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ABBREVIATIONS USED

Political Groups

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| PPE-DE | Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats |
| PSE | Socialist Group in the European Parliament |
| ALDE | Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe |
| 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

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| AFET | Committee on Foreign Affairs |
| DEVE | Committee on Development |
| INTA | Committee on International Trade |
| BUDG | Committee on Budgets |
| CONT | Committee on Budgetary Control |
| ECON | Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs |
| EMPL | Committee on Employment and Social Affairs |
| ENVI | Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety |
| ITRE | Committee on Industry, Research and Energy |
| IMCO | Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection |
| TRAN | Committee on Transport and Tourism |
| REGI | Committee on Regional Development |
| AGRI | Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development |
| PECH | Committee on Fisheries |
| CULT | Committee on Culture and Education |
| JURI | Committee on Legal Affairs |
| LIBE | Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs |
| AFCO | Committee on Constitutional Affairs |
| FEMM | Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality |
| PETI | Committee on Petitions |

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DEATH OF A POLISH MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

At its sitting of 4 July 2005 the European Parliament was informed that **Filip Adwent, MEP**, elected in Poland, had died on 26 June 2005. It established that his seat was vacant with effect from 27 June 2005.

Mr Adwent was a Member of the European Parliament from 20 July 2004 and belonged to the Independence/Democracy Group.

He was a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Vice-Chairman of the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.

PRESIDENCY

MAIN DECISIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF QUAESTORS

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

No 32/2005: Reimbursement of parliamentary assistance expenses

Further information may be obtained from the Secretariat of the College of Quaestors in:

Strasbourg : Salvador de Madariaga (SDM) Building, 6/20 Tel. 74195

Brussels : Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) Building, 8b/66 Tel. 43722

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT**

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/END OF MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE**END OF THE TERM OF OFFICE**
OF A GERMAN MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

At its sitting of 4 July 2005 Parliament took note of the appointment of:

Mr Armin LASCHET (PPE-DE/DE)

to an office incompatible with the office of a Member of the European Parliament.

Pursuant to Rule 4(4), his membership of the European Parliament ended **with effect from 30 June 2005**.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT
OF ROMANIAN OBSERVERS AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

In a letter dated 13 July 2005, the Romanian authorities forwarded the list of Romanian observers at the European Parliament.

Parliament took note of this at the sitting of 26 September 2005, with effect from 26 September 2005.

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Mr POPEANGĂ Petre
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Mrs PETRE Maria
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Mr TÂRLE Radu

LIST OF INTERGROUPS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
established in accordance with the rules adopted by the Conference of Presidents (16.12.1999)
(Situation at 01.07.2005)

| Name | Date established | Chairman | Political Group Sponsors |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FIELDSPORTS, FISHING AND CONSERVATION | 15/12/2004 | EBNER Michl | PPE/DE IND/DEM UEN |
| WELFARE AND CONSERVATION OF ANIMALS | 15/12/2004 | CASACA Paulo | PPE/DE PSE Verts/ALE |
| FAMILLE ET PROTECTION DE L'ENFANCE | 16/12/2004 | PANAYOTOPOULOS -CASSIOTOU Maria | PPE-DE IND/DEM UEN |
| BALTIC EUROPE | 06/01/2005 | BEAZLEY Christopher | PPE/DE PSE ALDE |
| FEDERALIST INTERGROUP FOR THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION | 06/01/2005 | LEINEN Jo | PPE PSE ALDE |

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| TRADITIONAL NATIONAL MINORITIES CONSTITUTIONAL REGIONS AND REGIONAL LANGUAGES | 06/01/2005 | TABAJDI Csaba Sándor | PPE/DE PSE ALDE |
| CINEMA, AUDIOVISUAL POLICY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY | 07/01/2005 | HIERONYMI Ruth | PPE/DE PSE GUE/NGL |
| FOURTH WORLD EUROPEAN COMMITTEE | 07/01/2005 | ROURE Martine | PPE/DE PSE GUE/NGL |
| CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT | 12/01/2005 | STEVENSON Struan | PPE/DE PSE IND/DEM |
| TOURISME | 12/01/2005 | SUDRE Margie | PPE/DE ALDE PSE |
| DISABILITY | 20/01/2005 | HOWITT Richard | PPE/DE PSE ALDE GUE/NGL |
| TRADE UNION COORDINATION GROUP | 20/01/2005 | HUGHES Stephen | PPE/DE PSE GUE/NGL |

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| ANTI-RACISM AND DIVERSITY | 28/01/2005 | MORAES Claude | PSE ALDE GUE/NGL |
| SME (SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRENEURS) | 28/01/2005 | KARAS Othmar | PPE/DE PSE IND/DEM |
| LESBIAN AND GAY INTERGROUP | 02/02/2005 | CASHMAN Michael | Verts/ALE ALDE PSE |
| PRESS, COMMUNICATION AND FREEDOM | 14/02/2005 | CAVADA Jean-Marie | PSE ALDE Verts/ALE |
| TIBET | 14/02/2005 | MANN Thomas | PPE/DE Verts/ALE UEN |
| CIEL ET ESPACE | 09/03/2005 | BUSQUIN Philippe | PPE/DE PSE GUE/NGL |
| GLOBALISATION INTERGROUP | 30/03/2005 | FORD Glyn | PSE Verts/ALE GUE/NGL |
| VITICULTURE-TRADITION-QUALITÉ | 08/04/2005 | LULLING Astrid | PPE/DE IND/DEM UEN |

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| HEALTH AND CONSUMER | 13/04/200 | AYUSO GONZALEZ Pilar | PPE/DE PSE Verts/ALE |
| URBAN-LOGEMENT | 13/04/2005 | BEAUPUY Jean-Marie | PPE/DE PSE ALDE |
| AGEING | 31/05/2005 | VAN NISTELROOIJ Lambert | PPE/DE PSE UEN |
| PEACE INITIATIVES | 22/06/2005 | LUCAS Caroline PRÜGER Tobias (Co- Présidents) | PSE Verts/ALE GUE/NGL |

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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| Author | Subject | No |
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| Hiltrud Breyer | Infringement of several EU directives with regard to current and planned gravel excavations | E-2251/05 |
| Daniel Caspary | Oligopoly in the international iron ore trade | E-2252/05 |
| Gay Mitchell | Condition of institutions for the mentally ill and disabled in Romania | E-2253/05 |
| Bill Newton Dunn | Simplifying tax calculation for SMEs | E-2254/05 |
| Jean Lambert | Detention of Abdullah Ocalan | E-2255/05 |
| Simon Busuttil | Restriction on EU football players allowed to play in Maltese league | E-2256/05 |
| Simon Busuttil | Domestic transfers in the Maltese football league | E-2257/05 |
| Piia-Noora Kauppi | Commission initiative for self-extinguishing cigarettes? | E-2258/05 |
| Luciana Sbarbati | Romania: children suffering from the moratorium and the law on international adoptions | E-2259/05 |
| Ilda Figueiredo | Protecting montado (cork oak and holm oak groves where pigs feed) | E-2260/05 |
| Ilda Figueiredo | Missing statistical data on Portugal | E-2261/05 |
| Lilli Gruber | Alternative fuels - natural gas for road transport - decision time | P-2262/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Complaints concerning the ASEP Central Staff Recruitment Board in Greece | E-2263/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Destruction of the Greek peach crop | E-2264/05 |
| Graham Watson | Planned demolition of houses in Silwan neighbourhood | E-2265/05 |
| Bart Staes | Situation regarding human rights and the environment in Guatemala | E-2266/05 |
| Eija-Riitta Korhola | Situation of the Roma in Eastern Europe, particularly Slovakia | E-2267/05 |
| Salvador Garriga Polledo | Reciprocity concerning religious practices between Saudi Arabia and the EU | E-2268/05 |
| Salvador Garriga Polledo | Commission's effort to address the EU public with greater clarity | E-2269/05 |
| Salvador Garriga Polledo | European drought monitoring centre | E-2270/05 |

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| Péter Olajos | The EBRD and its links to the Kumtor gold-mine - EU funds subsidising environmentally damaging mining activity | E-2271/05 |
| Roberta Angelilli | European guarantee fund for road accident victims and establishment of a single European model for notification of accidents | E-2272/05 |
| Erik Meijer and André Brie | Entry visa for residents of Belarus and obstacles to travelling by rail or road to meetings in Schengen countries | E-2273/05 |
| Paulo Casaca | Scientific preparation of the Commission's report on adulterated butter | E-2274/05 |
| José García-Margallo y Marfil | The footwear industry and imports from China | P-2275/05 |
| Mairead McGuinness | Care of Europe's elderly | P-2276/05 |
| Simon Coveney | Aid for orphans in Zambia | P-2277/05 |
| Kathalijne Buitenweg | Energy labelling for televisions | P-2278/05 |
| Gay Mitchell | 0.7% target for development aid | E-2279/05 |
| Gay Mitchell | Avian flu | E-2280/05 |
| Kathalijne Buitenweg | Drilling for gas in the Wadden Sea | E-2281/05 |
| Hélène Goudin | EU aid | E-2282/05 |
| Hélène Goudin | Aid to Jordan | E-2283/05 |
| Hélène Goudin | EU aid | E-2284/05 |
| Bernat Joan i Marí | Milennium Objectives | P-2285/05 |
| Ursula Stenzel | of diesel particulate filters in motor vehicles | P-2286/05 |
| Miroslav Mikolášik | Embryonic stem cell research | P-2287/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Discrepancies regarding the take-up of funding under the third CSF quoted by different Greek ministries and responsibility for the loss of 738 million euros | E-2288/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Danger of further cuts in funding for Greece under the third CSF | E-2289/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Drowning of a child in a public swimming pool in Greece | E-2290/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Responsibility of the Greek Government for the low take-up of funding by Greek municipalities and communities | E-2291/05 |
| Georgios Karatzaferis | Danger of statute-barring in respect of illegal dealings on the Greek stock market between 1999 and 2001 | E-2292/05 |

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| Frank Vanhecke | Sanctions against Cuba | E-2294/05 |
| Frank Vanhecke | Violation of human rights in China | E-2295/05 |
| Frank Vanhecke | Legal basis for meetings of the 'Space Council' | E-2296/05 |
| Margrietus van den Berg | Human rights abuses in Togo | E-2297/05 |
| Paulo Casaca | Fighting trafficking in illegal substances organised by the Iranian regime | E-2298/05 |
| Paulo Casaca | Conserving montado (holm oak and cork oak groves where pigs feed) | E-2299/05 |
| Paulo Casaca | European Union woodland strategy | E-2300/05 |
| Sajjad Karim | Religious humiliation of Muslims in US custody | P-2301/05 |
| Ivo Belet | Control of the acquisition and possession of weapons | P-2302/05 |
| Marianne Thyssen | Obstacles to trade in France for Belgian dairy producers | P-2303/05 |
| Carlos Coelho | Transposition of directives | P-2304/05 |
| Luciana Sbarbati | CMO in sugar: a reform with a devastating impact | E-2305/05 |
| Adriana Poli Bortone | MEDA funds for Euro-Mediterranean Area associations | E-2306/05 |
| Vittorio Agnoletto | Right to health, and infected blood in Italy and Europe | E-2307/05 |
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| Dimitrios Papadimoulis | Transposition into Greek national law of Community legislation on competition | E-2314/05 |
| Dimitrios Papadimoulis | Transposition into Greek national law of Community legislation on the information society | E-2315/05 |
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| Mario Mantovani | The introduction of small denomination banknotes in the euro zone | P-2323/05 |
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| Erik Meijer | Isolation of Kosovo vis-à-vis foreigners due to restrictions on overland access as a result of interrupted and sharply reduced public transport services | E-2344/05 |
| Erik Meijer | Collecting of data by Serbian customs officers on through passengers travelling overland, and possibility that this may be contributing to Kosovo's isolation vis-a-vis foreigners | E-2345/05 |
| Graham Watson | Enforcing Member State compliance with ECJ rulings | E-2346/05 |
| Margrete Auken | The phasing out of single hull oil tankers constitutes a clear point in time when a ship that is still able to sail also becomes 'waste' | E-2347/05 |
| Margrete Auken | Urgent appropriate action to ensure proper application of Regulation (EEC) 259/93 on phased-out single hull oil tankers and related joint enforcement programme | E-2348/05 |
| Margrete Auken | Accelerated phasing-out of single hull vessels should not lead to an increase in the number of scrap vessels that are processed in an unsafe way | E-2349/05 |
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| Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna | Maritime safety | E-2353/05 |
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| Claude Moraes | Implementation of the Council draft framework decision on racist offences | E-2355/05 |
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| Frederika Brepoels | Assistance for measures to combat erosion | E-2363/05 |
| Jan Ehler | Renewable energy sources | E-2364/05 |
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| Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna | Tax fraud concerning Chinese imports into the EU | E-2374/05 |
| Bernhard Rapkay | 'Tank tourism' and harmonisation of duties | E-2375/05 |
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| Bart Staes and others | Infringements of Annex IV of the Birds Directive in Malta | E-2400/05 |
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| Bart Staes and others | Enforcement of the Birds Directive in Malta | E-2403/05 |
| Bart Staes and others | Progress on the implementation of the derogation on Nature Protection in Malta | E-2404/05 |
| Bart Staes and others | Selling of finches on local Maltese bird markets | E-2405/05 |
| Bart Staes and others | Maltese annual report on the progress achieved on the application of transitional measures on nature protection | E-2406/05 |
| Jeffrey Titford | Cost of the new EU server | P-2407/05 |
| Toine Manders | Credit card fraud | P-2408/05 |
| María Sornosa Martínez | Non-fulfilment of Directive 1999/22/EC at Valencia Zoo | E-2409/05 |
| David Hammerstein Mintz | Urban planning abuses in Cullera | E-2410/05 |

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| Mogens Camre | Suppression of the freedom of expression in Turkey | E-2412/05 |
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| Dimitrios Papadimoulis | The right of Roma communities to housing in Greece | E-2416/05 |
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| Proinsias De Rossa | Transposition of Directive on Public Participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment | E-3002/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Proposal to build a prison in north County Dublin | E-3003/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Tara motorway | E-3004/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings | E-3005/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Protection of aquifers | E-3006/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Public service broadcasting | E-3007/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Air pollution reduction plan for Dublin | E-3008/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Second terminal at Dublin Airport complaint | E-3009/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Millennium Development Goals and Education | E-3010/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Draft Directive on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters | E-3011/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Transposition of Directive on Public Access to Environmental Information | E-3012/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Transport and slaughter of equidae | E-3013/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Labour inspectors and inspections | E-3014/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | European Patent Office and software patents | E-3015/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Labelling of clothes imported into the EU | E-3016/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Public passenger transport contracts | E-3017/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | European Investment Fund's Multi-Annual Programme for Enterprise | E-3018/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant | E-3019/05 |
| Sharon Bowles | Trade impact of the euro | P-3020/05 |

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| Sharon Bowles | Trade impact of the euro | E-3021/05 |
| Ria Oomen-Ruijten | Questions about the possible introduction of a fail-safe intrathecal needle in conjunction with a hypodermic syringe based on the concept of the Luer fitting | P-3022/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Draft Directive on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters | E-3023/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings | E-3024/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Controlling the international arms trade | E-3025/05 |
| Proinsias De Rossa | Road safety and protection of pedestrians | E-3026/05 |

QUESTION TIME (B6-0247/05)**6 July 2005**

20 Questions (Rule 109)

| Author | Subject | No |
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| <u>QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL</u> | | |
| Dimitrios PAPANICOLAOU | Parthenon marbles | H-0447/05 |
| Sajjad KARIM | Torture by proxy | H-0449/05 |
| Sarah LUDFORD | Implementation of Third Pillar counter-terrorism instruments | H-0452/05 |
| Jonas SJÖSTEDT | Outcome of Egitim Sen case in Turkey | H-0454/05 |
| Chris DAVIES | Cyprus | H-0458/05 |
| Simon COVENEY | Burma - human rights and Shan civilians | H-0460/05 |
| Claude MORAES | Protection of minorities in the EU | H-0465/05 |
| Robert EVANS | Bank charges | H-0467/05 |
| Paulo CASACA | Use of public telecommunications services for incitement to violence in Lebanon | H-0470/05 |
| Charles TANNOCK | Broadcasting of al-Manar television and the persisting violations of EU Directives | H-0554/05 |
| Frédérique RIES | Al Manar TV | H-0561/05 |
| James ALLISTER | External Action Service | H-0473/05 |
| Willy MEYER PLEITE | Meeting international obligations with regard to acts of terrorism | H-0478/05 |
| Bill NEWTON DUNN | Joint Investigation Teams | H-0482/05 |
| David MARTIN | Outcomes of the G8 for EU Institutions | H-0484/05 |
| Philip BUSHILL-MATTHEWS | Working Time Directive | H-0492/05 |
| Gay MITCHELL | Euthanasia | H-0495/05 |

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| Bernd POSSELT | Situation in Togo | H-0496/05 |
| Panagiotis BEGLITIS | Participation of Cyprus and Malta in European security and defence policy procedures | H-0498/05 |
| Jacek PROTASIEWICZ | Human rights in Cuba | H-0499/05 |

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS TIME
JULY 2005

| Institution | No. of questions tabled | No. of questions taken | Questions with written answer | Supplementary questions | Lapsed questions (author absent) | Questions withdrawn by the author | Questions already on the agenda | Representatives of the other Institutions |
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| Council | 42 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 2 | | | Mr ALEXANDER |
| Commission | 73 | | 73 | | | | | Cancellation from the Agenda of Question Time to the Commission. The questions received a written answer. |
| Total | 115 | 20 | 93 | 10 | 2 | | | |

WRITTEN DECLARATIONS¹

| No. | EP No. | Author | Subject | Tabled | Closed on : | Signatures |
|---------|---------|--|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| 17/2005 | 359.919 | Maciej Marian GIERTYCH and Sylwester CHRUSZCZ | On the return of the painting 'Madonna and Child' by Lucas Cranach the Elder to Głogów | 11.04.2005 | 11.07.2005 | 40 |
| 18/2005 | 357.263 | Michael CRAMER, Bronisław GEREMEK, Bogusław LIBERADZKI, Erik MEIJER and Paul RÜBIG | On the setting of priorities for co-financing sustainable trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) | 11.04.2005 | 11.07.2005 | 79 |
| 19/2005 | 357.264 | Frank VANHECKE, Philip CLAEYS and Koenraad DILLEN | On Commissioner Louis Michel's intention to use resources earmarked for development cooperation for military purposes | 11.04.2005 | 11.07.2005 | 21 |
| 20/2005 | 357.515 | Neil PARISH, Paulo CASACA, Marios MATSAKIS, Caroline LUCAS and Miguel PORTAS | On export refunds for live cattle to third countries | 11.04.2005 | 11.07.2005 | 374 |

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| 21/2005 | 358.355 | Albert Jan MAAT, Camiel EURLINGS, Niels BUSK, Edith MASTENBROEK and Struan STEVENSON | On the choice of a single seat for the European Parliament | 20.04.2005 | 20.07.2005 | 169 |
| 22/2005 | 358.386 | Roselyne BACHELOT-NARQUIN, Pierre SCHAPIRA and Patrick GAUBERT | On recognition of the slave trade and slavery as a crime against humanity | 27.04.2005 | 27.07.2005 | 52 |
| 23/2005 | 358.387 | Robert EVANS, Richard FALBR, Helmut KUHNE, Thomas MANN and Klaus-Heiner LEHNE | On the organisation of graduate teacher unions in the United States | 27.04.2005 | 27.07.2005 | 13 |
| 24/2005 | 358.588 | Wojciech ROSZKOWSKI | On the attempts to rehabilitate Joseph Stalin | 27.04.2005 | 27.07.2005 | 76 |
| 25/2005 | 358.999 | Maciej GIERTYCH | On a reform establishing a single seat for the European Parliament in the city of Rome | 27.04.2005 | 09.08.2005 | 4 |
| 26/2005 | 359.000 | Andres MÖLZER | On the planned increase in resources for the Euratom Research Programme 2007-2011 | 09.05.2005 | 09.08.2005 | 8 |

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| 27/2005 | 359.041 | Frank VANHECKE, Philip CLAEYS and Koenraad DILLEN | On equal access to the Flemish public broadcasting media for all political parties | 11.05.2005 | 11.09.2005 | 7 |
| 28/2005 | 359.042 | Bill NEWTON DUNN | On informing our public more effectively | 17.05.2005 | 17.08.2005 | 7 |
| 29/2005 | 359.043 | Lydia SCHENARDI | On the fight against the consumption of cannabis | 17.05.2005 | 17.08.2005 | 15 |
| 30/2005 | 359.394 | Antonio TAJANI | On establishing 9 November as 'Freedom Day' | 18.05.2005 | 18.08.2005 | 64 |
| 31/2005 | 359.395 | Gisela KALLENBACH, Jillian EVANS, Tobias PFLÜGER, Jean-Luc DEHAENE and Mara GOMES | On the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki | 23.05.2005 | 23.08.2005 | 79 |
| 32/2005 | 359.596 | Johan Van HECKE, Maria MARTENS, Margrietus van den BERG and Luisa MORGANTINI | On the need to establish more and fairer trade relations with Africa | 23.05.2005 | 23.08.2005 | 64 |
| 33/2005 | 359.699 | Alyn SMITH | On makingh poverty history | 31.05.2005 | 31.08.2005 | 33 |
| 34/2005 | | | ANNULLED | | | |

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| 35/2005 | 360.471 | Glenys KINNOCK and Catherine STIHLER | On achieving progress towards the Millennium Development Goals | 06.06.2005 | 06.09.2005 | 49 |
| 36/2005 | 360.472 | Glenys KINNOCK | On the situation of Aung San Suu Kyi and the promotion of democracy in Burma | 06.06.2005 | 06.09.2005 | 77 |
| 37/2005 | 360.675 | Alessandra MUSSOLINI and Adriana POLI BORTONE | Suspending the euro | 16.06.2005 | 16.09.2005 | 5 |
| 38/2005 | 360.876 | Amalia SARTORI | Introduction of 1 and 2 euro banknotes | 22.06.2005 | 22.09.2005 | 96 |
| 39/2005 | 361.247 | Alessandra Mussolini | EU enlargement | 04.07.2005 | 04.10.2005 | 3 |
| 40/2005 | 361.448 | Alessandra Mussolini | Energy resources and alternative technologies | 04.07.2005 | 04.10.2005 | 8 |
| 41/2005 | 361.500 | Richard HOWITT, David HAMMERSTEIN MINTZ, Ursula STENZEL, Admaos ADAMOU and Grażyna STANISZEWSKA | Theumatic diseases | 05.07.2005 | 05.10.2005 | 200 |
| 42/2005 | 361.499 | Jean-Claude MARTINEZ | A way out of the EU crisis | 06.07.2005 | 06.10.2005 | 2 |

COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS AND DRAFTSMEN

(Referral: R = Responsible / O = Opinion)

| Name | Subject | Committee | Date | Proc. |
|--|---|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Papastamkos Georgios (EPP-ED) | Interinstitutional agreement on the operating framework for the European regulatory agencies | AFCO (R) | 13/07/2005 | 2005/2035(ACI) |
| Voggenhuber Johannes (Verts/ALE) Duff Andrew (ALDE) | The period of reflection: the structure, subjects and context for an assessment of the debate on the European Union | AFCO (R) | 13/07/2005 | 2005/2146(INI) |
| Berès Pervenche (PSE) | Citizenship of the Union - fourth report | AFCO (O) | 13/07/2005 | 2005/2060(INI) |
| Brok Elmar (EPP-ED) | Common foreign and security policy 2004 | AFET (R) | 28/06/2005 | 2005/2134(INI) |
| Brok Elmar (EPP-ED) | Mobilisation of the flexibility instrument - tsunami | AFET (O) | 21/06/2005 | 2005/2083(ACI) |
| Ouzký Miroslav (EPP-ED) | Conclusion of an agreement between the EC and Albania on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation | AFET (O) | 30/03/2005 | 2004/0033(CNS) |
| Berman Thijs (PSE) | Minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production | AGRI (R) | 15/06/2005 | 2005/0099(CNS) |
| Gill Neena (PSE) | Specific programme 'Fight against violence (Daphne) and drugs prevention and information' (2007-2013) | BUDG (O) | 09/06/2005 | 2005/0037(COD) |
| Gill Neena (PSE) | Specific programme: Civil justice (2007-2013) | BUDG (O) | 09/06/2005 | 2005/0040(COD) |

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| Lewandowski Janusz (EPP-ED) | Deployment and commercial operating phases of the European programme of satellite radionavigation | BUDG (O) | 26/10/2004 | 2004/0156(COD) |
| Lewandowski Janusz (EPP-ED) | Improvement of the environmental performance of the freight transport system ('Marco Polo II') | BUDG (O) | 26/10/2004 | 2004/0157(COD) |
| Lewandowski Janusz (EPP-ED) | Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - PROGRESS | BUDG (O) | 26/10/2004 | 2004/0158(COD) |
| Trüpel Helga (Verts/ALE) | Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning | BUDG (O) | 31/01/2005 | 2004/0153(COD) |
| Fjellner Christofer (EPP-ED) | Posts of accounting officers of executive agencies (amendment of regulation) | CONT (R) | 13/06/2005 | 2005/0903(CNS) |
| Descamps Marie-Hélène (EPP-ED) | Trans-Atlantic economic relations | CULT (O) | 16/06/2005 | 2005/2082(INI) |
| Lehideux Bernard (ALDE) | Measures for Sugar Protocol countries | DEVE (R) | 24/05/2005 | 2005/0117(COD) |
| Kauppi Piia-Noora (EPP-ED) | Markets in financial instruments with regard to certain deadlines | ECON (R) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0111(COD) |
| Mann Thomas (EPP-ED) | Chemicals: REACH system and European Chemicals Agency (amendment of Directive 1999/45/EC and regulation on pollutants) | EMPL (O) | 28/07/2004 | 2003/0256(COD) |
| Silva Peneda José Albino (EPP-ED) | Innovation and competitiveness (2007-2013) | EMPL (O) | 24/05/2005 | 2005/0050(COD) |
| Blokland Johannes (IND/DEM) | Shipments of waste | ENVI (R) | 12/07/2005 | 2003/0139(COD) |
| Doyle Avril (EPP-ED) | Fluorinated greenhouse gases | ENVI (R) | 12/07/2005 | 2003/0189A(COD) |

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| Doyle Avril (EPP-ED) | Emissions from motor vehicle air-conditioning systems | ENVI (R) | 12/07/2005 | 2003/0189B(COD) |
| Matsakis Marios (ALDE) | Community strategy concerning mercury | ENVI (R) | 24/05/2005 | 2005/2050(INI) |
| Sjöstedt Jonas (GUE/NGL) | Extractive industries: waste management | ENVI (R) | 27/07/2004 | 2003/0107(COD) |
| Kauppi Pii-Noora (EPP-ED) | The 'Youth in Action' programme for the period 2007-2013 | FEMM (O) | 17/03/2005 | 2004/0152(COD) |
| Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou Marie (EPP-ED) | Programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007) | FEMM (O) | 20/06/2005 | 2004/0151(COD) |
| Thomsen Britta (PSE) | Research, technological development and demonstration activities (seventh framework programme, 2007-2013) | FEMM (O) | 20/06/2005 | 2005/0043(COD) |
| Manders Toine (ALDE) | New aspects of public procurement policy, including electronic public procurement | IMCO (R) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/2081(INI) |
| Thyssen Marianne (EPP-ED) | This title is not currently available in all languages. Programme d'action communautaire dans le domaine de la protection des consommateurs (2007-2013) | IMCO (R) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0042B(COD) |
| Zappalà Stefano (EPP-ED) | Coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts | IMCO (R) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0100(COD) |
| Coveney Simon (EPP-ED) | European electronic communications regulation and markets 2004 | IMCO (O) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/2052(INI) |

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| Whitehead Phillip (PSE) | Innovation and competitiveness (2007-2013) | IMCO (O) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0050(COD) |
| Berger Maria (PSE) | Request to defend the parliamentary immunity of Mr Peczak | JURI (R) | 15/06/2005 | 2005/2128(IMM) |
| Lehne Klaus-Heiner (EPP-ED) | Request that Mr Pannella's immunity be waived | JURI (R) | 20/06/2005 | 2005/2138(IMM) |
| Berger Maria (PSE) | Capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions (recast) | JURI (O) | 03/02/2005 | 2004/0155(COD) |
| López-Istúriz White Antonio (EPP-ED) | Chemicals: REACH system and European Chemicals Agency (amendment of Directive 1999/45/EC and regulation on pollutants) | JURI (O) | 13/07/2005 | 2003/0256(COD) |
| López-Istúriz White Antonio (EPP-ED) | Protocol to the Agreement between the EC and Iceland and Norway establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum | JURI (O) | 13/07/2005 | 2005/0031(CNS) |
| Varvitsiotis Ioannis (EPP-ED) | European enforcement order and the transfer of sentenced persons | LIBE (R) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0805(CNS) |
| Lambrinidis Stavros (PSE) | Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument for major emergencies | LIBE (O) | 04/07/2005 | 2005/0052(CNS) |
| Fraga Estévez Carmen (EPP-ED) | Transmission of applications for fishing licences to third countries | PECH (R) | 06/07/2005 | 2005/0110(CNS) |
| Hammerstein Mintz David (Verts/ALE) | Chemicals: REACH system and European Chemicals Agency (amendment of Directive 1999/45/EC and regulation on pollutants) | PETI (O) | 24/05/2005 | 2003/0256(COD) |

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| Costa Paolo (ALDE) | Agreement between the EC and Australia on certain aspects of air services | TRAN (R) | 29/08/2005 | 2005/0112(CNS) |
| Costa Paolo (ALDE) | Agreement between the EC and New Zealand on certain aspects of air services | TRAN (R) | 29/08/2005 | 2005/0113(CNS) |
| Ferber Markus (EPP-ED) | Application of the Postal Directive (Directive 97/67/EC as amended by Directive 2002/39/EC) | TRAN (R) | 02/05/2005 | 2005/2086(INI) |
| de Grandes Pascual Luis (EPP-ED) | Funding to deal with pollution caused by ships | TRAN (R) | 28/06/2005 | 2005/0098(COD) |
| Jałowiecki Stanisław (EPP-ED) | Trans-Atlantic economic relations | TRAN (O) | 01/07/2005 | 2005/2082(INI) |

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Reports and Communications

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| Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Tenth anniversary of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership: A work programme to meet the challenges of the next five years | AFET INTA | COM(2005)0139 |
| Communication from the Commission: A European Future for Kosovo | AFET INTA | COM(2005)0156 |
| Commission Communication: Compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights in Commission legislative proposals - Methodology for systematic and rigorous monitoring | LIBE AFCO | COM(2005)0172 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: A European Programme for Action to Confront HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis through External Action (2007-2011) | DEVE INTA BUDG ENVI FEMM | COM(2005)0179 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Review of the Scope of Universal Service in accordance with Article 15 of Directive 2002/22/EC | ITRE ECON IMCO | COM(2005)0203 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council on European policies concerning youth: Addressing the concerns of young people in Europe - implementing the European Youth Pact and promoting active citizenship | CULT EMPL LIBE FEMM | COM(2005)0206 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Reports from Member States on conduct which seriously infringed the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in 2003 | PECH ENVI | COM(2005)0207 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Non-discrimination and equal opportunities for all - A framework strategy | LIBE AFET DEVE EMPL CULT FEMM | COM(2005)0224 |

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| Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: "i2010 - A European Information Society for growth and employment" | ITRE ECON EMPL CULT | COM(2005)0229 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Public finances in EMU - 2005 | ECON BUDG | COM(2005)0231 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: "Developing a strategic concept on tackling organised crime" | LIBE | COM(2005)0232 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a Global Partnership in the Information Society: The Contribution of the European Union to the Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) | ITRE DEVE CULT | COM(2005)0234 |
| Proposal for a Council decision amending for the purposes of adapting to the technical progress the Annex to Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment | ENVI ITRE | COM(2005)0241 |
| Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on experience acquired in the work carried out pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 of 25 May 1998 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road | TRAN | COM(2005)0242 |
| Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of macro-financial assistance to third countries in 2004 | INTA AFET BUDG | COM(2005)0245 |
| Commission Communication to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework | CONT | COM(2005)0252 |
| Proposal for a Council decision concerning the position of the Community on Decision No 1/2005 of the Community/Switzerland Inland Transport Committee on the creation of a joint observatory for traffic in the Alpine region | TRAN | COM(2005)0255 |
| Report from the Commission: Annual Report from the Commission on the Guarantee Fund and its Management in 2004 | BUDG AFET DEVE INTA CONT | COM(2005)0262 |

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| Commission Communication to the Council and the European Parliament: Implementing the Community Strategy to Reduce CO2 Emissions from Cars: Fifth annual Communication on the effectiveness of the strategy | ENVI ITRE TRAN | COM(2005)0269 |
| Commission Communication to the Council and the European Parliament on the evaluation of the cooperation programmes between the European Community and the United States of America in the field of higher education and vocational education and training and between the European Community and Canada in the fields of higher education and training | CULT EMPL | COM(2005)0274 |
| Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee: Launching a debate on a Community approach towards eco-labelling schemes for fisheries products | ENVI PECH | COM(2005)0275 |
| This title is not currently available in all languages. Communication de la Commission au Conseil et au Parlement européen - Informations financières sur les Fonds européens de Développement | BUDG DEVE CONT | COM(2005)0287 |
| Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the deployment of the European rail signalling system ERTMS/ETCS (Text with EEA relevance) | TRAN | COM(2005)0298 |
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| Commission staff working paper: Monitoring of ACEA's Commitment on CO2 Emission Reductions from Passenger Cars(2003) Monitoring of JAMA's Commitment on CO2 Emission Reductions from Passenger Cars (2003) Monitoring of KAMA's Commitment on CO2 Emission Reductions from Passenger Cars (2003) | ENVI ITRE TRAN | SEC(2005)0826 |
| Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure - Early warning system - No 1-5/2005 | CONT BUDG AGRI | SEC(2005)0827 |

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| Commission staff working document : Annex to the Communication from the Commission on civil society dialogue between EU and Candidate countries - Impact assessment | AFET EMPL REGI CULT LIBE FEMM | SEC(2005)0891 |
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| Commission staff working document : Annex to the Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region : Annual Report 2004" | AFET INTA | SEC(2005)0922 |
| * Document de travail des services de la Commission : Annexe au Rapport de la Commission au Conseil et au Parlement européen «Évolution et implications du droit des brevets dans le domaine de la biotechnologie et du génie génétique» | JURI ENVI ITRE | SEC(2005)0943 |
| Commission staff working paper - Annex to the : Green paper on the enhancement of the eu framework for investment funds Background Paper | ECON JURI | SEC(2005)0947 |
| Commission staff working document - Towards a european qualifications framework for lifelong learning | CULT EMPL | SEC(2005)0957 |
| Commission staff working document - Requirements for conducting public procurement using electronic means under the new public procurement Directives 2004/18/EC and 2004/17/EC | IMCO ITRE LIBE | SEC(2005)0959 |
| Commission staff working document - Qualitative assessment of the reform of external assistance | DEVE AFET INTA BUDG FEMM | SEC(2005)0963 |

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| * Document de travail des services de la Commission : Annexe au Rapport 2004 de la Commission sur la protection des intérêts financiers des Communautés et la lutte contre la fraude - Mise en œuvre de l'article 280 par les États membres en 2004 | CONT BUDG IMCO REGI AGRI | SEC(2005)0973 |
| Commission staff working document : Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - Common Actions for Growth and Employment : The Community Lisbon Programme | ECON EMPL ENVI ITRE TRAN REGI AGRI CULT FEMM | SEC(2005)0981 |
| Commission staff working document : Work Programme for 2005 for the implementation of the Framework Strategy on Gender Equality | FEMM EMPL CULT LIBE | SEC(2005)1044 |

* These documents are not available in English.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

63/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Presidential elections in Guinea-Bissau**

Brussels, 27 June 2005

The European Union is pleased to note that the first round of the Presidential elections in Guinea Bissau was considered by international observers, in particular the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), to have been peaceful and generally well administered in line with essential international principles for democratic elections. The European Union congratulates the people of Guinea Bissau for turning out in large numbers to demonstrate a clear commitment to peace and democracy, and notes that the armed forces have supported the conduct of a democratic election process.

The European Union calls upon all candidates and political parties to respect the results of the first round of the elections and to allow for the successful completion of the democratic electoral process without further tensions.

The European Union is ready to continue to support Guinea-Bissau in order to ensure the full return to democratic legitimacy in the country. In this regard, the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) that has been deployed in Guinea-Bissau will continue its mission during the second round of the presidential elections.

The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries 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, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

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

64/2005/rev.1**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the signing of the agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the LTTE**

Brussels, 28 June 2005

The European Union welcomes the agreement on the joint decision-making mechanism for post-tsunami reconstruction which has just been signed and commends the President of Sri Lanka, her Government and the LTTE on this very positive and constructive step. This mechanism will considerably facilitate post-tsunami reconstruction in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The European Union particularly welcomes the fact that it will include all stakeholders, especially the Muslim community. Cooperation within the framework of the P-TOMS will also help to build trust among the parties to the Sri Lankan peace process.

The European Union calls on all parties to ensure that the P-TOMS becomes operational as soon as possible, so that the urgent needs of all tsunami victims can be addressed without further delay. The European Union confirms its readiness to assist all parties with the establishment of the mechanism and with its effective functioning. The European Union confirms its announcement that it will commit substantial resources to the *Trust Fund* to finance projects decided on via the mechanism, once it has been established.

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66/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the presidential elections in Iran**
Brussels, 28 June 2005

The European Union notes the results of the second round of the presidential elections in Iran, which saw Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad elected President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr Ahmadinejad faces major challenges, both domestically and in matters of foreign policy.

The European Union notes the Interior Minister's statements on the unsatisfactory conduct of the presidential elections. It regrets the fact that a very large majority of candidates, including many reformists and all the women, were excluded from the elections, making a genuine democratic choice difficult for the Iranian people.

The European Union hopes that during Mr Ahmadinejad's presidency, Iran will meet all its international commitments and that it will, in particular, continue the effective implementation of the Paris agreement of 15 November 2004. It confirms that the European Union is ready to continue looking into ways of further developing political and economic cooperation with Iran, in keeping with the measures which Iran will take to respond to EU concerns in connection with the nuclear programme, the fight against terrorism, human rights and Iran's approach to the Middle East peace process.

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67/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the resumption of the Abuja talks**
Brussels, 29 June 2005

The European Union welcomes the resumption of African Union-led talks on 10 June and urges the government of Sudan and the rebel groups to maintain the momentum of the Abuja talks and to reach a political solution to the conflict in Darfur as a matter of immediate priority. The European Union will continue to follow closely the negotiations in Abuja.

In this respect, the European Union reiterates its call upon all parties to the conflict to scrupulously respect the cease-fire agreement and urges all sides to be represented in Abuja at the highest possible level, and to negotiate in good faith. The European Union fully supports the African Union mediation and welcomes the appointment of Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim as the African Union Special Envoy for the Inter-Sudanese Political Talks on Darfur. The European Union urges the parties to fully cooperate with the African Union mediation team. The European Union recalls that, under Security Council Resolution 1591, sanctions can be taken by the sanctions' Committee particularly against those obstructing the peace process.

The European Union will continue to provide the African Union with full support for its expanded mission in Darfur. The European Union urges the government of Sudan and the rebel groups to cooperate fully with the African Union monitoring mission and to refrain from obstructing the work of humanitarian organizations in order to ensure a secure and stable environment.

The European Union is committed to peace throughout Sudan and calls on the Government of Sudan and the Eastern Front to cease all attacks in the East and to urgently reach a political settlement.

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68/2005

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Tibet
Brussels, 6 July 2005

The European Union welcomes the fourth round of talks between the envoys of the Dalai Lama and members of the Chinese Government that took place at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Berne, Switzerland on 30 June and 1 July 2005.

The EU strongly supports the continuation of dialogue which it hopes will bring about serious negotiations leading to a peaceful and sustainable solution for Tibet that both sides agree upon.

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69/2005

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on parliamentary elections in Burundi
Brussels, 8 July 2005

The European Union welcomes the peaceful conduct of the National Assembly elections in Burundi on 4 July. These elections represent an important step in Burundi's transition towards democracy and durable peace. The EU congratulates the Burundian people who showed their commitment to ensuring a stable and democratic future for their country.

The EU further welcomes the work of the European Union Observation Mission in Burundi and its conclusions that the elections were, despite some minor irregularities and allegations of fraud, generally in accordance with international standards. The EU also acknowledges the key role played by the CENI (National Electoral Commission) in organising, and by ONUB and the international community in facilitating these polls. The EU commends the active role of the Regional Initiative and its strong political support to the holding of the elections.

The EU calls upon all parties in Burundi to respect the results of these elections and to continue to demonstrate their commitment to democracy. The EU urges the parties to refrain from any action that would negatively affect the electoral process or undermine progress made.

The EU reiterates its commitment to accompanying Burundi towards a successful conclusion to the transition and to building a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future.

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70/2005

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the signature,
on 5 July, of the "Declaration of Principles for the resolution
of the Sudanese conflict in Darfur"**

Brussels, 8 July 2005

The European Union welcomes the signature, on 5 July, in Abuja, Nigeria, of the "Declaration of Principles for the resolution of the Sudanese conflict in Darfur". The European Union congratulates the parties on this achievement, which constitutes an important step towards peace in Darfur. The European Union also commends the African Union-led mediation team, under the chairmanship of Special Envoy Dr Salim A. Salim, for its unrelenting efforts, during often challenging negotiations, to secure this agreement.

The European Union notes that the conflict in Darfur and the major humanitarian crisis can be ended only by political dialogue and reconciliation. The European Union therefore welcomes Dr Salim's announcement that talks will resume in Abuja on 24 August and urges the parties to seize this opportunity to resolve their differences and bring peace to Darfur. The European Union calls on them to return to Abuja on the date specified, and urges them to negotiate flexibly and in good faith, within the parameters agreed in the Declaration of Principles.

The European Union reiterates its call upon all sides to respect the ceasefire and to abide by all agreements into which they have entered, particularly the Abuja Humanitarian and Security Protocols.

The European Union also expresses its commitment fully to implement the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions on Sudan, and recalls that measures, including but not limited to sanctions, will be taken against those who violate their obligations under these Resolutions.

The European Union further expresses its commitment to ensuring an end to impunity for the crimes committed in Darfur, and calls on the Government of Sudan and other parties to co-operate fully with the International Criminal Court, in accordance with UNSCR 1593.

The European Union reiterates its commitment to a peaceful, prosperous and democratic Sudan, and recalls that this will require a resolution to the conflict in Darfur. To this end the European Union expresses its continued and strong support for the AU-mediated peace talks in Abuja.

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71/2005

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the inauguration of the new Sudanese Presidency on 9 July

Brussels, 11 July 2005

The EU warmly welcomes the inauguration today (9 July) of the Presidency of the new Government of National Unity in Sudan. This is a vital and historic step in implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, signed on 9 January 2005, which brought to an end more than twenty years of brutal civil war.

The EU reiterates its determination to support the Sudanese in implementing this agreement, which paves the way for a more transparent, pluralist and democratic system of government. The EU calls on the new Sudanese Presidency to establish quickly the full Government of National Unity, and to ensure that implementation of the Agreement is a fully inclusive process. To this end we also welcome the signature of the agreement between the parties and the Northern Democratic Alliance on 18 June.

There can be no comprehensive peace in Sudan without an end to the conflict in Darfur. The EU expresses its hope that the new Presidency will take urgent steps to resolve the crisis there through peaceful means. The new Presidency must also continue to act with restraint in the East of the country.

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72/2005

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the resumption of the Six Party Talks

Brussels, 13 July 2005

The European Union welcomes the announcement that the six party talks are to resume in the week beginning 25 July. The EU strongly hopes that substantial progress will be made in the fourth round of talks. The EU reiterates its commitment to a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons, and urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to dismantle its nuclear programmes. The EU stands ready to do what we can to support the parties in achieving this goal.

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73/2005

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning
the latest developments in the Bakassi Peninsula**
Brussels, 13 July 2005

The European Union (EU) is concerned at reports of security incidents in Bakassi. The EU deeply regrets all incidents and any resulting casualties. The EU urges Nigeria and Cameroon to work constructively together to establish the facts of the incidents and to defuse any resultant tension. The EU also encourages both sides to meet under the auspices of the UN Mixed Commission as soon as practical.

The EU reiterates its support for the International Court of Justice ruling in 2002, and the work of the UN Mixed Commission. We applaud the progress made so far on the demarcation and settlement of other parts of the Nigeria-Cameroon border, and call on both sides to finalise demarcation.

The EU stresses the importance of both Nigeria and Cameroon continuing to engage constructively with the United Nations Secretary General and his Special Representative for West Africa to implement their commitment to bring the ongoing negotiations on their border in the area of the Bakassi Peninsula to a swift, successful and mutually agreeable conclusion.

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74/2005

**Joint statement of the European Union and the United States
on Ethiopia of July 13, 2005**
Brussels, 13 July 2005

The European Union and the United States commend the Ethiopian people for their peaceful and democratic expression of political will on May 15. The international community urges in the strongest terms that all parties to the elections and the government abide by their commitment to the June 10 and June 13 2005 declarations. All parties should renounce all use of violence, inflammatory, defamatory or ethnic hate messages via the media or internet, and any other action that is likely to further increase tension in Ethiopia.

The European Union and the United States expect all political parties and the government to abide by the political process through parliamentary and constitutional means to resolve this election crisis. We urge all parties to participate fully in the Complaints Investigation Panel Process. All dissenting views need to be registered and the personal safety of witnesses ensured. Where there are procedural or other problems these need to be addressed swiftly and constructively.

We urge the nation's political leaders as well as those in the Diaspora to work together for political dialogue and support open communication towards reconciliation and a commitment to peace and non-violence. We note the announcement by the National Electoral Board on 8 July of the first set of final election results, and call on all sides to dedicate their efforts to ensure that the electoral process continues to be carried out in a transparent and fully open manner.

We expect all political parties including the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), the Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD) and the United Ethiopian Democratic Forces (UEDF) to respect the political process with the National Electoral Board and continue working for the promotion of democracy and a vibrant society. We urge the government of Ethiopia to respect international principles of human rights by exercising due process and releasing detained party members and party supporters who are not going to be charged.

The European Union and the United States will assist Ethiopia as it meets these new democratic challenges. The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries 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, EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

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75/2005/rev.1

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on
the release of Burmese/Myanmar political prisoners**

Brussels, 15 July 2005

The European Union notes that the Burma/Myanmar Government freed up to 250 political prisoners on 6 July. Amongst those confirmed to have been released are National League for Democracy MPs-elect Sein Hla Oo and Soe Myint, poet Aung Pwint, student activists, NLD youth wing members, Buddhist monks, and several members of the Karen National Union who had been jailed since the early 1980s.

These releases are a welcome step towards national reconciliation in Burma/Myanmar.

The EU looks forward to the immediate release of all remaining political detainees without condition in order to enable the participation of all social and political forces in the reconciliation process.

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76/2005/rev.1

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
expressing sympathy for the Eritrean victims of Tuesday's bus crash**
Brussels, 15 July 2005

The European Union expresses its condolences to the Government and people of Eritrea for the tragic bus crash that claimed many lives on 12 July and would like to extend its sympathy to the victims and their families.

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77/2005/rev.1

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the killing of a peace activist in Somalia**
Brussels, 18 July 2005

The European Union joins others in condemning unequivocally the brutal murder, on the morning of 10 July, of the respected Somali peace and reconciliation activist, Abdulkadir Yahya Ali. This action deprived Somalia of a person who had worked ceaselessly to help bring stability and good government.

The European Union sends its condolences to Yahya's family and friends.

The European Union expresses its deep concern that this and other concurrent acts of violence could create further tensions within the peace process. The European Union reiterates its unequivocal support to the Transitional Federal Institutions as the only framework for peace, stability and governance to Somalia. The European Union appeals to all Somalis to refrain from violent acts and to recognise that inclusive dialogue is the only way to resolve their differences.

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78/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union,
on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism**
Brussels, 29 July 2005

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

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79/2005/rev.1

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
concerning the recent events in Zimbabwe**
Brussels, 28 July 2005

The European Union welcomes the report of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy, Anna Tibaijuka, on the Government of Zimbabwe's Operation Restore Order.

The European Union notes the Special Envoy's findings that Operation Restore Order was indiscriminate and unjustified; conducted with indifference to human suffering; illegal under domestic and international law; and has caused a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions. In this respect, the EU encourages the international community to provide unconditional humanitarian assistance to the population in need.

The European Union joins the Special Envoy in calling on the Government of Zimbabwe to halt immediately all further demolitions; facilitate unrestricted access for international humanitarian assistance; and to bring those directly responsible to justice.

The European Union also joins the Special Envoy in calling the Government of Zimbabwe to undertake corrective policy reforms in macro-economic management and governance issues. The European Union shares the view of the Special Envoy that the Government of Zimbabwe should promote real internal dialogue with the Zimbabwean civil society and with the international community.

The European Union calls upon the African Union and the Southern African Development Community to raise the human rights situation with the Government of Zimbabwe and urge it to address the profoundly distressing effects of the Operation Restore Order.

The European Union recalls that Zimbabwe's compliance with its benchmarks would constitute positive steps leading towards the normalisation of relations. The European Union also recalls the Conclusions of the 18 July General Affairs and External Relations Council, which underlined the European Union's profound concern and reaffirmed that the European Union will keep its policy towards Zimbabwe under constant review, including on restrictive measures.

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81/2005/rev.1

**Declaration on behalf of the European Union
on the Economic Situation and Civil Disturbance in Yemen**
Brussels, 4 August 2005

The EU regrets the recent violence, which resulted in a large number of deaths, related to the reduction in fuel subsidies in Yemen. We oppose the use of violence and call on all parties to act with restraint, and to reconcile differences through dialogue. The EU supports and encourages a strong civil society, with full and genuine participation by all in political processes, including through right of people to assemble and to express their views.

A reduction in fuel subsidies is one of several necessary steps to reduce poverty in Yemen. The EU, along with other states and institutions, have stressed the importance of taking such measures. But, equally vital, is a serious and immediate effort to reduce poverty in Yemen to compensate for these reforms. The EU supports the Government of Yemen's Poverty Reduction Strategy, and would like to see it fully integrated into the national budget.

The EU would like to see Yemen achieve long term economic stability and prosperity. This can only be achieved if (1) more opportunities for economic growth are encouraged, particularly for the poor, (2) corruption is tackled effectively, (3) there is better access to education and health for all citizens, and (4) democracy is strengthened, with greater respect for human rights and the rule of law.

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82/2005

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the elections in Guinea-Bissau**

Brussels, 1 August 2005

The European Union is pleased to note that the second round of the Presidential elections in Guinea-Bissau was considered by international observers, in particular the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), to have been peaceful and generally well organised in a transparent and inclusive manner, in line with international principles for democratic elections. Voters were able to exercise their franchise freely, despite a tense pre-election period.

The European Union congratulates the people of Guinea-Bissau for turning out peacefully to demonstrate a clear commitment to peace and democracy, and notes that the armed forces have supported the conduct of a democratic election process. The European Union also congratulates the National Election Commission for its successful and professional work through the electoral process.

The European Union notes the provisional regional results, published on 28 July, and calls on all political parties and stakeholders to ensure that the remaining part of the election process will be completed in good order and in line with constitutional and other legal provisions.

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83/2005

**Declaration from the Presidency on behalf of
the European Union on Belarus**
Brussels, 2 August 2005

The European Union expresses its deep concern at recent developments in Belarus which demonstrate once again the systematic and increasing repression of civil society, the political opposition and the independent media.

The EU condemns recent actions by the Belarusian authorities against the Union of Poles in Belarus and the government's interference in the activities of this independent non-governmental organisation. The EU believes such interference undermines minority rights, thereby contravening standards of governance to which Belarus has signed up to as part of its OSCE commitments. The EU calls on the Government of Belarus to reverse its repressive policy against its own citizens and to ensure full compliance with its human rights obligations, including on minorities.

The EU also condemns the sentences passed recently against Nikolai Statkevich and Pavel Severinets for their role in organising demonstrations after the flawed elections in October 2004, and the sentence passed against Andrey Klimov for organising a demonstration on 25 March 2005. The EU believes that these trials were politically motivated.

The EU further recalls its previous declarations concerning persons imprisoned for politically motivated reasons, and continues to request their release. Freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate are inalienable human rights which the EU calls on Belarus to respect. The EU also regrets the increasing obstacles faced by independent newspapers in their efforts to operate freely and remains concerned at the level of fines levied against them.

The EU is disappointed that the actions of the Belarusian government continue to hinder the development of closer EU-Belarus relations and prevent the Belarusian people from enjoying the benefits of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The EU will continue to follow developments closely and will keep under review its policy towards Belarus in response to these actions.

The EU reiterates its standing commitment to continue assisting Belarusian civil society and the population at large in their efforts to promote a democratic and pluralistic society in Belarus.

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84/2005

**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Ugandan referendum**

Brussels, 5 August 2005

The European Union welcomes the decision of the Ugandan people, in their referendum of 28 July, to endorse the re-introduction of a multi-party political system. The European Union considers this a significant step forward for democratic accountability in Uganda.

It is important that the 2006 elections are seen by all parties to be free and fair. The European Union accordingly looks forward to the government standing by its commitment to separate the Movement from the State, and to Parliament adopting the necessary legislation for a multi-party system by the end of September 2005.

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85/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on
the release of Professor Bandazhevsky**

Brussels, 12 August 2005

The European Union welcomes the release of Professor Yuri Bandazhevsky on parole and hopes that the Belarusian authorities will now allow Professor Bandazhevsky to return to his work on the impact of the Chernobyl disaster. The EU has frequently expressed its concern at the Professor's imprisonment and recalls its repeated requests for the release of Professor Bandazhevsky and other political prisoners.

The EU understands that Professor Bandazhevsky is in good spirits and good health and that he is eager to continue his research. The EU hopes that Professor Bandazhevsky will be free to lend his expertise to the Conference scheduled for April 2006 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

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86/2005

**Declaration on behalf of the European Union on
Iran's Unilateral Resumption of Activity at the Uranium Conversion Facility in Esfahan**
Brussels, 17 August 2005

The EU is deeply concerned by Iran's unilateral resumption of activity at the Uranium Conversion Facility in Esfahan.

The IAEA Board of Governors has repeatedly asked Iran to suspend all enrichment related and reprocessing activities, including conversion, as an essential confidence building measure. Long term confidence-building is needed in view of Iran's record of breaching safeguards obligations and failure to co-operate with the IAEA over a long period of time.

The EU welcomes the resolution adopted by consensus at the IAEA Board on 11 August. The resolution is a clear and united signal from the international community that Iran returns to suspending all conversion activities without delay.

The full suspension is essential if a process of dialogue on long-term arrangements is to continue on the basis of the Paris Agreement. The EU fully supports this process. The EU calls on Iran to reconsider its decision to reject without discussion the proposals made by France, Germany and the UK, with the support of the EU High Representative. These offer the prospect of an improved relationship, on the basis of mutual co-operation, while providing objective guarantees to the international community that Iran would use its nuclear programme for exclusively peaceful purposes. They consequently make clear the European side's readiness, in the context of an overall agreement, to support the development of a safe, economically viable and proliferation proof civilian nuclear programme in Iran.

Iran faces an important choice. The door remains open for Iran to continue negotiations within the framework established by the Paris Agreement by urgently halting all uranium conversion work and recommitting itself to full suspension. The EU's strong hope is that Iran will take this course.

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87/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Turkmenistan-Tajik refugees**

Brussels, 18 August 2005

The European Union is encouraged by the announcement by the Turkmen authorities on 4 August that around 16,000 refugees from the Tajik civil war have been granted Turkmen citizenship and permission for permanent residence in Turkmenistan.

The European Union calls upon the Turkmen authorities to build upon this positive move and take further steps towards its commitments to international law in the sphere of human rights.

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88/2005

**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the trial of Sam Rainsy Party members in Cambodia**

Brussels, 19 August 2005

The European Union regrets the way in which the trial of Sam Rainsy Party opposition members Cheam Channy and Khom Piseth was conducted, and the verdict passed on them by a military tribunal in Phnom Penh on 9 August, following charges of organised crime (recruiting an illegal armed force) and fraud.

The credibility of the verdict has been seriously flawed by the military tribunal's non-observance of a number of the defendants' legal rights. The European Union is also concerned about the lack of an effectively functioning judiciary in Cambodia and any politicisation of the armed forces, and attaches importance to the clear separation of powers, to the independence of the judiciary and to the absence of any political interference in the judiciary and the armed forces.

We note that Cheam Channy and Khom Piseth can lodge an appeal at the civil appeal court and ask His Majesty the King and Head of State for a pardon.

The European Union urges the political leadership of Cambodia to allow all political parties to operate without hindrance or intimidation. The European Union expresses the hope that, in the interest of a harmonious national development, all political leaders will recognise their duty to perform their respective functions according to the law and in a constructive way.

The European Union will continue to closely follow the situation.

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Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on disengagement
Brussels, 25 August 2005

The European Union welcomes the historic progress made on Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and parts of the northern West Bank. It commends the Israeli Government and Palestinian Authority for their commitment to overcome the difficult challenges they face.

The European Union pays tribute to the courage of Prime Minister Sharon, and the Israeli Government, for implementing the disengagement plan, and to the Israeli security forces for their conduct. It also recognises the commitment of the Palestinian Authority in assisting a peaceful withdrawal. It applauds the close coordination between both sides and encourages them to continue on this path. It welcomes, and urges the continuation of, the restraint shown by the majority of Israelis and Palestinians.

The European Union believes that disengagement should be a significant step towards implementing the Quartet Roadmap. It encourages both parties to continue their cooperation on the remaining steps to complete disengagement, including their close work with Quartet Special Envoy for Disengagement, James Wolfensohn, on the key areas that he has identified.

The European Union reiterates its undertaking to assist both sides in advancing the peace process and achieving the goal of coexistence of the two States through the creation of a viable Palestinian State, living side by side with Israel in peace and security, in the framework of a just, lasting and comprehensive settlement of the conflict.

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**Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on
the Presidential elections in Burundi**

Brussels, 23 August 2005

The European Union congratulates Pierre Nkurunziza on his victory in the Burundian presidential elections on 19 August. This election should contribute significantly to securing Burundi's future as a democratic and stable country.

The European Union would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all those who have combined their efforts to make the electoral process a success so far: the National Electoral Commission (CENI), ONUB and the EU Observation Mission, but in particular the Burundian people, who turned out in such large numbers to elect their new leaders.

The European Union welcomes President Nkurunziza's recent statements, in which he undertook to adopt an inclusive approach to governing Burundi. The European Union calls on all parties in Burundi to maintain their commitment to democracy and the Burundian peace process, and to work constructively with the new government.

The European Union reiterates its commitment to supporting the remainder of the electoral process. The European Union will continue its support to Burundi as it builds a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future, and looks forward to working with the new government on the key issues of development, reconstruction, justice and human rights.

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PLENARY ASSEMBLY ON 13 AND 14 JULY 2005

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The plenary session was attended by **Mr Douglas Alexander**, British Minister of State for Europe, on behalf of the Presidency-in-Office of the Council of the European Union, who presented the priorities of the UK Presidency and **Mr Ján Figel**, Member of the European Commission, who addressed the Assembly on education, training, culture and multilingualism. Furthermore, structured debates were held on Europe's current situation and on Communicating Europe.

1. SOCIAL POLICY

- *Social Agenda*

- **Rapporteur:** Ms Engelen-Kefer (Employees – DE)

- **References:** COM(2005) 33 final – CESE 846/2005

– **Key points:**

Special expectations are bound up with the new Social Agenda for the period 2006-2010

The EESC takes the view that growth and employment alone do not automatically bring about an improvement in the social situation, even though more growth is a key prerequisite for tackling unemployment and improving the social situation.

The task of European social policy is to safeguard and develop the European social model through the use of effective instruments at EU level. The special contribution made by social policy comprises: the European Employment Strategy (EES); coordination measures taken with a view to promoting social integration and reforming social security schemes; and the upward alignment of living and working conditions through the establishment of social standards of an adequate level.

The EESC welcomes the European Commission's Communication on the Social Agenda, which helps to underline the importance of social policy and the achievement of the Lisbon objectives. Despite the strategic approach which it pursues, the communication does not, however, meet, in all respects, the special expectations bound up with the mid-term review of the Lisbon Strategy.

The EESC expects the strategic framework to be complemented by concrete measures. In the EESC's view, the new Social Agenda should go hand-in-hand with an action programme covering the next five years and take greater account of the findings and proposals of the High Level Group on the Future of Social Policy in the Enlarged EU.

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2. ENTREPRISE POLICY – REVITALISING AND MONITORING SECTORAL ACTIVITIES

- **Company relocations**
- **Rapporteur:** Mr Rodríguez García-Caro (Employers – ES)
- **Co-rapporteur:** Mr Nusser (delegate, Cat. 3 – DE)

- **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 891/2005

– **Key points:**

The choice of business location is a strategic issue which requires the consideration of numerous aspects of a very different nature. These are described in the opinion

Relocation represents a dual challenge for European society: firstly, relocation to other Member States, in search of better conditions; secondly, the relocation to non-EU states, such as Southeast Asian countries or countries with emerging economies, particularly China.

Relocation, apart from being the direct cause of job losses, could also bring other, associated problems, such as an increase in social security costs for governments, increased social exclusion, and less economic growth overall, partly as a result of a general demand shortfall. Despite these effects, restructuring must not be synonymous with social decline and a loss of economic substance; it is often essential to the survival and development of enterprises, although it is necessary to accompany these changes in such a way as to ensure that their effects on employment and working conditions are as short-lived and limited as possible.

In order to prevent, as far as possible, European companies from moving to other regions, certain key aspects of industrial policy must be reinforced:

- focus on education, training and skills, as human capital and know-how are competitive advantages;
- promote research and innovation, making sure that research leads to progress in industrial innovation;
- apply a competition policy that boosts industrial policy objectives;
- make consumers more aware of the consequences of their behaviour;
- increase public-private cooperation in key sectors;
- provide the EU with financial instruments to enable better anticipation and management of industrial change;
- invest in infrastructure to facilitate business activity;
- promote entrepreneurship and provide a favourable environment for establishing and developing business activity;
- develop and implement social policies that minimise the possible negative consequences of company relocations;
- strike a constructive and creative balance between the interests of the various stakeholders by means of real social dialogue;
- strive to set up global, competitive markets whose rules are obeyed by all. The EU must therefore act within these international bodies to ensure that these rules are respected and if not, to apply the existing mechanisms as effectively as possible.

The aim should be to promote new investment in Europe, retain existing investment and continue European investment abroad.

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- ***Coal and Steel Research***

- **Rapporteur:** Mr Lagerholm (Employers – SE)
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- **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 845/2005

- **Key points:**

After a period of transition of three years, the RFCS research programme has proved to be efficient and effective, having substantially integrated the network of experts of the former ECSC research programmes. The EESC recommends maintaining, for the foreseeable future, both the same consultative bodies (COSCO, SAG and CAG, Technical Groups) for the management of the programme and the same evaluation procedure. The EESC asks the Commission to consider how to increase the participation of experts in technical groups.

The EESC supports the establishment of European Technology Platforms in which both the steel and the coal sectors can find the appropriate environment for developing and coordinating their RTD policies and activities utilising all available European resources.

The EESC is strongly in favour of a rapid and substantial integration of enterprises, research centres and universities of the new Member States in the RFSC research programme and in the activities related to the relevant European Technology Platforms for the steel and coal sectors.

As far as the steel sector is concerned, the EESC identifies the following main issues:

- protecting the environment (reduction of CO₂ emissions in particular) and increasing energy efficiency constitute both major transversal issues in the RTD programmes;
- security and safety;
- attracting and securing qualified people;
- the consensus-based identification of priority specific themes for the Steel Technology Platform;
- the support of the European authorities in order that the steel sector platform be adopted as a priority platform that will benefit from a Joint Technology Initiative.

As far as the coal sector is concerned, the EESC welcomes the new European Energy Priorities stressing the significance of clean coal technologies for climate and environmental protection and the security of energy supply in the Union and announcing its commitment to clean coal technologies as a key priority for research in the 7th RTD Framework Programme.

The programme should aim, therefore, at the improvement of efficiency in order to reduce emissions and for a sustainable use of resources as well as CO₂ sequestration and storage measures. As the broader orientated European Mining Technology Platform will provide strategies and instruments for cross sectoral mining research, the complementary character of the RFCS programme should be retained and the programme should aim at specific coal mining RTD.

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● **Market access to port services**

– **Rapporteur:** Mr Ratureau (Employees – FR)

– **References:** COM(2004) 654 final – 2004/0240 COD – CESE 848/2005

– **Key points:**

A far less detailed framework directive providing sufficient scope for subsidiarity would appear preferable to the present draft directive.

Applying subsidiarity to the proposed legislation and ensuring coherence of port development policies at a local level is preferable to the uniform provisions outlined in this proposal for a Directive, given the extensive differences in size and type of ports.

Such a framework directive should not in any way affect the rights and obligations of Member States vis-à-vis their legislation on social and labour issues, public health, the environment, security, public order, or services of general interest. It should also take account of the Member States' international obligations, for instance, the ILO Maritime Conventions.

The EESC cannot but regret the fact that the draft directive lacks an impact assessment, which runs counter to the commitment to legislate better undertaken by the Commission since its White Paper on governance.

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- **REACH – legislation on chemical products**

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

- **References:** Additional opinion – CESE 850/2005

- **Key points:**

This additional opinion was initiated to follow-up and comment on the last developments in the debate on the EU's new chemicals legislation, REACH. It focuses mainly on:

- the latest impact assessment studies carried out by the Commission;
- the registration criteria and tasks;
- the different proposals discussed at the Council of Ministers.

The Committee proposes that in order to make REACH manageable the registration mechanism must specify clearly:

- the substances covered by the proposed system;
- its scope, in particular by specifying the criteria and the categories to be exempted (at present these are mentioned in several different articles of the regulation);
- the obligations regarding the flow of information between manufacturers, importers and downstream users (both industrial and professional) of the same substance;
- the mechanisms and incentives for forming consortia.

In this context, the Committee also stresses the need to avoid duplications of tests, not only in the case of experiments on animals. To avoid an unfair cost distribution for registration and testing, the Committee proposes:

- the reduction of the registration fee; this fee is modest in the case of small volumes but becomes considerable for larger ones. Article 10(2) currently proposes that the fee be reduced to one-third when the same set of data is submitted by several firms belonging to a consortium. A more significant reduction would be desirable;
- the sharing of the costs of animal testing between forum members (second paragraph of Article 28(1), and Article 50(1)). It does not seem fair to share the costs equally, without considering their respective production volume. The Committee thinks that it would be fairer to use criteria related to turnover of the substance concerned or the volumes sold over the preceding three years;
- the 50% share of the animal-testing costs sustained by previous registrants (Article 25(5) and (6)) seems even more unjust. For a late registrant, such a threshold could prove an insurmountable barrier to market entry.

The Opinion analyses some proposals discussed at the Council. The Committee warns that OSOR (One Substance One Registration), which aims to avoid multiple registrations, might raise questions concerning the conflict between mandatory data sharing and confidentiality. The Committee is in favour of the Maltese/Slovenian proposal on low-volume substances, which it believes does not alter the main features of REACH but still offers simple and flexible solutions. The Swedish proposal on substances in articles is also welcomed since it provides certain tools for dealing with this complicated issue. The Committee agrees that to make REACH work the rules on substances in articles need to be strengthened. The Committee also supports the French proposal (SAFE) to strengthen the Chemicals Agency.

Finally, the Committee hopes that a thorough, ongoing debate between the competent authorities and stakeholders will help to frame effective policies and instruments that will work alongside market mechanisms to promote an innovative chemicals industry that is also attentive to protection of health and the environment.

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3. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY AND TERRITORIAL COHESION

- ***EU-Russia Relations***

- **Rapporteur:** Mr Hamro-Drotz (Employers – FI)
- **Reference:** Own-initiative opinion – CESE 849/2005
- **Key points:**
 - *The Russian Federation, which plays a key role in Europe and globally, is a strategic partner for the EU. EU enlargement further highlights the importance of relations between the EU and Russia, and it is important for both sides that good relations between the EU and Russia be consolidated.*
 - *Strengthening EU-Russian relations also requires solid support from organised civil society. The efforts of civil society are aimed at achieving improved cooperation between the EU and Russia and to help with developing civil society structures and strengthening of democracy in Russia.*

- *The EESC recommends that:*
 - the EU adopt a coherent policy towards Russia and implement it in a pragmatic fashion;
 - the EU address civil society issues adequately. These include individual responsibility, respect for the rule of law, respect for the individual and property, transparency, integrity, human dignity, equality and freedom of speech, the right to organise and basic workers' rights, sound industrial relations and adequate social protection;
 - cooperation between organised civil society in the EU and Russia be promoted and extended;
 - the EU and Russia promote cross-border mobility by improving infrastructure and simplifying visa application procedures.
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- **Strategy for the outermost regions**
 - **Rapporteur:** Ms López Alendariz (Employers – ES)
 - **References:** COM(2004) 343 final – CESE 847/2005
 - **Key points:**

The Committee is pleased that the Commission has accepted the recommendation it made in its Opinion on the *Future strategy for the outermost regions of the European Union*, to reinforce the Commission's interdepartmental group for the outermost regions, creating a specific unit in DG Regio to give it more human resources, and hopes that its role of interdepartmental coordination will not be obstructed.

The Committee welcomes the recognition in the Commission Communication that the special status of the outermost regions is based on the principles of equality and proportionality. This status allows differing treatment to take account of the distinct situation of those regions, so that their inhabitants can enjoy the same opportunities as people living in other regions of Europe.

The Committee shares the Commission's concern to integrate the outermost regions into the Lisbon and Gothenburg strategy with a view to creating jobs and boosting economic reform and social cohesion, and therefore proposes that their potential be harnessed in the area of the knowledge-based society.

The Committee feels that the vigorous growth of the tourism sector represents considerable added value, helping to increase the competitiveness of the outermost regions' economies. However, the sector must not grow too fast because of the imbalance that would be created and the detrimental impact on the environmental sustainability of those regions.

The Committee notes that the Commission's strategy for the outermost regions is based almost exclusively on two specific instruments: the programme to compensate for the specific constraints they face, and the "wider neighbourhood" action plan.

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4. COMPANY LAW AND TAXATION

- ***Formation of public limited liability companies***

- **Rapporteur:** Mr Burani (Employers – IT)
- **References:** COM(2004) 730 final – 2004/0256 COD – CESE 843/2005
- **Key points:**

The Committee approves the objectives set by the draft directive and, in general, the means by which the Commission intends to meet them.

The Committee draws the attention of the Parliament and the Council to the fact that the Commission should not go beyond its remit of simplifying – not modernising – the legislation in force. That is the spirit in which the EESC intends to make its contribution, commenting on various aspects including the following:

- calculation of the value of a contribution in the form of quoted securities;
- the expert who is to value capital contributions and the valuation standards and procedures;
- the need to set up a single authority ("one-stop-shop") to be responsible for company regulation and control. This should also have a judicial function;
- mandate for companies to acquire their own shares;
- period allowed for cash flow analysis;
- right of the general meeting to be informed in all cases on what has been done and to receive an account of every budget heading;

- the concept of "majority shareholder";
 - guarantees of transparency;
 - possibility for minority shareholders, individually or jointly, to oblige the majority shareholder to buy their shares.
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• ***Annual accounts of certain types of companies***

- **Rapporteur:** Mr Byrne (Employers – IE)
- **References:** COM(2004) 725 final – 2004/0250 COD – CESE 844/2005
- **Key points:**

The objective of the proposals is to further enhance confidence in the financial statements and annual reports published by European companies to provide shareholders and other stakeholders (e.g. employees and suppliers) with reliable, complete and easily accessible information.

The EESC has made its comments on certain points of detail in this document but in general supports the stated objective and believes that this action is necessary to protect all stakeholders.

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• ***VAT - Application of standard rate***

- **Rapporteur:** Mr Burani (Employers – IT)
- **References:** COM(2005) 136 final – 2005/0051 (CNS) – CESE

– **Key points:**

Given the current situation of Member States' fiscal policies, particularly with regard to VAT, the Committee can only agree with the Commission's initiative. However, the EESC would like to take the opportunity to stress that **talking about a “transitional system”** for VAT when referring to a system which has been in place for decades whilst awaiting a “definitive system” that appears as problematic as ever, **is a mystification** that it is no longer prepared to accept. The Council should state, for the sake of that transparency vis-à-vis citizens that it keeps talking about, that it will continue to pursue **the strategic objective** of VAT harmonisation, whilst accepting that this is not realistically achievable in the short to medium term.

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