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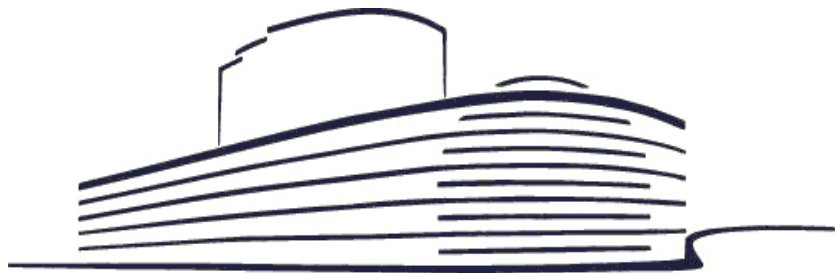
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KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

*	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 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
Renew	Renew Europe Group
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
ID	Identity and Democracy Group
ECR	European Conservatives and Reformists Group
GUE/NGL	Group of the European United Left / Nordic Green Left
NI	Non-attached Members

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2019 - 2020 SESSION

Sittings of 16 to 19 September 2019

STRASBOURG

MINUTES

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

IN THE CHAIR: David Maria SASSOLI
President

1. Resumption of the session

The session suspended on Thursday, 18 July 2019 was resumed.

2. Opening of the sitting

The sitting opened at 17.11.

3. Tribute

On behalf of Parliament, the President paid tribute to the memory of André Jorge Dionísio Bradford MEP, who had died suddenly.

4. Statement by the President

The President made a statement on the recent floods in Spain, which had caused considerable damage and as a result of which several lives had been lost.

The President expressed Parliament's solidarity with the families of the victims and paid tribute to the work done by the emergency services.

Parliament observed a minute's silence in honour of the victims of the floods and in memory of André Jorge Dionísio Bradford.

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The following spoke: Kati Piri.

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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The following spoke: Demetris Papadakis.

6. Composition of Parliament

Following the death of André Jorge Dionísio Bradford, Parliament established that his seat was vacant with effect from 19 July 2019, in accordance with Rule 4(1) and (6).

Roberto Gualtieri had been appointed Minister of the Economy and Finance by the Italian Government with effect from 5 September 2019.

Parliament noted that, pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, this office was incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament and, pursuant to Rule 4(1) and (4) of its Rules of Procedure, established that his seat was vacant with effect from 5 September 2019.

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The Danish authorities had given notice of the election of Marianne Vind to replace Peter Kofod as Member of Parliament with effect from 2 July 2019.

The Portuguese authorities had given notice of the election of Isabel Carvalhais to replace André Jorge Dionísio Bradford as Member of Parliament with effect from 3 September 2019.

Parliament took note of their election.

In accordance with Rule 3(2), until such time as their credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, Marianne Vind and Isabel Carvalhais would take their seats in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto, provided that they had previously signed a written declaration that they did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament.

7. Verification of credentials

On a proposal by the JURI Committee, Parliament had decided to validate the mandates of Hannes Hanso and Pablo Arias Echeverría on 4 April and 21 May 2019 respectively, until the end of the 8th parliamentary term on 2 July 2019 at 10.00.

8. Composition of committees and delegations

The President had received the following requests for appointments from the PPE, S&D, Verts/ALE, ID and ECR Groups and non-aligned Members:

INTA Committee: Emmanouil Fragkos

BUDG Committee: Dimitrios Papadimoulis to replace Younous Omarjee

ECON Committee: Irene Tinagli

EMPL Committee: Marianne Vind to replace Niels Fuglsang

AGRI Committee: Isabel Carvalhais

PECH Committee: Manuel Pizarro

PETI Committee: Emmanouil Fragkos

SEDE Subcommittee: Kris Peeters to replace Michael Gahler

Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee: Gunnar Beck to replace Nicolaus Fest, Sylvie Guillaume to replace Eric Andrieu

Delegation for Relations with Palestine: Susanna Ceccardi was no longer a member

Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries: Elena Lizzi to replace France Jamet

Delegation for relations with the Arabian Peninsula: Ryszard Czarnecki to replace Peter Lundgren

Delegation for relations with the United States: Isabel Carvalhais

Delegation for relations with Canada: Mircea-Gheorghe Hava to replace Francisco José Millán Mon

Delegation for relations with India: France Jamet to replace Nicolas Bay

Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia: Hélène Laporte, Francisco José Millán Mon to replace Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) : Mathilde Androuët to replace Thierry Mariani, Susanna Ceccardi to replace Christine Anderson

Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula: Marianne Vind to replace Niels Fuglsang

Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and Delegation for relations with Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia: Ivo Hristov

Delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament: Juozas Olekas

Delegation to the Cariforum-EC Parliamentary Committee: Lukas Mandl

Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee: Dominique Bilde; Julie Lechanteux was no longer a member

Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee: Dan Nica to replace Tudor Ciuhodaru

Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee: Julie Lechanteux to replace Dominique Bilde

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Maxette Pirbakas

Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean: Tiziana Beghin to replace Rosa D'Amato, Gilbert Collard to replace Joëlle Mélin

Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly: Nikos Androulakis, Nicolas Bay to replace Hélène Laporte, Georg Mayer to replace Roman Haider, Marco Zullo to replace Tiziana Beghin

Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly: Thierry Mariani, Viola Von Cramon-Taubadel

Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Anna Bonfrisco to replace Lars Patrick Berg

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

9. Corrigenda (Rule 241)

The relevant committees had forwarded the following corrigenda to texts adopted by the Parliament:

- Corrigendum P8_TA-PROV(2019)0366 to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 16 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of Directive (EU) 2019/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law P8_TA-PROV(2019)0366 (COM(2018)0218 – C8-0159/2018 – 2018/0106(COD)) – JURI Committee;
- Corrigendum P8_TA-PROV(2019)0361 to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 16 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications P8_TA-PROV(2019)0361 (COM(2018)0365 – C8-0383/2018 – 2018/0189(COD)) – JURI Committee;
- Corrigendum P8_TA-PROV(2019)0346 to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 4 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of Directive (EU) 2019/... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/96/CE on road infrastructure safety management P8_TA-PROV(2019)0346 (COM(2018)0274 – C8-0196/2018 – 2018/0129(COD)) – TRAN Committee;
- Corrigendum P8_TA-PROV(2019)0387 to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 16 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/... of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples P8_TA-PROV(2019)0387 (COM(2016)0551 – C8-0345/2016 – 2016/0264(COD)) – EMPL Committee.

In accordance with Rule 241(4), these corrigenda would be deemed approved unless, within 24 hours, a request that they be put to the vote was made by a political group or a number of Members reaching at least the low threshold.

The corrigenda were available on Europarl.

10. Negotiations ahead of Council's first reading (Rule 72)

The President announced that the CULT Committee had decided to enter into interinstitutional negotiations, in accordance with Rule 72:

- legislative resolution of the European Parliament of 28 March 2019, on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Creative Europe programme (2021-2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 (COM(2018)0366 – C8-0237/2018 – (2018/0190(COD)) – position at first reading P8_TA(2019)0323);
- legislative resolution of the European Parliament of 28 March 2019, on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus', the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 (COM(2018)0367 – C8-0233/2018 – 2018/0191(COD)) – position at first reading P8_TA(2019)0324);
- legislative resolution of the European Parliament of 12 March 2019, on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Solidarity Corps and repealing [European Solidarity Corps Regulation] and Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 (COM(2018)0440 – C8-0264/2018 – 2018/0230(COD)) – position at first reading P8_TA(2019)0150).

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

11. Announcement by the President – Election of the European Ombudsman

The President informed Members that a call for applications with a view to the election of the European Ombudsman had been published in the Official Journal on 30 August 2019, with the closing date for submitting applications to the President being 30 September 2019.

The President stated that, under Rule 231(2), each application had to have the support of at least 40 Members who were nationals of at least two Member States, and that Members could support only one application. If a Member supported several applications, none of those choices would be taken into account. Once an application had been submitted to the President, it would no longer be possible to withdraw or add a supporting signature.

Applications that met all the criteria would be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee on Petitions. The Committee would hold hearings of applicants in December. The hearings would be open to all Members.

The President also announced that the election was due to take place during the December 2019 part-session.

12. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

- (1) from the Council and Commission

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on certain aspects of air services (11033/2019 - C9-0049/2019 - 2018/0147(NLE))

referred to responsible: TRAN

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a governance framework for the budgetary instrument for convergence and competitiveness for the euro area (COM(2019)0354 - C9-0103/2019 - 2019/0161(COD))

referred to responsible: ECON
opinion: BUDG, EMPL, ITRE, REGI, JURI

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (10720/2019 - C9-0105/2019 - 2019/0132(NLE))

referred to responsible: INTA
opinion: AGRI

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and of the Protocol on the implementation of that Partnership Agreement (08974/2019 - C9-0106/2019 - 2019/0076(NLE))

referred to responsible: PECH
opinion: DEVE, BUDG

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota for High Quality Beef referred to in the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union (2014) (10681/2019 - C9-0107/2019 - 2019/0142(NLE))

referred to responsible: INTA
opinion: AGRI

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/501 and Regulation (EU) 2019/502 as regards their periods of application (COM(2019) 0396 - C9-0108/2019 - 2019/0179(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 145(1) and Rule 146(1).

referred to responsible: TRAN

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) (COM(2019) 0397 - C9-0109/2019 - 2019/0180(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 145(1) and Rule 146(1).

referred to responsible: EMPL
opinion: BUDG

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union vessels in United Kingdom waters and

fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters (COM(2019)0398 - C9-0110/2019 - 2019/0187(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 145(1).

referred to responsible: PECH

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement (COM(2019)0399 - C9-0111/2019 - 2019/0183(COD))

The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 145(1) and Rule 146(1).

referred to responsible: REGI
opinion: BUDG

- Draft amending budget No 2 to the general budget for 2019: Reinforcement of key programmes for EU competitiveness: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ (11731/2019 - C9-0112/2019 - 2019/2022 (BUD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

- Draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania (11732/2019 - C9-0113/2019 - 2019/2024(BUD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

- Draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for 2019: Reduction of commitment and payment appropriations in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources) (11733/2019 - C9-0114/2019 - 2019/2037(BUD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

- Draft amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2019: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2018 (11730/2019 - C9-0115/2019 - 2019/2021(BUD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

- Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing further macro-financial assistance to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (COM(2019)0411 - C9-0116/2019 - 2019/0192(COD))

referred to responsible: INTA
opinion: AFET, BUDG

- Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020: Council position of 3 September 2019 (11734/2019 - C9-0119/2019 - 2019/2028(BUD))

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

(2) from committees

- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2019/000 TA 2019 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission) (COM(2019)0290 - C9-0026/2019 - 2019/2036 (BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Bogdan Rzońca (A9-0001/2019)

- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria (COM(2019)0206 - C9-0005/2019 - 2019/2023(BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Siegfried Mureşan (A9-0002/2019)
- * Report on the draft Council implementing decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Ireland (07290/2019 - C8-0154/2019 - 2019/0806(CNS)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Juan Fernando López Aguilar (A9-0003/2019)
- Report on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 2/2019 of the European Union for the financial year 2019 – Reinforcement of key programmes for EU competitiveness: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ (11731/2019 - C9-0112/2019 - 2019/2022(BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: John Howarth (A9-0004/2019)
- Report on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 1/2019 of the European Union for the financial year 2019: Entering the surplus of the financial year 2018 (11730/2019 - C9-0115/2019 - 2019/2021(BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: John Howarth (A9-0005/2019)
- Report on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 3/2019 of the European Union for the financial year 2019 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria (11732/2019 - C9-0113/2019 - 2019/2024 (BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: John Howarth (A9-0006/2019)
- * Report on the proposal of the European Central Bank for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank (N9-0008/2019 - C9-0028/2019 - 2019/0903 (NLE)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Roberto Gualtieri (A9-0007/2019)
- * Report on the Council recommendation on the appointment of the President of the European Central Bank (N9-0023/2019 - C9-0048/2019 - 2019/0810(NLE)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Roberto Gualtieri (A9-0008/2019)

13. Action taken on Parliament's positions and resolutions

The Commission communications on the action taken on the positions and resolutions adopted by Parliament during the February 2019 and April I 2019 part-sessions were available on Parliament's website.

14. Questions for oral answer (submission)

The following question for oral answer with debate had been placed on the agenda (Rule 136):

- O-000026/2019 by Norbert Lins, on behalf of the AGRI Committee, to the Commission: Patentability of plants and essential biological processes (B9-0051/2019).

15. Order of business

The final draft agenda for the September 2019 (PE 640.179/PDOJ) sittings had been distributed and the following changes had been proposed (Rule 158):

Having consulted the political groups, the President proposed the following change:

Tuesday

The title of the Commission statement on the Union's common position ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit in New York (*point 31 du PDOJ*) would be changed to 'Preparation for the Climate Action Summit and the Sustainable Development Goals Summit in New York'.

The House agreed to the proposal.

The President had also received requests for the following changes:

Request from the Verts/ALE and GUE/NGL Groups to close the debate on Amazon forest fires (*point 33 du PDOJ*) with the tabling of proposals for resolutions to be put to the vote on Thursday.

The following spoke: Philippe Lamberts, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, to move the request.

Parliament rejected the request on a roll-call vote (192 in favour, 228 against, 13 abstentions).

Request from the ID and GUE/NGL Groups to postpone the debate and vote on Roberto Gualtieri's report on the Appointment of the President of the European Central Bank - Candidate: Ms Christine Lagarde (A9-0008/2019) until the October I part-session.

The following spoke: Nicolas Bay, on behalf of the ID Group, to move the request, Philippe Lamberts and Manon Aubry, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group.

Parliament rejected the request on a roll-call vote (175 in favour, 274 against, 10 abstentions).

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani and Udo Bullmann.

The President confirmed the results of the two roll-call votes.

Request from the Renew Group to postpone the debate on Foreign electoral interference and disinformation in national and European democratic processes (*point 32 du PDOJ*) until the October I part-session.

The following spoke: Sophia in 't Veld, on behalf of the Renew Group, to move the request, and Kati Piri, to request that the debate be held the following day as scheduled but that the vote be postponed until the following part-session.

Parliament approved the Renew Group's request.

Wednesday

Request from the PPE Group to close the debate on the Importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe (*point 38 du PDOJ*) with the tabling of proposals for resolutions to be put to the vote on Thursday.

The following spoke: Michael Gahler, on behalf of the PPE Group, to move the request, and Miriam Dalli, on behalf of the S&D Group, to request that the vote take place at the following part-session.

Parliament approved the PPE Group request on a roll-call vote (234 in favour, 178 against, 31 abstentions) .

Request from the Verts/ALE Group to replace the Presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget - 2020 financial year (*point 11 du PDOJ*) by a debate on the Council and

Commission statements on the 2020 budget.

Parliament approved the request.

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The order of business was thus established.

16. The situation of EU forests (debate)

Commission statement: The situation of EU forests (2019/2807(RSP))

IN THE CHAIR: Mairead McGUINNESS
Vice-President

Miguel Arias Cañete (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Peter Liese, on behalf of the PPE Group, Eric Andrieu, on behalf of the S&D Group, Nils Torvalds, on behalf of the Renew Group, Bas Eickhout, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Teuvo Hakkarainen, on behalf of the ID Group, who declined to reply to a blue-card question from Robert Rowland, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, on behalf of the ECR Group, João Ferreira, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Kostas Papadakis, non-attached Member, Herbert Dorfmann, Paolo De Castro, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg, Sylvia Limmer, who also replied to a blue-card question by Maria Grapini, Angel Dzhambazki, Matt Carthy, Jessica Polfjård, Sylwia Spurek, Ulrike Müller, Michèle Rivasi, Hynek Blaško, who also replied to a blue-card question by Michaela Šojdrotová, Ruža Tomašić, Alexis Georgoulis and Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez.

IN THE CHAIR: Othmar KARAS
Vice-President

The following spoke: Nicolás Gonzalez Casares, Martin Hojsík, Saskia Bricmont, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, who also replied to a blue-card question by Karen Melchior, Anne Sander, Maria Arena, Norbert Lins, who also replied to a blue-card question by Ulrike Müller, Eero Heinäluoma, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Adam Jarubas, Álvaro Amaro and Henna Virkkunen.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Balázs Hidvéghi, Clotilde Armand, Franc Bogovič, Mauri Pekkarinen, Mick Wallace, Marlene Mortler, Stanislav Polčák and Valter Flego.

The following spoke: Miguel Arias Cañete.

17. Patentability of plants and essential biological processes (debate)

Question for oral answer O-000026/2019 by Norbert Lins to the Commission: Patentability of plants and essential biological processes (B9-0051/2019)

Norbert Lins moved the question.

Elżbieta Bieńkowska (Member of the Commission) answered the question.

The following spoke: Annie Schreijer-Pierik, on behalf of the PPE Group, Eric Andrieu, on behalf of the S&D Group, Jan Huitema, on behalf of the Renew Group, Martin Häusling, on behalf of the

Verts/ALE Group, Ivan David, on behalf of the ID Group, Bert-Jan Ruissen, on behalf of the ECR Group, Sandra Pereira, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Daniel Buda, Paolo De Castro, Ulrike Müller, Benoît Biteau and Gilles Lebreton.

IN THE CHAIR: Klára DOBREV
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mazaly Aguilar, Anja Hazekamp, Pina Picierno, Karen Melchior, Sarah Wiener, Marc Tarabella and Clara Aguilera.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Michaela Šojdrová, Mick Wallace and Herbert Dorfmann.

The following spoke: Elżbieta Bieńkowska.

The motions for resolutions to be tabled in accordance with Rule 136(5) would be announced at a later stage.

The debate closed.

Vote: 19 September 2019.

18. Situation in Hong Kong (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Situation in Hong Kong (2019/2808(RSP))

Elżbieta Bieńkowska (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: Michaela Šojdrová, on behalf of the PPE Group, Maria Arena, on behalf of the S&D Group, Hilde Vautmans, on behalf of the Renew Group, Reinhard Bütikofer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jérôme Rivière, on behalf of the ID Group, Anna Fotyga, on behalf of the ECR Group, Idoia Villanueva Ruiz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, John David Edward Tennant, non-attached Member, Isabel Santos, Bernard Guetta, Catherine Rowett, Anna Bonfrisco, Mislav Kolakušić, Neena Gill, Lars Patrick Berg and Tonino Picula, who also replied to a blue-card question by Tomislav Sokol.

The following spoke under the catch-the-eye procedure: Stanislav Polčák, Julie Ward, Mick Wallace, Hermann Tertsch and Clare Daly.

The following spoke: Elżbieta Bieńkowska.

19. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

In accordance with Rule 172, the following Members who wished to draw Parliament's attention to matters of political importance spoke for one minute:

Tomislav Sokol, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Klemen Grošelj, François Alfonsi, Aurelia Beigneux, Krzysztof Jurgiel, Henrik Overgaard Nielsen, Stanislav Polčák, Rory Palmer, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Catherine Rowett, Guido Reil, Angel Dzhambazki, Eugen Tomac, Carmen Avram, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Diana Riba i Giner, Silvia Sardone, Traian Băsescu, Maria Grapini, Livia Járóka,

Sylwia Spurek, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Ibán García Del Blanco, Robert Hajšel and Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos.

20. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' *PE 640.179/OJMA*).

21. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 21.09.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

16.9.2019

Present:

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