be organised during the April part-session (the President proposed asking the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to speak briefly on this matter during the debates in which she would take part the following day).

Parliament approved the proposal.

Request by the ECR Group for the inclusion as the third point on the afternoon's agenda of a statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the 'prospects for peace in the Korean Peninsula in the light of recent developments' and for the debate to be closed by the presentation of motions for resolutions.

The following spoke: Nirj Deva, on behalf of the ECR Group, to move the request, Cristian Dan Preda, on behalf of the PPE Group, to propose holding the debate during the April part-session, and Nirj Deva to oppose the proposal.

Parliament gave its agreement to the proposal by the President that the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy be asked to speak briefly on the matter during the debates in which she would take part the following day.

*Wednesday*

No changes.

*Thursday*

No changes.

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The order of business was thus established.

IN THE CHAIR: Bogusław LIBERADZKI  
*Vice-President*

#### **14. Integrity policy of the Commission, in particular the appointment of the Secretary-General of the European Commission (debate)**

Commission statement: Integrity policy of the Commission, in particular the appointment of the Secretary-General of the European Commission (2018/2624(RSP))

Günther Oettinger (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Françoise Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, Arndt Kohn, on behalf of the S&D Group, who declined a blue-card question from Olaf Stuger, Jan Zahradil, on behalf of the ECR Group, Sophia in 't Veld, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Philippe Lamberts, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Dennis de Jong, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Nigel Farage, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Olaf Stuger, on behalf of the ENF Group, Bruno Gollnisch, non-attached Member, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Pervenche Berès, Peter van Dalen, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Bart Staes, Isabella Adinolfi, Nicolas Bay, Ingeborg Gräßle, Inés Ayala Sender, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Sven Giegold, György Schöpflin, Mark Demesmaeker, Pascal Durand, Wemer Langen and Bas Eickhout.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Tom Vandenkendelaere.

IN THE CHAIR: Lívia JÁRÓKA  
*Vice-President*

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Eric Andrieu, Notis Marias, João Ferreira, Eleftherios Synadinos, Agnes Jongerius, Pirkko Ruohonen-Lerner, Georgios Epitideios and Krisztina Morvai.

The following spoke: Günther Oettinger.

The debate closed.

#### **15. Gender equality in EU trade agreements (debate)**

Report on gender equality in EU trade agreements [2017/2015(INI)] – Committee on International Trade – Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Rapporteurs: Eleonora Forenza and

Malin Björk (A8-0023/2018)

Eleonora Forenza and Malin Björk introduced the report.

The following spoke: Marianne Thyssen (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Lola Sánchez Caldentey (rapporteur for the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Tokia Saïfi, on behalf of the PPE Group, Maria Noichl, on behalf of the S&D Group, Branislav Škripek, on behalf of the ECR Group, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Margot Parker, on behalf of the EFDD Group, France Jamet, on behalf of the ENF Group, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Joachim Starbatty, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Adam Szejnfeld and Barbara Matera.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Michaela Šojdrová, Maria Arena, Notis Marias, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Florent Marcellesi, Julie Ward and Ana Miranda.

The following spoke: Marianne Thyssen, Eleonora Forenza and Malin Björk.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.7.*

## **16. The fight against violence against women and girls and the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by EU Member States (debate)**

Commission statement: The fight against violence against women and girls and the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by EU Member States (2018/2625(RSP))

Andrus Ansip (Vice-President of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, on behalf of the PPE Group, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, on behalf of the S&D Group, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, on behalf of the ECR Group, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Terry Reintke, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Kostadinka Kuneva, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Laura Ferrara, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Iratxe García Pérez, Jordi Solé, Malin Björk, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Josef Weidenholzer and Julie Ward.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Nicola Caputo, Angel Dzhambazki, João Pimenta Lopes, Ana Miranda, Eleftherios Synadinos, Anna Záborská, Maria Grapini and Ruža Tomašić.

IN THE CHAIR: Fabio Massimo CASTALDO  
*Vice-President*

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Eleonora Forenza.

The following spoke: Andrus Ansip.

The debate closed.

## **17. Cross-border parcel delivery services \*\*\*I (debate)**

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cross-border parcel delivery services [COM(2016)0285 - C8-0195/2016 - 2016/0149(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Lucy Anderson (A8-0315/2017)

Lucy Anderson introduced the report.

The following spoke: Biljana Borzan (rapporteur for the opinion of the IMCO Committee).

The following spoke: Andrus Ansip (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Markus Ferber, on behalf of the PPE Group, Ismail Ertug, on behalf of the S&D Group, Pavel Telička, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Marie-Christine Arnautu, on behalf of the ENF Group, Lampros Fountoulis, non-attached Member, Henna Virkkunen, Olga Sehnalová, Georg Mayer, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Nicola Caputo and Seán Kelly.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Notis Marias and João Pimenta Lopes.

The following spoke: Andrus Ansip and Lucy Anderson

The debate closed.

*Vote: minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.4.*

## **18. Initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles and driving licences \*\*\*I (debate)**

Report on the 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)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Peter Lundgren (A8-0321/2017)

Peter Lundgren introduced the report.

The following spoke: Violeta Bulc (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, on behalf of the PPE Group, Maria Grapini, on behalf of the S&D Group, Mark Demesmaeker, on behalf of the ECR Group, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Merja Kyllönen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Jill Seymour, on behalf of the EFDD Group, Ivica Tolić and Lucy Anderson.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Andrey Novakov.

IN THE CHAIR: Sylvie GUILLAUME  
*Vice-President*

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Notis Marias.

The following spoke: Violeta Bulc and Peter Lundgren.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.5.*

## **19. A European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (short presentation)**

Report on a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems [2017/2067(INI)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: István Ujhelyi (A8-0036/2018)

István Ujhelyi made the presentation.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Henna Virkkunen, Nicola Caputo, Notis Marias, Kateřina Konečná and Merja Kyllönen

The following spoke: Violeta Bulc (Member of the Commission).

The item closed.

Vote: *minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.3.*

## **20. Lagging regions in the EU (short presentation)**

Report on lagging regions in the EU [2017/2208(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Michela Giuffrida (A8-0046/2018)

Michela Giuffrida made the presentation.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Maria Spyraiki, Nicola Caputo, Notis Marias, Rosa D'Amato, Konstantinos Papadakis, Fernando Ruas, Maria Gabriela Zoană, Maria Grapini, Ruža Tomašić, Momchil Nekov and Daniel Buda.

The following spoke: Corina Crețu (Member of the Commission).

The item closed.

Vote: *minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.8.*

## **21. The role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change (short presentation)**

Report on the role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change [2017/2006(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Ángela Vallina (A8-0045/2018)

Ángela Vallina made the presentation.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Maria Spyraiki, Maria Gabriela Zoană, Notis Marias, Julie Ward, Tibor Szanyi and Maria Grapini.

The following spoke: Corina Crețu (Member of the Commission).

The item closed.

Vote: *minutes of 13.3.2018, item 7.9.*

## **22. 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:

Pál Csáky, Virginie Rozière, Arne Gericke, Thierry Cornillet, Ana Miranda, Kostas Chrysogonos, Laurențiu Rebegea, László Tőkés, Maria Grapini, Jasenko Selimovic, Miroslavs Mitrofanovs, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Anna Záborská, Alex Mayer, Josep-Maria Terricabras, Martina Anderson, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Jonás Fernández, Michaela Šojdrová, Tibor Szanyi, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Julie Ward and Andrejs Mamikins.

## **23. Agenda of the next sitting**

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 618.460/OJMA).

## **24. Closure of the sitting**

The sitting closed at 23.04.

## **25. Closure of the session**

The 2017-2018 session of the European Parliament closed.

In accordance with the Treaty, Parliament would meet the following day, Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 9.00.

Klaus Welle  
*Secretary-General*

Pavel Telička  
*Vice-President*



## ATTENDANCE REGISTER

12.3.2018

Present:

Ademov, Adinolfi, Agea, Agnew, Aguilera García, Aiuto, Aker, Ali, Alliot-Marie, Anderson Lucy, Anderson Martina, Andersson, Andrieu, Andrikienè, Androulakis, Annemans, Arena, Arimont, Arnautu, Arthuis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkinson, Auken, Auštrevičius, Ayala Sender, Ayuso, van Baalen, Bach, Balas, Balčytis, Balczó, Batten, Bay, Bayet, Bearder, Becerra Basterrechea, Becker, Belet, Bendtsen, Benifei, Beňová, Berès, Bilbao Barandica, Bilde, Bizzotto, Björk, Blanco López, Blinkevičiūtė, Bocskor, Böge, Bogovič, Boni, Borghezio, Borzan, Boștinaru, Bours, Boutonnet, Bové, Boylan, Brannen, Bresso, Briano, Briois, Buchner, Buda, Bullmann, Bullock, Bușoi, Bütikofer, Buzek, Cadec, Calvet Chambon, van de Camp, Campbell Bannerman, Caputo, Carthy, Carver, Casa, Caspary, Castaldo, del Castillo Vera, Cavada, Cesa, Charanzová, Chauprade, Childers, Chinnici, Chountis, Christoforou, Chrysogonos, Cicu, Cirio, Clune, Coburn, Coelho, Collin-Langen, Collins, Colombier, Comi, Corazza Bildt, Corbett, Cornillet, Costa, Couso Permy, Cramer, Cristea, Csáky, Czarnecki, Czesak, van Dalen, Dalli, Dalton, Dalunde, D'Amato, Dance, Danti, (The Earl of) Dartmouth, De Castro, Delahaye, Deli, Delli, Delvaux, Demesmaeker, Denanot, Deprez, Deß, Detjen, Deva, Diaconu, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dlabajová, Dodds, Dohrmann, Dorfmann, D'Ornano, Durand, Dzhambazki, Eck, Ehler, Eickhout, Elissen, Epitideios, Erdős, Ernst, Ertug, Estaràs Ferragut, Etheridge, Evans, Evi, Fajon, Farage, Faria, Federley, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández, Ferrara, Ferreira, Finch, Fitto, Fjellner, Flack, Flanagan, Fleckenstein, Florenz, Fontana, Forenza, Foster, Fotyga, Fountoulis, Freund, Frunzuličá, Gahler, Gál, Gambús, García Pérez, Gardiazabal Rubial, Gardini, Gebhardt, Geier, Gerbrandy, Gericke, Geringer de Oedenberg, Giegold, Gierak, Gieseke, Gill Neena, Gill Nathan, Girling, Giuffrida, Goddyn, Goerens, Gollnisch, Gomes, González Peñas, González Pons, Gosiewska, Grammatikakis, de Grandes Pascual, Grapini, Gräßle, Graswander-Hainz, Griffin, Grigule-Pēterse, Grossetête, Grzyb, Gualtieri, Guillaume, Guoga, Hadjigeorgiou, Halla-aho, Hannan, Harkin, Häusling, Hautala, Hayes, Hazekamp, Hedh, Henkel, Herranz García, Hetman, Hirsch, Hoc, Hoffmann, Hohlmeier, Hökmark, Hólvényi, Honeyball, Hookem, Hortefeux, Howarth, Hübner, Hudghton, Hyusmenova, in 't Veld, Iturgaiz, Iwaszkiewicz, Jaakonsaari, Jääteenmäki, Jadot, Jahr, Jakovčić, Jalkh, James, Jamet, Járóka, Jazłowiecka, Ježek, Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Joly, de Jong, Jongerius, Joulaud, Jurek, Kadenbach, Kaili, Kalinowski, Kallas, Kalniete, Kammerevert, Kappel, Karas, Karim, Kariņš, Karlsson, Karski, Kaufmann, Kefalogiannis, Kelam, Keller Jan, Keller Ska, Kelly, Klinz, Kłosowski, Koch, Kofod, Kohlíček, Kohn, Kölmel, Konečná, Köster, Kouloglou, Kouroumbashev, Kovatchev, Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Krasnodebski, Krehl, Krupa, Kudrycka, Kuhn, Kukan, Kuneva, Kuźmiuk, Kyenge, Kyllönen, Kyrkos, Kyrtsos, Kyuchyuk, Lalonde, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lange, Langen, La Via, Lavrilleux, Lebreton, Lechevalier, Le Hyaric, Leinen, Lenaers, Le Pen, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Liese, Lietz, Lins, Lochbihler, Loiseau, Løkkegaard, Loones, Lope Fontagné, López, López Aguilar, López Bermejo, López-Istúriz White, Lösing, Lucke, Ludvigsson, Łukacijewska, Lundgren, Łybacka, McAllister, McAvan, McGuinness, McIntyre, Macovei, Malinov, Maltese, Mamikins, Mandl, Maňka, Mann, Manscour, Marcellesi, Marias, Marinescu, Marinho e Pinto, Martin David, Martin Dominique, Martin Edouard, Martusciello, Maštálka, Matera, Matias, Mato, Matthews, Maullu, Mavrides, Maydell, Mayer Georg, Mayer Alex,

Mazuronis, Meissner, Mélin, Melo, Metsola, Michel, Michels, Mihaylova, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, van Miltenburg, Miranda, Mitrofanovs, Mizzi, Mlinar, Mobarik, Moi, Moisa, Molnár, Monot, Monteiro de Aguiar, Montel, Moody, Moraes, Morgano, Morin-Chartier, Morvai, Müller, Mureşan, Mussolini, Nagy, Nart, Nekov, Neuser, Nica, Nicholson, Nicolai, Niebler, Niedermayer, Niedermüller, van Nistelrooij, Noichl, Novakov, Nuttall, Obermayr, O'Flynn, Olbrycht, Ožóg, Pabriks, Padar, Paet, Paksas, Palmer, Panzeri, Paolucci, Papadakis Demetris, Papadakis Konstantinos, Papadimoulis, Parker, Paşcu, Pavel, Payne, Pedicini, Peillon, Peterle, Petersen, Petir, Picula, Piecha, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Pimenta Lopes, Piotrowski, Piri, Pirinski, Pitera, Plura, Poc, Poche, Pogliese, Polčák, Popa, Pořeba, Pospíšil, Preda, Pretzell, Preuß, Procter, Proust, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Radev, Radoš, Radtke, Rebege, Reda, Reding, Regner, Reid, Reimon, Reintke, Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Ribeiro, Ries, Riquet, Rivasi, Rochefort, Rodrigues Liliana, Rodrigues Maria João, Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Rodust, Rolin, Ropè, Rosati, Rozière, Ruas, Rübiger, Ruohon-Lerner, Saïfi, Sakorafa, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salini, Salvini, Sánchez Caldentey, Sander, Sant, dos Santos, Sârbu, Sargentini, Saryusz-Wolski, Saudargas, Schaake, Schaffhauser, Schaldemose, Schirdewan, Schlein, Schmidt, Scholz, Schöpflin, Schreijer-Pierik, Schulze, Schuster, Schwab, Scott Cato, Sehnalová, Selimovic, Senra Rodríguez, Sernagiotto, Serrão Santos, Seymour, Siekierski, Silva Pereira, Simon Peter, Simon Siôn, Sippel, Škripek, Škrlec, Smith, Smolková, Sógor, Šojdrová, Solé, Šoltés, Sommer, Spinelli, Spyrali, Staes, Stanishev, Starbatty, Štefanec, Štětina, Stevens, Stihler, Stolojan, Stuger, Sulík, Šulin, Sylikiotis, Synadinos, Szájer, Szanyi, Szejnfeld, Tajani, Tamburrano, Tănăsescu, Tannock, Țapardel, Tarabella, Tarand, Taylor, Telička, Terrabras, Theocharous, Thomas, Thun und Hohenstein, Tóké, Tolić, Tomaševski, Tomašić, Tomc, Toom, Torres Martínez, Torvalds, Tošenovský, Trebesius, Tremosa i Balcells, Troszczynski, Trüpel, Țurcanu, Ujazdowski, Ujhelyi, Ulvskog, Ungureanu, Urbán Crespo, Urtasun, Urutchev, Vaidere, Vajgl, Valcárcel Siso, Vălean, Valenciano, Valero, Valli, Vallina, Vana, Van Bremept, Vandenkendelaere, Vaughan, Vautmans, Väyrynen, Vergiat, Viegas, Vilimsky, Viotti, Virkkunen, Vistisen, Voigt, Voss, Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Waitz, Wałęsa, Ward, Weber Renate, Weidenholzer, von Weizsäcker, Wenta, Werner, Wieland, Wierinck, Wikström, Winberg, Winkler Hermann, Winkler Iuliu, Wiśniewska, Wölken, Woolfe, Záborská, Zagorakis, Zahradil, Zammit Dimech, Zanni, Zanonato, Zarianopoulos, Zdechovský, Zdrojewski, Zeller, Zemke, Zijlstra, Zimmer, Złotowski, Zoană, Zoffoli, Žólteck, Zorinho, Zovko, Zullo, Zver, Zwiefka

Excused:

Christensen, Corrao, Crowley, Fisas Ayxelà, Marusik, Nilsson, Sonneborn, Zīle, Žitňanská