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ABBREVIATIONS USED

Political Groups

PPE-DE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
PSE	Socialist Group in the European Parliament
ALDE	Grop of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats forEurope
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
IND/DEM	Independence and Democracy Group
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations Group
NI	Non-attached Members

Committees

AFET	Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE	Committee ond 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
PECH	Committee on Fisheries
CULT	Committee on Culture and Education
JURI	Committee on Legar 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

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The Chairmen-in-Office of the College of Quaestors, have circulated the following communications to the Members of the European Parliament:

No 43/ 2204: Security;

No 45/2004: Opening of the central attendance register on Monday, 20 December 2004.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/END OF MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE

RESIGNATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF A MEMBER ELECTED IN HUNGARY

Pursuant to Rule 4(3)

Gábor DEMSZKY (ALDE/HU)

has resigned as a Member of the European Parliament **with effect from 29 October 2004**.

Parliament took note of the election at the sitting of 15 November 2004.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF A MEMBER ELECTED IN HUNGARY

At its sitting of 2 December 2004 Parliament took note of the election of:

Mrs Viktória BERNÁTHNÉ MOHÁCSI

to replace ***Mr Gábor DEMSZKY*** (ALDE/HU) **with effect from 29 November 2004.**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS

At its sitting of 15 November 2004, the European Parliament noted that

Mr Robert KILROY-SILK (UK)

is not a Member of the IND/DEM Group (Independence and Democracy Group) **with effect from 1 November 2004.**

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At its sitting of 1 December 2004, the European Parliament noted that

Mr Bogdan GOLIK
and
Mr Wieslaw Stefan KUC

joined the **PSE Group** ***with effect from 1 December 2004.***

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Frederika Brepoels	The European Commission's plans for legislation relating to travel agencies	E-3097/04
Paulo Casaca	The Commission's powers and responsibilities as regards the conservation of organic marine resources in connection with the CFP	E-3098/04
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Council	15	7	6	4	1	1	0	Mr NICOLAÎ
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WRITTEN DECLARATIONS[1]

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37/2004	348.570	Jean-Claude Martinez, Koenraad Dillen and Luca Romagnoli	On establishing a European Day to honour mayors	16.09.2004	16.12.2004	31
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40/2004	349.827	Emma Bonino, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, Bronisław Geremek, João de Deus Pinheiro and Michel Rocard	The decision to be taken by the European Council in December 2004 on the opening of negotiations with Turkey	13.10.2004	13.01.2005	132
41/2004	349.828	Carl Lang, Andreas Mölzer and Luca Romagnoli	The protection of national armaments markets	13.10.2004	13.01.2005	10

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42/2004	350.607	Luca Romagnoli, Maciej Marian Giertych, Frank Vanhecke and Jean-Claude Martinez	The decision to open negotiations with Turkey, which the European Council is set to take in December 2004	25.10.2004	25.01.2005	15
43/2004	350.963	Philip Claeys, Koenraad Dillen and Frank Vanhecke	Non-recognition by the Turkish Government of the Armenian genocide	27.10.2004	27.01.2005	19
44/2004	350.964	Philip Claeys, Koenraad Dillen and Frank Vanhecke	The carrying out of an impact study on immigration in the event of Turkey's accession to the European Union	27.10.2004	27.01.2005	16
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47/2004	350.993	Van Hecke, Robert Sturdy, Zuzanna Roithová, Erika Mann και Ignasi Guardans Cambó	The future of the European textile industry	11.11.2004	11.02.2005	20
48/2004	351.244	Bart Staes και Pierre Jonckheer	Noise nuisance caused by night flights	15.11.2004	15.02.3005	7

49/2004	351.350	Bill Newton Dunn	Enlargement of the European Union	18.11.2004	18.02.2005	9
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APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSMEN

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Name	Subject	Committee	Date	Procedure .
Brok Elmar (EPP-ED)	Les aspects institutionnels de la création d'un service européen pour l'action extérieure	AFCO (R)	16/11/2004	2004/2207(INI)
Galeote Quecedo Gerardo (EPP-ED)	Les aspects institutionnels de la création d'un service européen pour l'action extérieure	AFET (O)	30/11/2004	2004/2207(INI)
Kasoulides Ioannis (EPP-ED)	Asylum procedure and protection in regions of origin	AFET (O)	13/10/2004	2004/2121(INI)
Daul Joseph (EPP-ED)	Amendment of the regulation on support for rural development from the EAGGF	AGRI (R)	23/11/2004	2004/0234(CNS)
Daul Joseph (EPP-ED)	Amendment of the common rules for direct support schemes for farmers and establishment of a levy in the milk and milk products sector	AGRI (R)	23/11/2004	2004/0253(CNS)
Virrankoski Kyösti Tapio (ALDE)	Financing Natura 2000	AGRI (O)	23/11/2004	2004/2164(INI)
Dührkop Dührkop Bárbara (PSE)	Bulgaria's progress towards accession	BUDG (O)	26/10/2004	2004/2183(INI)
Dührkop Dührkop Bárbara (PSE)	Romania's progress towards accession	BUDG (O)	26/10/2004	2004/2184(INI)
Sifunakis Nikolaos (PSE)	Agreement between the Community and the Swiss Confederation for participation in the MEDIA Plus and MEDIA Training programmes	CULT (R)	25/11/2004	2004/0230(CNS)
Badía i Cutchet María (PSE)	The information society	CULT (O)	25/11/2004	2004/2204(INI)

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Mavrommatis Manolis (EPP-ED)	The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union - 2004	CULT (O)	25/11/2004	2004/2158(INI)
Martínez Martínez Miguel Angel (PSE)	Parliament's opinion concerning the draft treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe	DEVE (O)	06/10/2004	2004/2129(INI)
Schmidt Frithjof (Verts/ALE)	An EU-India strategic partnership	DEVE (O)	06/10/2004	2004/2169(INI)
Berès Pervenche (PSE)	Agreement between the EC and the Swiss Confederation in the field of statistics	ECON (R)	10/11/2004	2004/0227(CNS)
Gauzès Jean-Paul (EPP-ED)	Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of San Marino on taxation of savings income	ECON (R)	10/11/2004	2004/0241(CNS)
Gauzès Jean-Paul (EPP-ED)	Agreement with Monaco on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments	ECON (R)	10/11/2004	2004/0264(CNS)
Muscat Joseph (PSE)	Use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering, including terrorist financing	ECON (O)	10/11/2004	2004/0137(COD)
Cercas Alejandro (PSE)	Amendment of the directive concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time	EMPL (R)	07/10/2004	2004/0209(COD)
De Rossa Proinsias (PSE)	Social security: employed persons, self-employed persons and families (amending Regs. 1408/71/EEC, 574/72/EEC)	EMPL (R)	16/11/2004	2003/0184(COD)
Jöns Karin (PSE)	Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - PROGRESS	EMPL (R)	11/10/2004	2004/0158(COD)
Silva Peneda José Albino (EPP-ED)	European Social Fund	EMPL (R)	10/11/2004	2004/0165(COD)
Őry Csaba (EPP-ED)	Social inclusion in the new Member States	EMPL (R)	10/11/2004	2004/2210(INI)

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Castex Françoise (PSE)	Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning	EMPL (O)	10/11/2004	2004/0153(COD)
Hughes Stephen (PSE)	Environment and public health: restrictions on the use of toluene and TCB	EMPL (O)	11/10/2004	2004/0111(COD)
Drčar Murko Mojca (ALDE)	Amendment of two directives on food additives	ENVI (R)	30/11/2004	2004/0237(COD)
Florenz Karl-Heinz (EPP-ED)	Amendment of the directive relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (c/m/r)	ENVI (R)	30/11/2004	2004/0225(COD)
Florenz Karl-Heinz (EPP-ED)	Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland concerning participation in the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network	ENVI (R)	30/11/2004	2004/0233(CNS)
Papadimoulis Dimitrios (GUE/NGL)	The share of renewable energy in the EU and proposals for concrete actions	ENVI (O)	30/11/2004	2004/2153(INI)
Bozkurt Emine (PSE)	The role of women in Turkey in social, economic and political activities	FEMM (R)	14/10/2004	2004/2215(INI)
Carlshamre Maria (ALDE)	Current situation in combating violence against women and any future actions	FEMM (R)	25/11/2004	2004/2220(INI)
Svensson Eva-Britt (GUE/NGL)	Gender discrimination and health systems	FEMM (R)	25/11/2004	2004/2218(INI)
Záborská Anna (EPP-ED)	Women and poverty	FEMM (R)	14/10/2004	2004/2217(INI)
Figueiredo Ilda (GUE/NGL)	Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - PROGRESS	FEMM (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0158(COD)

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Jäätteenmäki Anneli (ALDE)	Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning	FEMM (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0153(COD)
Toubon Jacques (EPP-ED)	Rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products	IMCO (R)	30/11/2004	2004/0248(COD)
Panzeri Pier Antonio (PSE)	Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0153(COD)
Riera Madurell Teresa (PSE)	Bulgaria's progress towards accession	ITRE (O)	27/10/2004	2004/2183(INI)
Riera Madurell Teresa (PSE)	Romania's progress towards accession	ITRE (O)	27/10/2004	2004/2184(INI)
Riera Madurell Teresa (PSE)	Turkey's progress towards accession	ITRE (O)	27/10/2004	2004/2182(INI)
Rübig Paul (EPP-ED)	Statutory audit of annual accounts and consolidated accounts (amendment of Directives 78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC)	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0065(COD)
Trautmann Catherine (PSE)	Programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007)	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0151(COD)
Vakalis Nikolaos (EPP-ED)	Scientific research: admission of researchers from third countries	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0061(CNS)
Vakalis Nikolaos (EPP-ED)	Scientific research: measures to facilitate the admission of researchers from third countries	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0062(CNS)
Vakalis Nikolaos (EPP-ED)	Scientific research: uniform visas for researchers from third countries	ITRE (O)	07/10/2004	2004/0063(COD)
López-Istúriz White Antonio (EPP-ED)	Consultation in matters of credit insurance (codified version)	JURI (R)	07/10/2004	2004/0056(CNS)
López-Istúriz White Antonio (EPP-ED)	Rail transport: licensing of railway undertakings (codification of Directive 95/18/EC)	JURI (R)	07/10/2004	2004/0074(COD)

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López-Istúriz White Antonio (EPP-ED)	Foodstuffs intended for particular nutritional uses (codification of Directive 89/398/EC)	JURI (R)	07/10/2004	2004/0090(COD)
Gargani Giuseppe (EPP-ED)	Certain procedural rights in criminal proceedings throughout the European Union	JURI (O)	26/10/2004	2004/0113(CNS)
Gauzès Jean-Paul (EPP-ED)	Reinsurance	JURI (O)	26/10/2004	2004/0097(COD)
Lévai Katalin (PSE)	Equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation	JURI (O)	26/10/2004	2004/0084(COD)
Manders Toine (ALDE)	Recasting of the sixth directive on value added tax (repeal of Directive 77/388/EEC)	JURI (O)	26/10/2004	2004/0079(CNS)
Wallis Diana (ALDE)	Use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering, including terrorist financing	JURI (O)	22/11/2004	2004/0137(COD)
Di Pietro Antonio (ALDE)	Exchange of information extracted from criminal records	LIBE (R)	25/11/2004	2004/0238(CNS)
Peillon Vincent (PSE)	Scientific research: admission of researchers from third countries	LIBE (R)	05/10/2004	2004/0061(CNS)
Varvitsiotis Ioannis (EPP-ED)	Seafarers' Identity Documents (Convention 185)	LIBE (R)	05/10/2004	2004/0180(CNS)

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Angelilli Roberta (UEN)	Competitiveness of the audiovisual and information services industry: protection of minors and human dignity	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0117(COD)
Díaz de Mera García Consuegra Agustín (EPP-ED)	Security Research : The Next Steps	LIBE (O)	25/11/2004	2004/2171(INI)
Guardans Cambó Ignasi (ALDE)	Programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007)	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0151(COD)
Herrero-Tejedor Luis Francisco (EPP-ED)	The 'Youth in Action' programme for the period 2007-2013	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0152(COD)
Kirkhope Timothy (EPP-ED)	Cooperation Agreement with Switzerland to counter financial fraud	LIBE (O)	24/11/2004	2004/0187(CNS)
Kósáné Kovács Magda (PSE)	Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0153(COD)
Pęk Bogdan (IND/DEM)	European Social Fund	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0165(COD)
Reynaud Marie-Line (PSE)	Social inclusion in the new Member States	LIBE (O)	25/11/2004	2004/2210(INI)
Sonik Bogusław (EPP-ED)	The Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013)	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0150(COD)
Triantaphyllides Kyriacos (GUE/NGL)	Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - PROGRESS	LIBE (O)	05/10/2004	2004/0158(COD)
Casaca Paulo (PSE)	Data on fishing activities and means of remote sensing	PECH (R)	25/11/2004	2004/0252(CNS)
Morillon Philippe (ALDE)	Fishing and living resources in the Baltic Sea and Belts (withdrawal from the Convention)	PECH (R)	25/11/2004	2004/0197(CNS)
Morillon Philippe (ALDE)	Protocol on the fishing agreement with Côte d'Ivoire (July 2004 - June 2007)	PECH (R)	25/11/2004	2004/0211(CNS)
Olbrycht Jan (EPP-ED)	Establishment of a European grouping of cross-border cooperation (EGCC)	REGI (R)	06/10/2004	2004/0168(COD)

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Galeote Quecedo Gerardo (EPP-ED)	The European Communities' system of own resources	REGI (O)	30/11/2004	2004/0170(CNS)
Harkin Marian (ALDE)	Support for rural development by the EAFRD	REGI (O)	06/10/2004	2004/0161(CNS)
Harkin Marian (ALDE)	Financing of the common agricultural policy	REGI (O)	06/10/2004	2004/0164(CNS)
Schroedter Elisabeth (Verts/ALE)	European Social Fund	REGI (O)	06/10/2004	2004/0165(COD)

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Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the operation and prospects of the Community framework for passenger transport by coach and bus: access to international transport and cabotage markets, safety and rights of passengers	TRAN	COM(2004)0527
Report from the Commission: Research and technological development activities of the European Union : 2003 Annual Report	ITRE	COM(2004)0533
Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Annual Report 2004 on EC Development Policy and External Assistance	DEVE INTA	COM(2004)0536
Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on interoperability of digital interactive television services	ITRE IMCO CULT	COM(2004)0541

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Communication from the Commission on a stronger partnership strengthened for the outermost regions: assessment and prospects (COM (2004) 343 Communication of the Commission of 26 May 2004)	ECON REGI AGRI PECH	COM(2004)0543
Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004	ENVI	COM(2004)0550
Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of an information and communication strategy on the euro and Economic and Monetary Union	ECON	COM(2004)0552
Communication from the Commission: Partnership for change in an enlarged Europe - Enhancing the contribution of European social dialogue	EMPL	COM(2004)0557
Green Paper on mutual recognition of non-custodial pre-trial supervision measures	JURI LIBE	COM(2004)0562
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Commission staff working paper on the Development of the Second Generation Schengen Information system (Sis II) - June 2004 progress report	LIBE	SEC(2004)1129
Commission Staff Working Document concerning the ban on the use of water retention agents in poultrymeat	ENVI AGRI	SEC(2004)1130
Commission staff working paper on the implementation of national residue monitoring plans in the Member States in 2002 (Council Directive 96/23/EC)	ENVI AGRI	SEC(2004)1137
Commission staff working document setting out the approach for assessing the conformity of solutions proposed by the SOLVIT network with Community law	IMCO ITRE JURI	SEC(2004)1159
#*#Rapport de la Commission au Parlement européen et au Conseil sur l'évolution des dépenses du FEOGA, section «Garantie» - Système d'alerte n° 5/2004, n° 6/2004 et n° 7/2004	CONT BUDG AGRI	SEC(2004)1183

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GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS

On 5 November 2004 the President of the Council of the European Union forwarded to the European Parliament, for information, a certified true copy of the Council decision appointing

Mr Kikis KAZAMIAS

as a Member of the Court of Auditors for a period of six years from 2 November 2004.

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COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

127/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on support for the decision by Tutsi-parties to accept the new Constitution in Burundi
Brussels, 5 November 2004

With reference to its Declaration of 26 October and associating itself with the African Union's message issued on 1 November 2004, the European Union welcomes the decision by the non-signatory parties to the Pretoria Agreement on power-sharing in Burundi to accept the new draft Constitution, as adopted by Parliament, as a basis for discussion on their country's political future, thereby avoiding an institutional vacuum pending the Constitution's adoption by referendum.

The EU welcomes this positive and constructive development as confirmation of the desire of all the Burundian parties involved in the peace process to maintain the transition's momentum and see it culminate in a return to the peace and stability long awaited by the Burundian people.

The EU recalls that it remains ready to assist Burundi in the electoral process and reiterates its willingness further to accompany Burundi on the path towards peace and reconstruction of the country.

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

* Croatia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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128/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the report of UNSG on Sudan
Brussels, 11 November 2004

The European Union shares the assessment on Sudan, set out in the report of UNSG, as called for in UNSC resolutions 1564 and 1556.

The European Union is deeply concerned about the findings of the UNSG on the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation.

The European Union joins the UN in welcoming the progress made in the North South peace process and the deployment of the expanded Africa Union force in Darfur. The European Union urges all parties in the Darfur conflict to cooperate fully with the Africa Union to ensure a secure and stable environment. The European Union will continue to provide the African Union with full support for its mission in Darfur.

The European Union welcomes the progress achieved at the peace talks in Abuja. The signing of the humanitarian and security protocol is an important step forward in reaching a sustainable solution for the crisis in Darfur. We urge all parties to keep this momentum and to reach a political solution to the conflict in Sudan as a matter of immediate priority.

The European Union recognises the need for continued humanitarian assistance and will sustain its contributions in support of those affected by the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

The European Union recalls the European Council of 4 and 5 November and its earlier Council Conclusions, as well as UN Security Council Resolutions 1556 and 1564, and confirms its full commitment to contribute to peace and reconciliation processes in Sudan as a matter of great priority. In this regard, the European Union does not exclude the use of sanctions against all conflict parties.

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129/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on general elections in Botswana

Brussels, 10 November 2004

The European Union congratulates Botswana with the successful conduct of its general elections held on 30 October 2004. These elections were considered free and fair along the lines of established norms as formulated in, among others, the SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.

The European Union congratulates His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae on the occasion of his new term as President of the Republic of Botswana.

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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130/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the Council Common Position on additional restrictive measures and amending Common Position 2004/423/CFSP against Burma/Myanmar

Brussels, 16 November 2004

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, declare that they share the objectives of Council Common Position on additional restrictive measures and amending Common Position 2004/423/CFSP against Burma/Myanmar of 25 October 2004. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that Common Position.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

* Croatia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

131/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning Council Decision 2004/767/CFSP of 15 November 2004 implementing Common Position 2004/694/CFSP on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

Brussels, 17 November 2004

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, declare that they share the objectives of Council Decision 2004/767/CFSP of 15 November 2004 implementing Common Position 2004/694/CFSP on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Decision.
The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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132/1004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Presidential and National Assembly elections in Namibia
Brussels, 25 November 2004

The European Union congratulates Namibia with the successful conduct of its Presidential and National Assembly elections held on 15 and 16 November 2004. The elections are considered free and fair, among others along the lines of the SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.

The European Union congratulates the honourable Hifikepunye Pohamba on the occasion of his election as president of the Republic of Namibia.

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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133/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the sentences of seven opposition leaders in Azerbaijan
Brussels, 26 November 2004

The European Union has learned that the Court of Appeal of the Republic of Azerbaijan upheld the sentences of seven opposition leaders who were accused of organising civil disturbances following the presidential elections in Azerbaijan in October 2003. The European Union is deeply concerned at the severity of the sentences awarded in the Court's judgements.

The EU recalls its commitment to the freedom of expression in all its forms, including the right of opposition and the right to demonstrate. In this respect, the EU encourages the government of Azerbaijan to uphold democratic values including due process of law and to take up an open dialogue with the opposition, in accordance with Azerbaijan's commitments in the framework of the OSCE and the Council of Europe.

Earlier this year, the EU welcomed presidential amnesties, which freed numerous prisoners, detained after the demonstrations in October 2003. The EU considered these amnesties as signs of a positive development, which should be pursued further. The European Union encourages the Azerbaijani government to proceed on that course by creating a political environment which supports pluralism, fair democratic competition and a dialogue between parties. The European Union stands ready to offer its assistance in this respect.

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia *, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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134/2004

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea

Brussels, 29 November 2004

The European Union warmly welcomes the announcement by Ethiopia of a five-point proposal for resolving the boundary dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea. The acceptation in principle of the decision of the Boundary Commission is an important indication of Ethiopia's commitment to the Boundary Commission's final and binding decision. The European Union looks forward to a constructive approach to the Ethiopian proposal by Eritrea and the full implementation of the boundary decision by the two countries, in full cooperation with the Boundary Commission. This is the only basis upon which a lasting peace can be secured.

The European Union, as witness to the Agreement of Algiers, reiterates its commitment to the peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea and emphasises that the normalisation of relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea will be an essential element for regional peace and security. The EU stands ready to play a supportive role in this process.

The Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

PLENARY ASSEMBLY ON 26, 27 AND 28 OCTOBER 2004
SUMMARY OF OPINIONS ADOPTED

Full text versions of EESC opinions are available in the official languages on the Committee's web site at the following address:

http://www.esc.eu.int (Documents)

The new EESC president was elected and the Bureau and the other Committee structures renewed during the 412th plenary session.

1. TREATY ESTABLISHING A CONSTITUTION FOR EUROPE

Draft opinion on the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

– **Rapporteur-general:** Mr Malosse (Employers – FR)

– **Reference:** CESE 1373/2004 fin – CESE 1445/2004

– **Key points:**

The Parliament asked for this opinion to be drawn-up, having decided on the initiative of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to ask the EESC for its opinion on the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe.

Firstly, the EESC describes the principal reasons for its decision to support the ratification of the Constitution by Member States, specifically:

- the method of drawing up the Constitutional Treaty does, in itself, represent a step forward in the process of democratising the European venture and is the fruit of a genuine democratic debate;
- the Constitution provides a new framework of operation for the Union and makes the Union more readily understandable and more accessible to all;
- the Constitution reinforces the EU's democratic legitimacy;

- the incorporation of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights into the Treaty represents a significant step forward in the protection of the rights of natural and legal persons;

- by putting democratic progress into practice, the Constitution offers citizens the wherewithal to decide themselves on the content of the policies and actions to be pursued in practice by the Union in order to meet their aspirations.

Although it considers that a large number of the demands of civil society could not be taken into account by the Convention and the IGC, the EESC believes that rejecting the Constitution would send a negative signal regarding the European venture and would be to give up the democratic progress achieved by civil society through the Convention method, and also that it is possible to build on the institutional framework established by the Constitution and even improve it through operational measures.

The EESC then considers which communication strategy should be implemented to capitalise on the Constitution, believing that the quality of the communication strategy will be a determining factor for the adoption of the Constitutional Treaty by the people of Europe. The following four paths of action are suggested:

- preparation of information tools which could take the form of interpretive guides to the Constitution, geared to the concerns of different population groups in each Member State. (point 3.1.3.);

- launching of public communication campaigns using the media and grassroots communication channels (local and regional authorities, political groups and civil society organisations) (points 3.2. and 3.2.1.);

- organising decentralised debates that are open to all members of the public with a view to fostering the exchange of ideas and convincing people (point 3.3.);

- active involvement by the European Institutions, working alongside Member States, in the drawing up and implementation of the communication strategy to give national debates and the ratification of the Constitution a truly transnational dimension (points 3.4.3. and 3.4.2.).

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2. LISBON STRATEGY

- ***Improving the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy***

– **Rapporteur**: Mr Vever (Employers – FR)
– **Co-rapporteurs:** Mr Ehnmark (Employees – SE) – Mr Simpson (Various Interests – UK)
– **Reference:** European Council referral – CESE 1438/2004

– **Key points:**

The European Council of 25 and 26 March 2004 invited the European Economic and Social Committee to examine ways and means for more effective implementation of the Lisbon Strategy.

The opinion proposes a list of specific actions for next year's Spring Summit to take on board, concerning "reinforcing growth and cohesion", "implementing the internal market more efficiently", "promoting innovation and quality", "promoting private-public partnership for research", "revamping social policy" and "protecting the environment more actively".

Two overarching principles underlie the proposals:

Firstly, individual Member States need to take greater ownership of the Strategy. The so-called Open Method of Coordination must be given more teeth. Secondly, the Lisbon Strategy must be better communicated to organised civil society and to the citizens of Europe. Organised civil society and the social partners must play a more clear and encompassing role in the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy.

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- ***Business competitiveness***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Vever (Employers – FR)

– **Reference:** Exploratory opinion requested by the president of the European Commission – CESE 1439/2004

– **Key points:**

The EESC feels that four things, all interlinked, are vital to regaining business competitiveness in Europe:

- The first priority is to restore the confidence of economic actors.
- Another priority is to complete the basics of the single market. This should no longer be put off to after the deadline of 2010 fixed in Lisbon – although fine-tuning will be needed later.
- Making EU firms competitive also means developing a dynamic economic union around the euro using an approach geared to the deadline of 2010, aiming to boost growth and jobs with the support of an adequate monetary policy.
- Finally, the structural reforms of the Lisbon Strategy need to be implemented with more determination and consistency.

In conclusion, the EESC notes that the competitive shortcomings of EU businesses represent the heavy price being paid today for a Europe which is not enterprising enough, which is slow to take decisions and adapt to international changes, which is still unfinished in many areas, which is lagging behind with its reforms and whose exploitation of its trump cards is highly inadequate, often faint-hearted, sometimes incoherent, and therefore counter-productive. Action is needed to put matters right. To succeed, it will require an approach more focused on growth, boosting the economic factors of both supply and demand within a more fluid and efficient single European market. The EESC particularly supports the invitation at the last spring summit to promote new partnerships for reform, both at national and European level, which involve the social partners more closely. The EESC stresses the need to keep

our eyes firmly fixed on the 2010 deadline, which must include both implementation of the Lisbon reforms and completion of the single market and a genuine, competitive economic union, making full use of monetary union, while taking full account of the demands of sustainable development.

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- ***Training and productivity***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Koryfidis (Employees – EL)

– **Reference:** Exploratory opinion – CESE 1435/2004

– **Key points:**

Despite all the differences in their educational systems, the EU Member States must regard themselves as forming a "training area".

The above perspective of strengthened European educational cooperation to deal in an overall and unified way with the delay which exists in the approach to the Lisbon goals presupposes the following specific political choices:

- sufficient resources to cover the range of different workers and the depth of the training that would be involved;
- finding the necessary teaching staff on a European scale;
- shaping a modern learning framework and environment;
- awareness, active presence and participation of administrations at all levels, the social partners and civil society in general;
- clearer definition of the roles and responsibilities attaching to any beneficiaries of educational initiatives, their suppliers, and the arrangements for monitoring all initiatives at local, national and European level;
- and lastly, intensive mobilisation to promote the whole initiative and the implications of its content and objectives.

Greater use and better coordination of the conventional arenas of educational activity – family, school and work – would boost such progress. A boost of this kind is absolutely essential to attaining the major challenge of making the Union the most dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010.

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- ***Environment/Economic opportunities***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Buffetaut (Employers – FR)

– **Reference**: Exploratory opinion – CESE 1446/2004

– **Key points:**

In a letter of April 2004, the future Netherlands presidency asked the EESC to draw up an exploratory opinion on the environment as an economic opportunity. The Netherlands presidency would like to focus on win-win opportunities where progress in environmental technology could help to achieve the economic and social objectives of the Lisbon Strategy.

There is an ongoing debate on the subject of environment and competitiveness - a debate which is intense and reflects the whole social spectrum, particularly economic and social stakeholders. The issue is clear: does taking the environment into account merely hinder companies from competing effectively, or does it offer opportunities for developing new types of jobs, new markets, and new technologies?

In its exploratory opinion the EESC underlines that it is not only up to environmental specialists to turn protection of the environment into a real economic opportunity. Environmental activity is already a key factor in the economically important tourism and leisure sectors. In the case of environmental technologies, success is dependent on the creation of a genuine market and the capability of business to respond. There is also a need to do more to build on voluntary initiatives in environmental protection and technological innovation by companies and industries.

It is clear that if environmental technologies permit production costs to be cut as a result of reduced consumption of energy and raw materials, enhance the image of companies and their products, boost sales and lower environmental costs, then companies will be interested in them and will ensure their development. However, companies still need be made aware of such technologies so that they can appreciate the benefits of using them, and therefore it is essential to set up an effective network for the exchange of information on best practice and environmental technology, which might involve public authorities, trade associations, technical centres and research centres.

It is essential to gain the support of the industries concerned. Clients and consumers also need to be won over, because without them there can be no market. Environmental technologies must be perceived by the general public as effective both in terms of environmental protection and of production, otherwise they will remain a well-intentioned sideshow to economic development, which will continue independently of them.

It is vital for environmental policies to take economic implications into consideration, just as economic policies need to take environmental needs into account. One way or another there must be an interplay between economic and environmental considerations, as policies which lose sight of economic viability and positive environmental effects cannot be successful.

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- ***Economic growth***

– **Rapporteur:** Ms Fusco (Various Interests – IT)

– **Reference**: Exploratory opinion – CESE 1425/2004

– **Key points:**

The EESC believes that SMEs are the backbone of the economy and employment in Europe, and consequently offer the primary tools for the implementation of the Lisbon objectives. Social economy

enterprises (SEEs) play an increasingly important role in social cohesion and local development. The scope for interaction between SMEs and SEEs, particularly with regard to SMEs making extensive use of SEEs in the interest of both types of enterprise, has thus far been greatly under-exploited.

As a consequence, the EESC recommends that the Commission should re-examine existing and potential interaction between SMEs and SEEs, and help demonstrate that this interaction is beneficial to the development of both types of enterprise, within the context of the profound changes brought on by economic growth, and particularly, in regional development, social cohesion and innovation policies.

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3. TRANSPORT

- ***Pan-European transport corridors***

– **Rapporteur:** Ms Alleweldt (Employees – DE)

– **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 1426/2004

– **Key points:**

EU enlargement in May 2004 and the prospects for accession of south-east European countries change the general framework for joint infrastructure policy and cooperation in the corridors.

Over the next two years the emphasis of EESC activities should shift to practical cooperation and involvement of civil society organisations on the ground. The aim is to enable the relevant civil society organisations to contribute to achieving the transport policy objectives.

EESC cooperation with the corridor steering committees and the European Commission should be stepped up. In that context, the permanent study group:

- needs to take on a new role in helping to establish the "South East Europe Core Regional Transport Network";
- needs to look into ways and means of ensuring that operational aspects of the transport business are taken into account more closely when setting up the pan-European transport corridors. In particular, it should be possible to define specific aspects of corridor policy relating to intermodality, environmental protection, security, social conditions and efficiency;
- should contribute to the planning of new corridors in the context of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).

Finally, the work of the European Commission and the steering committees in corridors and transport areas should be more closely interconnected and the European Parliament should be involved.

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- ***Port security/Modification***

– **Rapporteur:** Ms Bredima Savopoulou (Employers – EL)

– **References:** COM(2004) 393 final – 2004/0031 COD – CESE 1428/2004

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4. ENERGY

- ***Security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment***

– **Rapporteur:** Ms Sirkeinen (Employers – FI)

– **References:** COM(2003) 740 final – 2003/0301 COD – CESE 1444/2004

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- ***Energy end-use efficiency***

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5. INDUSTRIAL CHANGE

- ***State aid in the iron and steel sector***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Lagerholm (Employers – SE)
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– **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 1431/2004

– **Key points:**

This own-initiative opinion prepared by the Committee's Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI) examines the role which State aid plays in general in the context of structural change and the role which it has played, in particular, with regard to the European steel industry.

Past experience with the restructuring of the European steel industry shows that State aid to companies is a double-edged sword in that it only benefits particular companies and results in misallocation, as uneconomic production capacity is kept in business over the medium term. However, if it is part of a negotiated restructuring programme, State aid can alleviate social hardship and thus promote the acceptability and consequences of industrial change. The control of this process through social dialogue has been vindicated.

In the context of the accession of new Member States, it is all the more important to insist on strict compliance with the clear rules on aid for the steel industry. The mistakes made in the EU-15 must not be repeated.

There is general agreement both on the unavoidability of industrial change and the need to shape such change through international framework agreements. Negotiations within the OECD should lead to sustainable improvement of the current situation, i.e.:

- no excessive concessions to developing, emerging and transition countries such as China,
- no ban within the EU on necessary regulation of research and development, on environmental measures (e.g. ceilings on compliance costs of companies to prevent environmental measures from leading to distortion of competition) and on the closure of uneconomic capacity, and
- no countervailing duties on steel exports due to such dispensations.

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6. HEALTH

- ***Health safety: a collective obligation and a new right***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Bedossa (Various Interests – FR)

– **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 1432/2004

– **Key points:**

At European level, public health administration is inadequate and has very weak legal support. It also lacks medical legitimacy, owing to the scarcity of resources. All that must be improved.

The establishment of a European public health network is evidence of the willingness of all European authorities to pool public health players and make existing national health vigilance instruments more consistent and effective.

Through becoming aware of the successive public health crises which have shaken the world over the past two decades, the European Economic and Social Committee proposes to hold regular high level European congresses on public health.

The aim of these conferences will be to discuss what collective measures should be taken, provide precise information on these crises, produce coordinated responses, assess the threats of risks from outside, help speed up diagnoses and provide adequate responses.

The European Economic and Social Committee recommends that the future European health monitoring centre in Stockholm be given as of now an extensive and reinforced mandate to draw up targeted and regular reports on public health and have the necessary measures taken by the EU countries, in accordance with the subsidiarity principle.

The European Economic and Social Committee would point out that its recommendations are interlinked and require a strong commitment by the EU countries to implement them; they include:

- boosting administrative capacities, with cross-border linkage and administration recognised and allowed everywhere.
- legal powers and the instruments to support them.
- transparent decision-making procedures and stricter ethics, shared by all, regarding communications on health safety.
- more cooperation and worldwide networking between all surveillance and monitoring bodies.

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- ***Patient mobility in the EU***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Bedossa (Various Interests – FR)

– **References:** COM(2004) 301 final – CESE 1433/2004

– **Key points:**

The communication on patient mobility contains a set of concrete proposals covering many areas. Thanks to these proposals the Treaty's objective of ensuring a high level of human health protection can be incorporated into Community policy.

Community law entitles citizens to seek healthcare in other Member States and receive reimbursement. However, in practice it is often not always easy to exercise these rights.

The EESC supports a European strategy to:

- Promote European cooperation to allow better use of resources
- Reach a common understanding of patients' rights and duties at European level
- Share spare capacity and trans-national healthcare.

The European Economic and Social Committee strongly endorses the decision to use the EU Cohesion Fund and the Structural Funds to promote investment in the sphere of health and develop health

infrastructure and medical skills, which have become priority targets for support from Community financial instruments.

Cooperation between the Member States must pinpoint joint objectives that lead to national plans, and the choice of appropriate indicators will make it possible to carefully monitor the development of healthcare policies pursued in each of the European Union countries.

The Committee notes that one tool will be indispensable: an observatory or agency should be set up to collect comments, analyses and exchanges of opinion on national health policy - in strict compliance with existing treaties, and the principles of subsidiarity and national remits.

The European Economic and Social Committee can only welcome the Commission's intention to use the open method of coordination. This would cover key issues such as:

- exchange of good practice;
- relevant indicators of structures and practices;
- improving the availability of health products;
- coordination of national systems to avoid any dumping effect due to skills being lost to other countries;
- the necessary completion of the single market in medicines.

This is one of the first instances of five Directorates-General of the European Commission pooling their political will, skills and resources in order to achieve an objective, in this case that of giving the different countries of Europe the means to coordinate their health and social protection policies for the benefit of all EU citizens.

The European Economic and Social Committee therefore would like a lightweight but permanent task force to be set up to monitor these policies.

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- ***Health care and long-term care for the elderly***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Braghin (Employers – IT)

– **References:** COM(2004) 340 final – CESE 1447/2004

– **Key points:**

Given that European legislation on long-term health care is impossible, the EESC considers that the open method of coordination is of primary importance for the effective modernisation and development of

accessible, sustainable, long-term quality health care, and to ensure public health protection in different contexts and in the face of growing pressure and challenges.

The application of the open method of coordination entails the identification of indicators that can address existing knowledge deficits whilst taking into consideration prevailing situations and the long-term social dynamics that impact upon the health-care system. The set of indicators must include all structural considerations (network of services, availability of equipment and staff, levels of training and experience, etc.). It must also include the intrinsic qualities of health care (methods for providing services and carrying out interventions, operational guidelines, medical regulations and practice, patient rights' protection, etc.). Finally, it must cover the quality of specific health-care outcomes, according to type and social expectations.

The "next steps" proposed in the Communication touch on extremely important aspects of the problem and extend the debate to pertinent spheres of interest. However, the proposals are general in nature and therefore run the risk of failing to take the open method of coordination significantly forward.

The EESC hopes that more precise "common objectives" will be identified, provided that they are not overprescriptive and do not have a negative impact on the organisation of national systems. Furthermore, the proposed preliminary reports should serve as useful tools that do not result in additional administrative costs and burdens that overstretch the limited resources of new Member States.

A particularly important and pressing need is the promotion of activities to improve the skills of operators and professionals by developing appropriate training schemes that cover the common professional ground between health care and health-related social work. This goes beyond technical aspects and requires the acquisition of new skills, such as information management, in particular using computer networks, and broad-based financial administration. Such new training schemes should be supported and promoted by the Community in order to exploit the experience exchanged using the open method of coordination.

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7. EXTERNAL BORDER CONTROLS AND FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE

- ***Admission of third country nationals to carry out research in the European Community***

– **Rapporteur:** Ms King (Employers – UK)
– **References:** COM(2004) 178 final 2004/0061-0063 CNS – CESE 1434/2004

– **Key points:**

The EESC welcomes the Communication and supports, in principle, the presented proposals. However, it wishes to point out the following:

- The target of 700,000 extra researchers by 2010 does not seem realistic without a concerted effort in a number of areas.
- Comparative data on the resources which countries like Japan and the USA allocate to support the training, mobility and career development of researchers should be provided.
- The Commission's definition of a "research organisation" should be expanded to include public or private organisations that allocate grants for research.
- The status of the researcher may in some cases remain unresolved; some of those admitted may well be in need of refuge and protection under the Geneva Convention 1951.
- The Commission should set up a process so that researchers from third countries who are already in the EU can be identified and considered as researchers.
- The lack of transparency in qualifications and competences is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Women researchers are under-represented, especially in management and leadership roles; this is particularly the case with third country researchers.
- The "brain drain" from developing countries gives rise to concern.
- The United Kingdom is requested to opt-in to the Directive like Ireland has already done.

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8. DRUGS AND DRUG ADDICTION

- ***ARGO programme***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Pariza Castanõs (Employees – ES)

– **References:** COM(2004)384 final – 2004/0122 (CNS) – CESE 1436/2004

– **Key points**:

The difficulties experienced by the national administrations in cooperating amongst themselves under the ARGO programme have highlighted the lack of cooperation between Member States in managing the external borders.

The EESC considers that in future we will have to go beyond administrative cooperation and create a system of Community solidarity in the fields of external borders, visas, asylum and immigration, under a common policy. The financial perspectives for 2007 will have to take account of this approach.

The EESC calls for the authorities to ensure that under the administrative cooperation in the fields of external borders, visas, asylum and immigration, all individuals are always treated with humanity and dignity, in accordance with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and with international conventions on human rights.

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- ***European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction***

– **Rapporteur-general**: Mr Olsson (Various Interests – SE)

– **References:** COM(2003) 808 final – 2003/0311 CNS – CESE 1437/2004

– **Key points:**

The Committee welcomes the proposed Regulation, which aims to extend the role of the Centre, to adapt the operation of its constituent bodies and to remove a number of uncertainties arising from the implementation of the initial Regulation. This reflects the thinking already expressed in previous EESC opinions on the prevention and reduction of the risks associated with drug addiction.

The EESC insists that stakeholder civil society organisations be involved in the work of the EMCDDA.

In addition, the EESC proposes that the Centre be provided with a Liaison Committee comprising representatives of the European networks that are active in this field and able to provide information in addition to that supplied by the national focal points.

(The national focal points are part of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (REITOX), which is at the Centre's disposal.)

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9. TAXATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

- ***Movement of products subject to excise duty***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Wilkinson (Employers – UK)

– **References:** COM(2004) 227 final – 2004/0072 CNS – CESE 1441/2004

– **Key points:**

The operation of the single market with respect to goods subject to excise duty has been complicated in its details, with a consequent uncertainty on how the regulations should be applied in some cases, and has imposed significant administrative burdens on the businesses involved.

The Commission proposals cover commercial transactions, sales to private individuals and distance sales and aim to clarify, simplify and harmonise existing rules on intra-EU movements on which excise tax has already been paid in a Member State for the products concerned and to liberalise such movements so that EU consumers can enjoy more benefits from the Internal Market.
The Committee welcomes both these objectives.

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- ***VAT – Labour-intensive services – Acceding countries***

– **Rapporteur**: Mr Pezzini (Employers – IT)

– **References:** COM(2004) 295 final – 2004/0810 CNS – CESE 1442/2004

– **Key points:**

While regretting that the Council has not yet been able to reach agreement on the proposal for a base directive, the Committee approves the Commission's proposed amendment to Directive 1999/85/EC.

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- ***Reinsurance***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Frank von Fürstenwerth (Employers – DE)

– **References:** COM(2004) 273 final – 2004/0097 COD – CESE 1423/2004

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10. COMPETITION POLICY

- ***Public/private concessions and partnerships***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Levaux (Employers – FR)

– **References:** COM(2004) 327 final – CESE 1440/2004

– **Key points:**

Contributing to a debate launched by the Commission on the Green Paper on public-private partnerships (PPP), the EESC considers that in many states a specific body of law on PPPs is now emerging and that, on the basis of present experience, it is preferable to:

a) allow PPPs to evolve in various forms for several years;

b) get the Member States to issue systematic communications on the various types of PPP and the difficulties encountered;

c) set up an observatory for studying the evolution of PPPs, with representatives from the Member States, the Commission and civil society, including the EESC;

d) stress that European publication thresholds (e.g. on labour and services) apply for PPPs and concessions; below these European thresholds each Member State will apply its own rules so as to avoid unnecessary red tape;

e) publish a interpretative communication before 2007 clarifying:

- the definition of concessions and PPPs,
- the competitive position of joint or quasi-public entities,
- the procedure for competitive dialogue and publication,
- the treatment of "promoters" who facilitate innovation,
- the relevance of state aid for joint or quasi-public entities.

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11. AGRICULTURE AND THIRD COUNTRIES

- ***Agriculture and food safety in the context of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Nilsson (Various Interests – SE)

– **Reference:** Information report - CESE 731/2004 fin

– **Key points:**

The annual Euro-Mediterranean summits of ESCs and similar institutions, which have been held since 1995, seek to improve understanding of the major topics of interest to the Euro-Mediterranean partners and to exchange information on their respective economic and social situations.

At the last Euro-Mediterranean summit in Malta, it was decided that the next summit would be held in Valencia, Spain in 2004.

Apart from the European Economic and Social Committee, the preparatory group for the summit includes the Economic and Social Council of the Kingdom of Spain, the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD) and the Economic and Social Council of Tunisia. The EESC is a permanent member of the preparatory group for Euro-Mediterranean summits and contributes, inter alia, by drafting a paper in the form of an information report.

This year the EESC's information report is on: – *Agriculture and food safety in the context of the Euromed partnership*, drafted in conjunction with the Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE), the Economic and Social Committee of Israel, the Italian CNEL, the Palestinian delegation and the Turkish delegation to the EU-Turkey JCC.

The Economic and Social Council of the Kingdom of Spain, in conjunction with Economic and Social Council of France, the Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE), the Italian CNEL and the

Economic and Social Council of Tunisia will present a paper on *Immigration and cooperation between the countries of the region.*

Mediterranean countries are the EU's second most important export market for agricultural and food products. The information report focuses on Food Safety, and highlights the need for agricultural organisations, the food industry, consumers and workers to be able to be part of the development process.

The EESC could harness its structure and networks to organise a conference on Cooperation for enhanced Food Safety.

In order to achieve the desired development for food production and Food Safety, a number of areas should be identified and explored, such as, inter alia, more training, advice and research programmes.

A basic premise is that these areas should be given political priority in the Barcelona Process, so that the MEDA programme can also create the right climate for agricultural development and food safety.

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- ***Information on and promotion of agricultural products - third countries and internal market***

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– **References**: COM(2004) 233 final – 2004/0073 CNS – CESE 1430/2004

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12. CONSUMER PROTECTION

- ***Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons/oils and tyres***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Sears (Employers – UK)

– **References**: COM(2004) 98 final – 2004/0036 COD – CESE 1429/2004

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- ***Trichlorobenzene***

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– **References**: COM(2004) 320 final – 2004/0111 COD – CESE 1424/2004

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13. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

- ***Connecting Europe at high speed***

– **Rapporteur:** Mr McDonogh (Employers – IE)

– **References:** COM(2004) 61 final – CESE 1427/2004

– **Key points:**

The Committee invites the Commission:

- to continue to prosecute the full implementation of the framework in all States, including the new entrants;
- to legislate for a precise definition of the term 'broadband' for use in the Union;
- to include a minimum standard of connection quality in its precise definition of "broadband";
- to promote the extension of broadband networks to cover the whole of the Union in a timely fashion and to highlight network gaps in future reports;
- in the interests of consumers and the efficient use of resources in the EU, to consider legislating for facility sharing among 3G operators, speeding-up availability of access, reducing negative environmental concerns, reducing the cost of providing service;
- to look after the security issues to the take-up of new services by consumers, improving consumer confidence in new technologies and services.

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