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KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

* Consultation procedure

** I Cooperation procedure: first reading
** II Cooperation procedure: second reading

*** Assent procedure

***I Codecision procedure: first reading

***II Codecision procedure: second reading

Codecision procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

INFORMATION RELATING TO VOTING TIME

Unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

AFET Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE Committee on Development
INTA Committee on International Trade

BUDG Committee on Budgets

CONT Committee on Budgetary Control

ECON Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs EMPL Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

ENVI Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

ITRE Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

IMCO Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

TRAN Committee on Transport and Tourism REGI Committee on Regional Development

AGRI Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

PECH Committee on Fisheries

CULT Committee on Culture and Education

JURI Committee on Legal Affairs

LIBE Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

AFCO Committee on Constitutional Affairs

FEMM Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

PETI Committee on Petitions

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

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

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IN THE CHAIR: Ingo FRIEDRICH Vice-President

1. Opening of sitting

The sitting opened at 9.05.

2. Documents received

The following documents had been received from the Council and Commission:

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights (COM(2005)0507 – C6-0331/2005 – 2005/0214(COD))

referred to responsible EMPL opinion ECON, IMCO

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency (COM(2005)0579 – C6-0403/2005 – 2005/0228(COD))

referred to responsible TRAN

opinion BUDG, ENVI, ITRE, LIBE

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 63/2005 – Section III – Commission (SEC(2005)1560

-C6-0408/2005-2005/2240(GBD))

referred to responsible BUDG

- Proposal for a Council framework decision on the exchange of information under the principle of availability (COM(2005)0490 - C6-0409/2005 - 2005/0207(CNS))

referred to responsible LIBE

- Proposal for a Council regulation correcting Regulation (EC) No 1786/2003 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (COM(2005)0572 – C6-0410/2005 – 2005/0225(CNS))

referred to responsible AGRI

- Draft amending budget No 8 for the financial year 2005 – General statement of revenue and expenditure – Section III – Commission (14861/2005 – C6-0412/2005 – 2005/2179(BUD))

referred to responsible BUDG

opinion REGI, AGRI, PECH

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of perfluorooctane sulfonates (amendment of Council Directive 76/769/EEC) (COM(2005)0618 – C6-0418/2005 – 2005/0244(COD))

referred to responsible ENVI opinion ITRE

- Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 (13632/2005 – C6-0421/2005 – 2004/0296(COD))

referred to responsible ENVI

- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning . (COM(2005)0625 – C6-0422/2005 – 2005/0248(COD))

referred to responsible CULT

opinion BUDG, EMPL

3. Written declarations (Rule 116)

In accordance with Rule 116(5), written declaration No 46/2005 lapsed as it had not obtained the required number of signatures.

4. Vote on request for urgent procedure

Request for urgent procedure:

- * Proposal for a Council decision on the allocation of macrofinancial aid to Georgia (COM(2005) 0571 - C6-0407/2005 - 2005/0224(CNS)) - Committee on International Trade.

The following spoke on the request: Glyn Ford (deputising for Jonas Sjöstedt, rapporteur for the INTA Committee), and Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group.

The request for urgent procedure was approved.

The item was added to the agenda for the sitting of Thursday 15.12.2005.

The deadline for tabling amendments for plenary would be Wednesday 14.12.2005 at 10.00.

5. Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (announcement of motions for resolutions tabled)

Pursuant to Rule 115, the following Members or political groups had requested that such a debate be held on the following motions for resolutions:

I. Human rights situation in Tibet and Hong Kong

- Pasqualina Napoletano, on behalf of the PSE Group, on human rights in Tibet and Hong Kong (B6-0644/2005);
- Raül Romeva i Rueda and Eva Lichtenberger, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Tibet, detention of monks and closure of a monastery, and Hong Kong (B6-0657/2005);
- Graham Watson, Frédérique Ries, Antoine Duquesne and Bill Newton Dunn, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on China: detention of monks and closure of a monastery in Tibet and constitutional development in Hong Kong (B6-0660/2005);
- Roberta Angelilli, on behalf of the UEN Group, on Tibet (B6-0664/2005);
- Thomas Mann and Charles Tannock, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on Tibet, detention of monks and closure of a monastery, and Hong Kong (B6-0667/2005).

II. Human rights in Russia

- Pasqualina Napoletano, Jan Marinus Wiersma and Reino Paasilinna, on behalf of the PSE Group, on NGO legislation in Russia (B6-0645/2005);
- Milan Horáček and Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on human rights in Russia and new NGO legislation (B6-0658/2005);

- Cecilia Malmström, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the human rights situation in Russia (B6-0661/2005);
- Vittorio Agnoletto, Jonas Sjöstedt and Feleknas Uca, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on human rights in Russia (B6-0662/2005);
- Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, on Russia (B6-0665/2005);
- Charles Tannock and Bernd Posselt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on human rights in Russia (NGO bill) (B6-0668/2005).

III. Ethiopia and new border conflicts

- Pasqualina Napoletano, Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Ethiopia and new border conflicts (B6-0643/2005);
- Margrete Auken and Raül Romeva i Rueda, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the situation in Ethiopia and new border conflicts (B6-0659/2005);
- Luisa Morgantini, Vittorio Agnoletto, Umberto Guidoni and Feleknas Uca, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on Ethiopia (B6-0663/2005);
- Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the situation in Ethiopia (B6-0666/2005):
- Michael Gahler, Anders Wijkman and Charles Tannock, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the situation in Ethiopia (B6-0670/2005);
- Fiona Hall, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on Ethiopia and new border conflicts (B6-0671/2006).

Speaking time would be allocated in accordance with Rule 142.

6. Draft general budget 2006 (all sections) - Mobilisation of the flexibility instrument - Draft amending budget No 8/2005 (debate)

Report on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006, as modified by the Council (all sections)

(14864/2005 - C6-0415/2005 - 2005/2001(BUD))

and Amending Letters

No 1/2005 (14862/2005 – C6-0413/2005)

No 2/2005 (14863/2005 – C6-0414/2005)

No 3/2005 (15379/2005 – C6-0427/2005)

to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006

Section I, European Parliament

Section II, Council

Section III, Commission

Section IV, Court of Justice

Section V, Court of Auditors

Section VI, European Economic and Social Committee

Section VII, Committee of the Regions

Section VIII (A), European Ombudsman

Section VIII (B), European Data Protection Supervisor

- Committee on Budgets. Co-rapporteurs: Giovanni Pittella and Valdis Dombrovskis (A6-0396/2005)

Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument in favour of the European Union's external actions according to point 24 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 [COM(2005)0278 - C6-0211/2005 - 2005/2137(ACI)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Reimer Böge (A6-0395/2005)

Report on draft amending budget No 8/2005 of the European Union for the financial year 2005 Section III, Commission [14861/2005 - C6-0412/2005 - 2005/2179(BUD)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Salvador Garriga Polledo (A6-0397/2005)

Giovanni Pittella introduced report (A6-0396/2005).

Reimer Böge introduced report (A6-0395/2005).

Salvador Garriga Polledo introduced report (A6-0397/2005).

The following spoke: Ivan Lewis (President-in-Office of the Council) and Dalia Grybauskaitė (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Laima Liucija Andrikienė, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Catherine Guy-Quint, on behalf of the PSE Group, Anne E. Jensen, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Helga Trüpel, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Esko Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Dariusz Maciej Grabowski, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Marcin Libicki, on behalf of the UEN Group, and Sergej Kozlík, Non-attached Member.

IN THE CHAIR: Pierre MOSCOVICI Vice-President

The following spoke: Janusz Lewandowski, Louis Grech, Jan Mulder, Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Pedro Guerreiro, Hans-Peter Martin, Ingeborg Gräßle, Neena Gill, Kyösti Virrankoski, Tobias Pflüger, Jeffrey Titford, Ashley Mote, Antonis Samaras, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Markus Ferber, Nathalie Griesbeck, Zbigniew Krzysztof Kuźmiuk, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Pilar del Castillo Vera and Valdis Dombrovskis (co-rapporteur). (The President expressed his disappointment at the Council's absence). Dalia Grybauskaitė spoke.

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.4 (A6-0396/2005), Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.1 (A6-0395/2005), Minutes of 13.12.2005, Item 8.29 (A6-0397/2005)

(The sitting was suspended at 10.55 and resumed at 11.15.)

IN THE CHAIR: Antonios TRAKATELLIS Vice-President

7. Commission's legislative and work programme for 2006 (continuation of debate)

Commission statement: Commission's legislative and work programme for 2006

First part of debate: see Minutes of 15.11.2005, Item 7

The following spoke: Françoise Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Pierre Jonckheer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Roberto Musacchio, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Jens-Peter Bonde, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Frank Vanhecke, Non-attached Member, Margot Wallström (Vice-President of the Commission).

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Brian Crowley and Roberta Angelilli, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the Commission legislative

and work programme 2006: Unlocking Europe's full potential (B6-0636/2005)

- Martin Schulz and Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the Commission's legislative and work programme for 2006 (B6-0637/2005)
- Françoise Grossetête and Hans-Gert Poettering, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the Commission legislative and work programme for 2006 (COM(2005)0531) (B6-0638/2005)
- Monica Frassoni, Daniel Marc Cohn-Bendit and Pierre Jonckheer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the Commission Legislative and Work Programme 2006 (B6-0639/2005)
- Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the Commission legislative and work programme 2006 (B6-0640/2005)
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the Commission Legislative and Work Programme 2006: 'Unlocking Europe's full potential' (COM(2005)0531) (B6-0641/2005)

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.15.

(The sitting was suspended at 11.50 pending voting time and resumed at 12.05.)

IN THE CHAIR: Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT Vice-President

8. Voting time

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in the 'Results of votes' annex to the Minutes.

8.1. Scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the EC, the EAEC and the Swiss Confederation * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a decision of the Council and of the Commission on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Communities of the one part and the Swiss Confederation of the other part [COM(2005)0333 - C6-0345/2005 - 2005/0135 (CNS)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Giles Chichester (A6-0337/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 1)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0469)

8.2. Beer imports into Finland * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 69/169/EEC as regards as the temporary quantitative restriction on beer imports into Finland [COM(2005)0427 - C6-0302/2005 - 2005/0175(CNS)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Pervenche Berès (A6-0322/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 2)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0470)

8.3. The term of office of the Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network as regards the term of office of the Executive Director [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0141/2005 - 2005/0072(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0345/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 3)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0471)

8.4. The term of office of the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0142/2005 - 2005/0073 (COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0347/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 4)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0472)

8.5. The term of office of the Director and Deputy Director of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions as regards the term of office of the director and deputy director [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0143/2005 - 2005/0074(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0349/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 5)

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0473)

8.6. The term of office of the Director of the European Training Foundation ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 establishing a European Training Foundation as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0144/2005 - 2005/0075(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0351/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 6)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0474)

8.7. The term of office of the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0145/2005 - 2005/0076(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0352/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 7)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0475)

8.8. The term of office of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 as regards the term of office of the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0146/2005 - 2005/0081(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0354/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 8)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0476)

8.9. The term of office of the Director of the European Centre for disease prevention and control ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0147/2005 - 2005/0082(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0357/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 9)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0477)

8.10. The term of office of the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards the term of office of the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0148/2005 - 2005/0083(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0359/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 10)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0478)

8.11. The term of office of the Director of the European Agency for Health and Safety at Work ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 establishing a European Agency for Health and Safety at Work as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0149/2005 - 2005/0085(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0360/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 11)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0479)

8.12. The term of office of the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency as regards the

Executive Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0150/2005 - 2005/0086(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0361/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 12)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0480)

8.13. The term of office of the Executive Director and the Directors of the European Aviation Safety Agency ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 as regards the term of office of the Executive Director and the Directors of the European Aviation Safety Agency [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0151/2005 - 2005/0087 (COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0362/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 13)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0481)

8.14. The term of office of the Executive Director of the European Railway Agency ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 establishing a European Railway Agency as regards the term of office of the Executive Director [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0152/2005 - 2005/0088(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0363/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 14)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0482)

8.15. The term of office of the President of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 40/94 as regards the term of office of the President of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0208/2005 - 2005/0077(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0346/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 15)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0483)

8.16. The term of office of the President of the Community Plant Variety Office * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 as regards the term of office of the President of the Community Plant Variety Office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0207/2005 - 2005/0078(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0348/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 16)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0484)

8.17. The term of office of the Director of the Translation Centre for bodies of the European Union * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 setting up a Translation Centre for bodies of the European Union as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0206/2005 - 2005/0079(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0350/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 17)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0485)

8.18. The term of office of the Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1035/97 establishing a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia as regards the Director's term of office [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0205/2005 - 2005/0080 (CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0353/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 18)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0486)

8.19. The term of office of the Executive Director of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1321/2004 Council as regards the term of office of the Executive Director of the European GNSS Supervisory Authority [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0204/2005 - 2005/0084(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0355/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 19)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0487)

8.20. The term of office of the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 as regards the term of office of the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union [COM(2005)0190 - C6-0203/2005 - 2005/0089(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0358/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 20)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0488)

8.21. European Year of Equal Opportunities for All ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All (2007) - Towards a Just Society [COM(2005)0225 - C6-0178/2005 - 2005/0107(COD)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Martine Roure (A6-0366/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 21)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0489)

The following spoke on the vote:

- Sophia in 't Veld, on behalf of the ALDE Group, who pointed out that her group would withdraw its oral amendment to amendment 46.

8.22. Agreement on asylum applications and Eurodac (Denmark) * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national and Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention [COM(2004)0594 - 14787/1/2004 - C6-0198/2005 - 2004/0205(CNS)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Martine Roure (A6-0379/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 22)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0490)

8.23. Agreement on asylum requests (Iceland and Norway) * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway [COM(2005)0131 - 8479/2005 - C6-0197/2005 - 2005/0031(CNS)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Martine Roure (A6-0380/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 23)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0491)

8.24. Transmission of applications for fishing licences to third countries * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3317/94 as regards the transmission of applications for fishing licences to third countries [COM(2005)0238 - C6-0201/2005 - 2005/0110(CNS)] - Committee on Fisheries. Rapporteur: Carmen Fraga Estévez (A6-0387/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 24)

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0492)

8.25. Extension of TAIEX to ENPI-eligible countries * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council decision enabling countries eligible for the future European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) to benefit from the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Programme (TAIEX) [COM(2005)0321 - C6-0283/2005 - 2005/0133(CNS)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs, Rapporteur: Cecilia Malmström (A6-0388/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 25)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6 TA(2005)0493)

8.26. International Safety Management Code ***II (vote)

Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the International Safety Management Code within the Community and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 [6919/1/2005 - C6-0269/2005 - 2003/0291(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Paolo Costa (A6-0325/2005)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 26)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved (P6 TA(2005)0494)

8.27. Batteries, accumulators and their waste ***II (vote)

Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC [5694/5/2005 - C6-0268/2005 - 2003/0282 (COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Johannes Blokland (A6-0335/2005)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 27)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved as amended (P6 TA(2005)0495)

The following spoke on the vote:

- Agnes Schierhuber, on the vote on amendments 1 and 2.

8.28. Energy end-use efficiency ***II (vote)

Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy end-use efficiency and energy services and repealing Council Directive 93/76/EEC [10721/3/2005 - C6-0298/2005 - 2003/0300(COD)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Mechtild Rothe (A6-0343/2005)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 28)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved as amended (P6 TA(2005)0496)

8.29. Draft amending budget No 8/2005 (vote)

Report on draft amending budget No 8/2005 of the European Union for the financial year 2005 Section III, Commission [14861/2005 - C6-0412/2005 - 2005/2179(BUD)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Salvador Garriga Polledo (A6-0397/2005)

(Qualified majority for paragraph 2)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 29)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0497)

8.30. Markets in financial instruments ***I (vote)

Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments, as regards certain deadlines [COM (2005)0253 - C6-0191/2005 - 2005/0111(COD)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Piia-Noora Kauppi (A6-0334/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 30)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6 TA(2005)0498)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0498)

8.31. European order for payment procedure ***I (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a

European order for payment procedure [COM(2004)0173 - C6-0006/2004 - 2004/0055(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Arlene McCarthy (A6-0240/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 31)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6 TA(2005)0499)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0499)

The following spoke:

- Arlene McCarthy (rapporteur), before the vote.

8.32. Humane trapping standards ***I (final vote)

Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing humane trapping standards for certain animal species [COM(2004)0532 - C6-0100/2004 - 2004/0183(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Karin Scheele (A6-0304/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 32)

Parliament had rejected the proposal for a directive at the sitting of 17 November 2005 (Minutes of 17.11.2005, Item 4.3).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0500)

Rejection of the proposal was thereby confirmed.

8.33. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Olavi Ala-Nissilä as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0337/2005 - 2005/0809(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0367/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 33. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 21)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

8.34. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Máire Geoghegan-Quinn as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0338/2005 - 2005/0810(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0368/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 34. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 22)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0502)

8.35. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Lars Heikensten as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0339/2005 - 2005/0811(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0369/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 35. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 23)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0503)

8.36. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Morten Louis Levysohn as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0340/2005 - 2005/0812(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0370/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 36. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 24)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0504)

8.37. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Karel Pinxten as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0341/2005 - 2005/0813(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0371/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 37. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 25)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0505)

8.38. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Juan Ramallo Massanet as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0342/2005 - 2005/0814(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0372/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 38. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 26)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0506)

8.39. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0343/2005 - 2005/0815(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0373/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 39. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 27)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0507)

8.40. Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors * (vote)

Report on the appointment of Massimo Vari as a Member of the Court of Auditors [C6-0344/2005 - 2005/0816(CNS)] - Committee on Budgetary Control. Rapporteur: José Javier Pomés Ruiz (A6-0374/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Secret ballot)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 40. The list of Members voting is included in the 'Results of roll-call votes' annex, Item 28)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0508)

The following spoke on the vote:

- Robert Evans, who pointed out that only one woman was among those appointed, and José Javier Pomés Ruiz (rapporteur), on Mr Evans' remarks.

8.41. Immunity of Bruno Gollnisch (vote)

Report on the request for defence of the immunity and privileges of Bruno Gollnisch [2005/2072 (IMM)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Diana Wallis (A6-0376/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 41)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0509)

The following spoke:

- Luca Romagnoli, before the vote, who requested that the report be referred back to committee under Rule 168 (the President replied that as Mr Romagnoli did not belong to a political group, his request could not be taken into account).

8.42. Land law in Valencia (LRAU) (vote)

Report on the alleged abuse of the Valencian Land Law known as the LRAU and its effect on European citizens (Petitions 609/2003, 732/2003, 985/2002, 1112/2002, 107/2004 and others) [2004/2208(INI)] - Committee on Petitions. Rapporteur: Janelly Fourtou (A6-0382/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 42)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

8.43. Corporate tax (vote)

Report on taxation of undertakings in the European Union: a common consolidated corporate tax base [2005/2120(INI)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Pier Luigi Bersani (A6-0386/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 43)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6 TA(2005)0511)

9. Explanations of vote

Francesco Enrico Speroni spoke.

Written explanations of vote:

Explanations of vote submitted in writing under Rule 163(3) appear in the verbatim report of proceedings for the sitting.

Oral explanations of vote:

Report: Martine Roure - A6-0366/2005

- Frank Vanhecke, Philip Claeys

Report: Johannes Blokland - A6-0335/2005

- Richard Seeber

Report: Mechtild Rothe - A6-0343/2005

- Eija-Riitta Korhola

Report: Diana Wallis - A6-0376/2005

- Francesco Enrico Speroni, Luca Romagnoli, Andreas Mölzer, Carl Lang, Bruno Gollnisch, Frank Vanhecke, Philip Claeys, Fernand Le Rachinel

Report: Janelly Fourtou - A6-0382/2005

- Richard Seeber, José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil

Report: Pier Luigi Bersani - A6-0386/2005

- Christoph Konrad

10. Corrections to votes

Corrections to votes appear on the 'Séance en direct' website under 'Votes'/'Results of votes'/ 'Roll-call votes'. They are published in hard copy in the 'Result of roll-call votes' annex.

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After the two-week deadline has passed, the list of corrections to votes will be finalised so that it can be translated and published in the Official Journal.

(The sitting was suspended at 13.10 and resumed at 15.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Gérard ONESTA Vice-President

11. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

12. Data retention ***I (debate)

Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the retention of data processed in connection with the provision of public electronic communication services and amending Directive 2002/58/EC [COM(2005)0438 - C6-0293/2005 - 2005/0182 (COD)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Alexander Nuno Alvaro (A6-0365/2005)

The following spoke: Franco Frattini (Vice-President of the Commission) and Charles Clarke (President-in-Office of the Council).

Alexander Nuno Alvaro introduced report.

The following spoke: Herbert Reul (draftsman of the opinion of the ITRE Committee), Charlotte Cederschiöld (draftsman of the opinion of the IMCO Committee), Ewa Klamt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jean-Marie Cavada, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Karatzaferis, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Romano Maria La Russa, on behalf of the UEN Group, Irena Belohorská, Non-attached Member, Ioannis Varvitsiotis, Martine Roure, Sophia in 't Veld, Giusto Catania, Johannes Blokland, Brian Crowley and Andreas Mölzer.

IN THE CHAIR: Sylvia-Yvonne KAUFMANN Vice-President

The following spoke: Carlos Coelho, Catherine Trautmann, Sarah Ludford, Athanasios Pafilis, Bogdan Pęk, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Stavros Lambrinidis, Gerard Batten, Barbara Kudrycka, Michael Cashman, Agnes Schierhuber, Rosa Díez González, Alexander Stubb, Edith Mastenbroek, András Gyürk, Inger Segelström, Piia-Noora Kauppi, Libor Rouček, Franco Frattini, Charles Clarke and Ewa Klamt, who made a personal statement in response to the remarks made by Sophia in 't Veld, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann and Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg.

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 14.12.2005, Item 8.1.

13. Annual report on human rights (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Annual report on human rights

Geoff Hoon (President-in-Office of the Council) and Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Simon Coveney, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Richard Howitt, on behalf of the PSE Group, Cecilia Malmström, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Ryszard Czarnecki, Non-attached Member, Thomas Mann, María Elena

Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, James Hugh Allister, Glyn Ford, Andreas Mölzer, Panagiotis Beglitis, Geoff Hoon and Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

The debate closed.

14. Human rights and freedom of press in Tunisia and evaluation of the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Human rights and freedom of press in Tunisia and evaluation of the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis

Geoff Hoon (President-in-Office of the Council) made the statement.

IN THE CHAIR: Luigi COCILOVO Vice-President

Viviane Reding (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Simon Coveney, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Catherine Trautmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Thierry Cornillet, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Paul Marie Coûteaux, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Malcolm Harbour, Alain Hutchinson, Patrizia Toia, Jana Hybášková, Véronique De Keyser, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Geoff Hoon and Viviane Reding.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Pasqualina Napoletano, Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia I Cutchet and María Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, on behalf of the PSE Group, on human rights and freedom of the press in Tunisia and an evaluation of the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis (B6-0646/2005)
- Hélène Flautre, Raül Romeva i Rueda and David Hammerstein Mintz, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on human rights and freedom of the press in Tunisia and evaluation of the World Summit on the Information Society held in Tunis (B6-0647/2005)
- Francis Wurtz, Vittorio Agnoletto, Esko Seppänen, Marco Rizzo and Feleknas Uca, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on Tunisia (B6-0648/2005)
- Simon Busuttil and Bernd Posselt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on human rights and freedom of the press in Tunisia and on the World Summit on the Information Society held in Tunisia (B6-0652/2005)
- Thierry Cornillet and Patrizia Toia, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on human rights and freedom of the press in Tunisia and evaluation of the World Summit on the Information Society held in Tunis (B6-0655/2005)
- Girts Valdis Kristovskis, on behalf of the UEN Group, on freedom of expression and association in Tunisia (B6-0669/2005)

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.16.

15. New directive on audiovisual content (debate)

Commission communication: New directive on audiovisual content

Viviane Reding (Member of the Commission) presented the communication.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA Vice-President

The following put questions to which Viviane Reding replied in groups: Malcolm Harbour, Ivo Belet, Rebecca Harms, Ruth Hieronymi, Nikolaos Sifunakis, Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Lissy Gröner and Helga Trüpel.

Henri Weber asked why he had not been given the floor (the President replied that he had allocated the speaking time in a balanced way and that there was no time for further speeches in the debate).

The item closed.

16. Agenda

On a request from the political groups, the President suggested that the proposal for a Council decision on the allocation of macrofinancial aid to Georgia, in respect of which the House had approved urgent procedure that morning (Minutes of 13.12.2005, Item 4), be placed on the agenda without debate and put to the vote at voting time on Thursday.

Parliament approved the proposal.

17. Question Time (Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B6-0343/2005).

Part one

Question 56 (Arlene McCarthy): Premier League broadcasting rights investigation. Neelie Kroes (Member of the Commission) answered the question and supplementaries by Arlene McCarthy and Manolis Mavrommatis.

Question 57 (Jaime Mayor Oreja): Commission decision to refrain from investigating Gas Natural's takeover of Endesa.

Neelie Kroes answered the question and supplementaries by Jaime Mayor Oreja, Antonio Masip Hidalgo and Gerardo Galeote Quecedo.

Question 58 (Margarita Starkevičiūtė): Funds for decommissioning of Ignalina nuclear power station

Andris Piebalgs (Member of the Commission) answered the question and a supplementary by Margarita Starkevičiūtė.

Part two

Question 59 (Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou): Assisting and facilitating journeys by rail for people with special needs and for families.

Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission) answered the question and a supplementary by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou.

Question 60 (Gyula Hegyi): Sustainable urban transport.

Jacques Barrot answered the question and supplementaries by Gyula Hegyi, Josu Ortuondo Larrea and Gay Mitchell.

Questions 61 to 72 would receive written answers.

Question 73 lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 74 (Panagiotis Beglitis): Turkish veto regarding participation by the Republic of Cyprus in international organisations.

Olli Rehn (Member of the Commission) answered the question and a supplementary by Panagiotis Beglitis.

Ouestion 75 (Bernd Posselt): Sandzak of Novi Pazar.

Olli Rehn answered the question and a supplementary by Bernd Posselt.

Questions 76 to 82 would receive written answers.

Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García spoke on the conduct of Question Time.

Question 83 (Milan Gal'a): Combating the emergent market in antivirals in EU Member States. Olli Rehn answered the question and a supplementary by Milan Gal'a.

Yiannakis Matsis spoke on the conduct of Question Time.

Questions which had not been answered for lack of time would receive written answers (see annex to the Verbatim Report of Proceedings).

Commission Question Time closed.

(The sitting was suspended at 20.05 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT Vice-President

18. Charging of heavy goods vehicles ***II (debate)

Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures [9856/1/2005 - C6-0274/2005 - 2003/0175(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Corien Wortmann-Kool (A6-0377/2005)

Corien Wortmann-Kool introduced the recommendation for second reading (A6-0377/2005).

The following spoke: Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission) and Derek Twigg (President-in-Office of the Council).

The following spoke: Reinhard Rack, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Ulrich Stockmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Paolo Costa, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Eva Lichtenberger, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Erik Meijer, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Luca Romagnoli, Non-attached Member, Philip Bradbourn, Willi Piecyk, Josu Ortuondo Larrea, Michael Cramer, Stanisław Jałowiecki, Gilles Savary, Markus Ferber, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ewa Hedkvist Petersen, Jörg Leichtfried, Bogusław Liberadzki, Inés Ayala Sender and Jacques Barrot.

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.6.

19. The rights of persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air ***I (debate)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air [COM(2005)0047 - C6-0045/2005 - 2005/0007(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Robert Evans (A6-0317/2005)

Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission) and Derek Twigg (President-in-Office of the Council) spoke.

Robert Evans introduced report.

The following spoke: Armando Dionisi, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Ulrich Stockmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Arūnas Degutis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Eva Lichtenberger, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Luís Queiró, Inés Ayala Sender, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch and Jacques Barrot

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.10.

20. Promoting and protecting consumers' interests in the new Member States (debate)

Report on the promotion and protection of consumers' interests in the new Member States [2004/2157(INI)] - Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. Rapporteur: Henrik Dam Kristensen (A6-0378/2005)

Henrik Dam Kristensen introduced report.

Markos Kyprianou (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Zuzana Roithová, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Evelyne Gebhardt, on behalf of the PSE Group, Gisela Kallenbach, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Thomas Wise, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Małgorzata Handzlik, Edit Herczog, Zita Pleštinská and Markos Kyprianou.

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.17.

21. Measures for Sugar Protocol countries ***I (debate)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing accompanying measures for Sugar Protocol countries affected by the reform of the EU sugar regime [COM(2005)0266 - C6-0210/2005 - 2005/0117(COD)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Bernard Lehideux (A6-0281/2005)

Neelie Kroes (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Bernard Lehideux introduced report.

The following spoke: Michael Gahler, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Linda McAvan, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jan Mulder, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu

Baringdorf, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Thomas Wise, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Alessandro Battilocchio, Non-attached Member, Proinsias De Rossa, Margrete Auken, Bastiaan Belder and Neelie Kroes

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.11.

22. Direct State aid as a tool of regional development (debate)

Report on the role of direct State aid as a tool of regional development [2004/2255(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Miloš Koterec (A6-0364/2005)

Miloš Koterec introduced report.

Neelie Kroes (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Rolf Berend, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Constanze Angela Krehl, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marian Harkin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Alyn Smith, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Pedro Guerreiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Graham Booth, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, on behalf of the UEN Group, Jana Bobošíková, Non-attached Member, Konstantinos Hatzidakis, Jean Marie Beaupuy, Bairbre de Brún (who delivered parts of her speech in Irish. The President pointed out that there was no interpretation from Irish in plenary), Peter Baco, Jan Olbrycht, Alfonso Andria, José Albino Silva Peneda, Margie Sudre, Jan Březina and Neelie Kroes.

The debate closed.

Vote: Minutes of 15.12.2005, Item 5.18.

23. Agenda for next sitting

The agenda for the next sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 366.018/OJME).

24. Closure of sitting

The sitting closed at 0.15.

Julian Priestley Secretary-General Edward McMillan-Scott Vice-President

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