

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

### COORDINATORS' RESULTS

Tuesday, 28 February 2017, 9.00-10.00

**Room: JAN 4Q2**

2.3.2017

Present:

Ms Vlean, Chair  
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group  
Ms Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group  
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group  
Mr Torvalds, Acting Coordinator of the ALDE group  
Ms Konecň, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group  
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group  
Mr Pedicini, Acting Coordinator of the EFDD group  
Ms D'Ornano, Coordinator of the ENF group

For point 2: Ms Borzan, ENVI contact person for EMA

#### **1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA**

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

#### ***2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCED THERAPIES (CAT) OF EMA***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators endorsed the proposals made by the Commission (Mr Fibbe and Mr Garcia as CAT substitute members and Mr Kamolz on the reserve list) and mandated the Chair to inform accordingly the EP President.*

#### **3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### ***3.1 Main items discussed at last CCC meeting***

##### ***3.1.1 Exchange of views with the President of the European Court of Auditors (ECA), Klaus-Heiner Lehne***

The Chair informed that she had transmitted by letter to the CCC the priorities indicated by the coordinators for ECA 2018 Work Programme. In the discussion at the CCC, Mr Lehne also indicated that, as ECA is currently reflecting on their strategy for the years 2018-2020, they would also be interested to hear from the different committees about mid- and long-term issues which they see as strategically important to be examined by ECA over the next three years.

**Decision taken:** *A deadline was fixed for Thursday, 23 March for proposals for medium-long term issues for ECA to look at, in view of a decision at the April coordinators' meeting.*

### **3.1.2 Brexit**

The Chair reported back on the exchange of views with the Brexit coordinator, Mr Verhofstadt at the last CCC meeting. As for the working documents that were agreed by coordinators in January, the Chair informed that replies have been received from the Commission and that they are going to be circulated to coordinators by the secretariat.

**Decision taken:** *Following a discussion, coordinators approved ENVI input for the EP resolution in view of the European Council guidelines.*

*In relation to the update of the working documents following the information received by the Commission, coordinators agreed to follow the same procedure which was used for drafting the working documents.*

### **3.1.3 Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities**

The Chair informed that all Committees were asked to comment on progress of their specific files indicated as priority files in the Joint Declaration and that a working tool had been developed by the Commission for monitoring progress.

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the CCC Chair expressing concern as for the form and content of the Commission working tool and stressing, in addition to the updates for those files indicated as priorities, the lack of progress from Council on other files such as cloning and the veterinary medicines package.*

### **3.1.4 Input to CCC summary report in view of Commission 2018 Work Programme**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators confirmed the working method used last year (first draft by the secretariat based on ENVI last year's points not included in the Commission WP or not yet delivered; discussion at technical level with the political groups advisors; discussion/approval at coordinators' meeting at the beginning of May).*

## **4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS**

### **4.1 State of play of cooperation with other committees**

#### **4.1.1 Energy and Climate Governance**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to maintain the ENVI request for Rule 55 and mandated the Chair to write accordingly to the CCC Chair.*

#### **4.1.2 Renewables**

ITRE accepts ENVI request for Rule 54. The details of the share of competence are still under discussion and will be submitted to coordinators in written procedure.

## 4.2 *Draft programme for committee missions and ad hoc delegations during the second half of 2017*

### 4.2.1 *Missions to Agencies*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to postpone the visit to EFSA to 18-19 December 2017*

### 4.2.2 *Missions other than Agencies*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to organise the following missions:*

- *IMO - MEPC 71, Intersessional WG meetings on reduction of GHG emissions from ships, London, UK, 3-7 July*
- *Minamata Convention COP1, Geneva, Switzerland, 24-29 September*
- *Poland (climate/clean energy issues)*
- *Porto Marghera (Venezia, Italy), possibly combined with Gardanne, France (biofuel/biomass)*

## 4.3 *Participation of an EP delegation to COP 23 on climate, Bonn, November 2017*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to request the Conference of Presidents to authorise on an exceptional basis, the sending of a 12-Member ad-hoc delegation to the high-level segment of the COP23 Climate Change Conference in Bonn, 14-17 November 2016. The 12 Members are to be nominated by the political groups in accordance with the rolling d'Hondt system, which shall also apply to the non-attached Members.*

*Coordinators also decided that ENVI will prepare, pursuant to Rule 128 of the Rules of Procedure, Oral Questions to the Council and the Commission plus a resolution in order to define Parliament's position ahead of COP23 (to be adopted in plenary by October part-session at the latest). As has been the case for previous COPs, the resolution could include contributions from other interested Committees, in particular ITRE.*

*A deadline for the communication of the co-sponsors' names to the secretariat was fixed for Friday, 16 March at noon.*

*Finally, coordinators decided to request the Policy Department to commission a study on the issues at stake in view of the COP23 Climate Change Conference.*

**4.4 Action to safeguard ENVI prerogatives with regard to its exclusive competence on contaminants in fertilisers**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators mandated the Chair to address the issue of ENVI exclusive competence on contaminants with the other committees involved (IMCO, INTA and AGRI).*

**4.5 Possible recommendation to JURI for an intervention by the European Parliament in a Court case brought by Sweden against the European Commission on an authorisation for the use of carcinogenic lead chromates in paint to a non-EU company**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators asked the EP legal Service to provide their views in writing on the matter by Friday 3 March. This information will be circulated to coordinators immediately in view of a rapid decision in written procedure (before the 9 March coordinators' meeting).*

**5. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed*

**6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**6.1 Monitoring the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change - options for cooperation with other committees**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed*

**6.2 Implementation in the ENVI Committee of the revised Rules of Procedure**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed*

**6.3 Proposal to visit the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) (DG ECHO, Brussels) that supports the EU Civil protection mechanism**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed*

**6.4 Possible exchange of views with ECHA, EFSA and EMA on safety data**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed*

## **7. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

### ***7.1 Decisions on procedure***

#### ***7.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133***

- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on food waste by Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzolic - B8-0118/2017**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on depression by Mireille d'Ornano - B8-0119/2017**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting cheetahs by Mireille d'Ornano, Sophie Montel - B8-0132/2017**
- 4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conducting a detailed study of the threats to biodiversity in the EU posed by the EU itself by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0134/2017**
- 5. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on cannabis use by Nuno Melo - B8-0135/2017**
- 6. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on information campaigns relating to new drugs by Lorenzo Fontana - B8-0136/2017**

**Decision taken:** *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

#### ***7.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports***

None

### ***7.2 Petitions for opinion***

- Petition No **1205/2015** by L.M. (Slovakian) on the modernisation of the Slovakian railway road section at Liptovský Mikuláš.
- Petition No **0465/2016** by Emanuele Lupo (Italian) regarding a main power line in Montalto Uffugo (Italy).

**Decision taken:** *No opinion - the Chair can reply by letter to the PETI Chair*

### ***7.3 Reallocation to the newly elected Chair of pending files previously allocated to the Chair***

**Decision taken:** *The following files were reallocated to the newly elected Chair:*

- *Protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein*
- *Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone*
- *The possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory*
- *Interpretation and implementation of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making (including representing ENVI in AFCO/JURI Working Group and INTA/AFET Working Group)*

## **8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

### ***8.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI***

The file included the list of on-going INI reports.

### ***8.2 Petitions for information***

- Petition No **0751/2016** by R.V (German) on the concern for excessively high nitrate content in groundwater.
- Petition No **0687/2016** by Peter Hollatz (German) on the authorisation of the active substance glyphosate by the EU and the allegedly inaccurate corresponding report of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).
- Petition No **0752/2016** by R.V (German) on the renewed approval of the active substance glyphosate.
- Petition No **0749/2016** by J.G. (German) on the re-authorisation of glyphosate.
- Petition No **0868/2016** by Günther Lindner (German) on the request to import timber for energetic purposes exclusively from sustainable exploitation.
- Petition No **0705/2016** by Jan Timmer (Dutch) on the replacement of a generic drug with the original and the subsequent increased cost thereof in the Netherlands.
- Petition No **0855/2016** by K. W. (German) on behalf of *the Interessensgemeinschaft Botulismus und Clostridiose geschädigter Tier und Landbesitzer e. V.* (interest group representing livestock owners and landowners affected by botulism and clostridium – IG *Botulismus*), on botulism and the actions of local German authorities that caused damage to his farm and to public health.
- Petition No **0871/2016** by G.P. (Polish), on behalf of the association P.C., with two additional signatures, on the operation of the biogas plant in Piekoszów, and in particular the air pollution from undesirable fumes.
- Petition No **0884/2016** by B. A. (Polish) on behalf of the West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin, and seven other signatories on supplementing Directive 2008/50/EC as regards air quality and preparing a directive on assessing and managing odour levels in the environment.
- Petition no **0544/2015** by Stefan Semken (German) on a ban on the use of cyanide in gold-mining. The petitioner advocates a ban on the use of cyanide in gold-mining.
- Petition No **0974/2016** by A. P. (German) on extending the scope of EU legislation in the area of patient law, to guarantee physical integrity through advanced patient data recording.
- Petition No **0978/2016** by Eva Dust (German) on banning plastic packaging for organic fruit and vegetables.
- Petition No **0989/2016** by Oliver Busack (German) on inspecting and discussing potassium iodate in sausage products.
- Petition No **1073/2016** by Chris Butler-Stroud (British), on behalf of ‘Whale and Dolphin Conservation’ (WDC), bearing 267,007 signatures, on the inclusion of the topic of Japan’s alleged violations of the International Whaling Moratorium in the current free trade negotiations between the EU and Japan.

- Petition No **1074/2016** by Matthieu Billiette (French) on behalf of the association ‘*Au fil et à mesures*’, on the definition and consideration of packaging when recycled and the image rights of companies that produce it.
- Petition No 1075/2016 by L.K. (Slovak) on alleged harm caused by air fresheners.
- Petition No **0991/2016** by Oliver Busack (German) on improving the quality of consumer information (packaging inserts) on medical products and the use of braille.

### **8.3 *Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation***

The updated rolling check-list was included in the file.

### **8.4 *Recent Court rulings of interest for the ENVI Committee***

- Court of Justice judgment in the case *Elisabeth Schmitt v TÜV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH* (C-219/15) on the obligations and liability of notified bodies under the Council Directive 93/42/EC (the Medical Devices Directive).

### **8.5 *Draft programme for the joint JURI-ENVI Public Hearing on the implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive***

The draft programme of the hearing was included in the file.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Thursday, 9 March 2017 9.00-10.00

Tuesday, 21 March 2017 9.00-10.00 (tbc)