

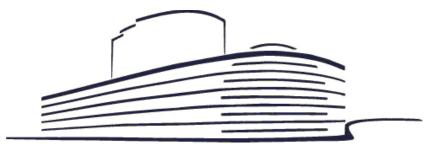
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# MINUTES

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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
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\*\*\*III Codecision procedure: third reading (The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

#### 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
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations Group
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
NI	Non-attached Members

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#### MINUTES

#### IN THE CHAIR: Martine ROURE Vice-President

# 1. Opening of the sitting

The sitting opened at 9.00.

#### 2. Verification of credentials

On proposal by the JURI Committee, Parliament decided to validate the mandates of: Innocenzo Leontini, with effect from 23.06.2008 to 23.07.2008; Monica Giuntini, with effect from 17.10.2008; Glenn Bedingfield, with effect from 29.10.2008; Antonio Mussa, with effect from 04.11.2008; and Aurelio Juri, with effect from 07.11.2008.

# 3. Draft general budget 2009 as modified by the Council (all sections) (debate)

Report: on the draft general budget of the European Union for 2009 as modified by the Council (all sections) [16257/2008 - C6-0457/2008 - 2008/2026(BUD)] and amending letters: n° 1/2009 [SEC(2008)2435 - 13702/2008 - C6-0344/2008] n° 2/2009 [SEC(2008)2707 - 16259/2008 - C6-0458/2008] n° 3/2009 [SEC(2008)2840 - 16260/2008 - C6-0459/2008] to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009 Section I. European Parliament Section II, Council Section III, Commission Section IV, Court of Justice Section V, Court of Auditors Section VI, Economic and Social Committee Section VII, Committee of the Regions Section VIII, European Ombudsman Section IX, European data-protection Supervisor - Committee on Budgets. Co-rapporteurs: Janusz Lewandowski and Jutta Haug (A6-0486/2008)

Jutta Haug and Janusz Lewandowski presented the report.

The following spoke: Dalia Grybauskaitė (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: László Surján, 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, Wiesław Stefan Kuc, on behalf of the UEN Group, Esko Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Nils Lundgren, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Sergej Kozlík, Non-attached Member, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Göran Färm, Nathalie Griesbeck, Zbigniew Krzysztof

Kuźmiuk, Pedro Guerreiro, Jeffrey Titford, Jean-Claude Martinez, Reimer Böge, Costas Botopoulos and Jan Mulder.

#### IN THE CHAIR: Marek SIWIEC Vice-President

The following spoke: Seán Ó Neachtain, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Patrick Louis, Andreas Mölzer, Ville Itälä, Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón, Daniel Dăianu, Zdzisław Zbigniew Podkański, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Hans-Peter Martin, Simon Busuttil, Brigitte Douay, István Szent-Iványi, Paul Rübig, Vladimír Maňka, Jean Marie Beaupuy, Valdis Dombrovskis, Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva, Kyösti Virrankoski, Margaritis Schinas, Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Péter Olajos and Maria Martens.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Mairead McGuinness, Czesław Adam Siekierski and Reinhard Rack.

The following spoke: Jutta Haug and Janusz Lewandowski.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 18.12.2008, item 6.7.

(The sitting was suspended at 10.50 and resumed at 11.30.)

#### IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING President

### 4. Fibromyalgia (written declaration)

Written declaration 0069/2008, submitted by Nicolae Vlad Popa, Jolanta Dičkutė, Frieda Brepoels, Kathy Sinnott and Adamos Adamou, on fibromyalgia, had been signed by the majority of Parliament's component Members. Consequently, in accordance with Rule 116(4), it would be forwarded to its addressees and published, together with the names of the signatories, in the *Texts Adopted* of the sitting of 13.01.2009.

The following spoke: Hannes Swoboda, on the problems experienced by a number of visitors accessing Parliament's premises the previous day (the President took note); Monica Frassoni, who made it known that Mohamed Abdelaziz, President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and Secretary General of the Polisario Front, was in attendance in the galley; Jens Holm, on the organisation of the votes on the energy and climate change package; Chris Davies, who regretted the poor attendance at the end of the previous day's debate on the same subject (*minutes of 16.12.2008, item 16*); and Reinhard Rack, on the allocation of speaking time during the debate on the outcome of the European Council on 11-12 December 2008 - French Presidency's term of office (*minutes of 16.12.2008, item 6*).

## 5. Voting time

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in the *Results of Votes* annex to the minutes.

The results of roll-call votes are available in electronic form only, as an annex to the minutes, and can be accessed via Europarl.

### 5.1. Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources [COM(2008)0019 - C6-0046/2008 - 2008/0016(COD)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Claude Turmes (A6-0369/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0609*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6 TA*(2008)0609)

#### 5.2. Greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system of the Community [COM(2008)0016 - C6-0043/2008 - 2008/0013(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Avril Doyle (A6-0406/2008)

*(Simple majority)* 

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6\_TA(2008)0610)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6\_TA(2008)0610*)

The following spoke on the vote:

Before the vote, Markus Pieper, who requested that the report be referred back to Committee under Rule 168(2).

Parliament rejected the request by electronic vote (118 in favour, 514 against, 24 abstentions).

#### 5.3. Shared effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community's greenhouse

gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020 [COM(2008)0017 - C6-0041/2008 - 2008/0014 (COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Satu Hassi (A6-0411/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0611*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6\_TA(2008)0611*)

#### 5.4. Geological storage of carbon dioxide \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directives 85/337/EEC, 96/61/EC, Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 [COM(2008)0018 - C6-0040/2008 - 2008/0015(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Chris Davies (A6-0414/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0612*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6\_TA(2008)0612*)

# 5.5. Monitoring and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from fuels (road transport and inland waterway vessels) \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and the introduction of a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the use of road transport fuels and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC, as regards the specification of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC [COM(2007)0018 - C6-0061/2007 - 2007/0019(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Dorette Corbey (A6-0496/2007)

*(Simple majority)* 

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0613*)

#### DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6\_TA(2008)0613*)

#### 5.6. Emission performance standards for new passenger cars \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles [COM(2007)0856 - C6-0022/2008 - 2007/0297(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Guido Sacconi (A6-0419/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0614*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6\_TA(2008)0614*)

#### The following spoke on the vote:

Avril Doyle (rapporteur), who welcomed the outcome of the vote, but emphasised that first-reading agreements should remain the exception, and Miroslav Ouzký (Chair of the ENVI Committee), who spoke on the same subject(the President associated himself with the rapporteur's remarks).

#### 5.7. Organisation of working time \*\*\*II (vote)

Recommendation for second reading: on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time [10597/2/2008 - C6-0324/2008 - 2004/0209(COD)] - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Alejandro Cercas (A6-0440/2008)

(*Qualified majority*)

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

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved as amended (P6\_TA(2008)0615)

The following spoke on the vote:

Alejandro Cercas (rapporteur) and Jan Andersson welcomed the outcome of the vote.

#### 5.8. Cross-border enforcement in the field of road safety \*\*\*I (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council facilitating

cross-border enforcement in the field of road safety [COM(2008)0151 - C6-0149/2008 - 2008/0062 (COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Inés Ayala Sender (A6-0371/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6\_TA(2008)0616*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6\_TA(2008)0616)

#### 6. Welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the Syrian Parliament - led by Suleiman Haddad, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Syrian People's Assembly - who had taken their seats in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

(The sitting was suspended at 12.05 and resumed at 12.15.)

# 7. Award of the Sakharov Prize - 20th Anniversary (Formal sitting)

From 12.15 to 12.50, Parliament held a formal sitting on the occasion of the award of the Sakharov Prize to Hu Jia, in the presence of Elena Bonner, widow of Andrei Sakharov, and former winners of the Sakharov Prize.

IN THE CHAIR: Manuel António dos SANTOS Vice-President

# 8. Explanations of vote

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: Claude Turmes - A6-0369/2008 Mairead McGuinness, Jim Allister, Zuzana Roithová, Oldřich Vlasák

Report: Avril Doyle - A6-0406/2008 Gyula Hegyi, Mairead McGuinness, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Zuzana Roithová, Bogdan Pęk, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Daniel Caspary

Report: Satu Hassi - A6-0411/2008 Péter Olajos, Gyula Hegyi, Mairead McGuinness, Syed Kamall

Report: Chris Davies - A6-0414/2008 Mairead McGuinness, Leopold Józef Rutowicz Report: Dorette Corbey - A6-0496/2007 Mairead McGuinness, Leopold Józef Rutowicz

Report: Guido Sacconi - A6-0419/2008 Mairead McGuinness, Zuzana Roithová, Albert Deß

Recommendation for second reading: A6-0440/2008

Hubert Pirker, Kristian Vigenin, Aurelio Juri, Simon Busuttil, Zita Pleštinská, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Zuzana Roithová, Mairead McGuinness, Kathy Sinnott, Zsolt László Becsey, Frank Vanhecke, Daniel Hannan, Syed Kamall, Siiri Oviir

Report: Inés Ayala Sender - A6-0371/2008 Mairead McGuinness

### 9. Corrections to votes and voting intentions

Corrections to votes and voting intentions 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.

The electronic version on Europarl will be regularly updated for a maximum of two weeks after the day of the vote concerned.

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

(The sitting was suspended at 13.35 and resumed at 15.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mechtild ROTHE Vice-President

## 10. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

Michael Gahler and Richard Corbett had made it known that they had been present but that their names were not on the attendance register.

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

#### **11. Documents received**

The following reports had been submitted by committees:

- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument in accordance with point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 My 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (COM(2008)0833 - C6-0466/2008 - 2008/2321(ACI)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Reimer Böge (A6-0493/2008)

- \* Report on the amended proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion by the European Community of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocol on matters specific to aircraft equipment, adopted jointly in Cape Town on 16 November 2001 (COM (2008)0508 - C6-0329/2008 - 2008/0162(CNS)) - JURI Committee - Rapporteur: Georgios Papastamkos (A6-0506/2008)

- Report on a draft amendment of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (COM(2008)0834 - C6-0465/2008 - 2008/2320(ACI)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Jo Leinen (A6-0509/2008)

## 12. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had considered the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 45/2008 (C6-0460/2008).

Having noted the Council's opinion, it had authorised the transfer in full under Article 24(3) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

# 13. EU Annual report on human rights - French initiative at the UN on the decriminalisation of homosexuality (debate)

Council and Commission statements: EU Annual report on human rights

Council and Commission statements: French initiative at the UN on the decriminalisation of homosexuality

Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Laima Liucija Andrikienė, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Raimon Obiols i Germà, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marco Cappato, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Vittorio Agnoletto, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Zbigniew Zaleski, Richard Howitt, Sarah Ludford, Gay Mitchell, Ana Maria Gomes and Eoin Ryan.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Czesław Adam Siekierski, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Milan Horáček, Jim Allister and Marios Matsakis.

The following spoke: Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

Rama Yade (President-in-Office of the Council) made the statements.

The debate closed.

#### IN THE CHAIR: Luisa MORGANTINI Vice-President

# 14. The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2004-2008) - European area of freedom, security and justice (debate)

Report: on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2004-2008) [2007/2145(INI)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Giusto Catania (A6-0479/2008)

Oral question (O-0128/2008) by Gérard Deprez, on behalf of the LIBE Committee, to the Council: Progress in 2008 of the European area of freedom, security and justice (FSJA) (B6-0489/2008)

Oral question (O-0133/2008) by Gérard Deprez, on behalf of the LIBE Committee, to the

Commission: Progress in 2008 of the European area of freedom, security and justice (FSJA) (B6-0494/2008)

Giusto Catania introduced the report.

Gérard Deprez moved the oral questions.

Rama Yade (President-in-Office of the Council) and Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission) answered the oral questions.

The following spoke: Ignasi Guardans Cambó (rapporteur for the opinion of the CULT Committee), Kinga Gál, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martine Roure, on behalf of the PSE Group, Alexander Alvaro, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Tatjana Ždanoka, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Miguel Portas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Georgiou, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Koenraad Dillen, Non-attached Member, Stefano Zappalà, Jan Marinus Wiersma and Sophia in 't Veld.

> IN THE CHAIR: Mario MAURO Vice-President

The following spoke: Mario Borghezio, Eva-Britt Svensson, Hélène Goudin, Irena Belohorská, Mihael Brejc, Stavros Lambrinidis, Inese Vaidere, Michael Cashman, Armando França, Genowefa Grabowska and Carlos Coelho.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Charles Tannock, Marios Matsakis, Kathy Sinnott and Csaba Sógor.

The following spoke: Rama Yade, Jacques Barrot and Giusto Catania.

The motions for resolutions to be tabled under Rule 108 would be announced in the House at a later time.

The debate closed.

Vote:

*Report: Giusto Catania - A6-0479/2008: January part-session. Motions for resolution: a subsequent part-session.* 

## 15. Council's approach to revision of OLAF regulation (debate)

Oral question (O-0116/2008) by Ingeborg Gräßle, on behalf of the CONT Committee, to the Council: Council's approach to revision of OLAF regulation (B6-0492/2008)

Ingeborg Gräßle moved the oral question.

Rama Yade (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Jean-Pierre Audy, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Herbert Bösch, on behalf of the PSE Group, Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, José Javier Pomés Ruiz and Inés Ayala Sender.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Paul Rübig, Markus Pieper and Mairead McGuinness.

The following spoke: Rama Yade.

Motion for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 108(5):

- Ingeborg Gräßle, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Paulo Casaca, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Mogens Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Søren Bo Søndergaard, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the Council's approach to the revision of the OLAF Regulation (B6-0627/2008)

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 18.12.2008, item 6.17.

#### IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS Vice-President

## 16. Question Time (Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B6-0491/2008).

#### Part one

Question 32 (Tadeusz Zwiefka): Contingency plans for SMEs.

Joaquín Almunia (Member of the Commission) answered the question and supplementaries by Tadeusz Zwiefka, Mairead McGuinness and Silvia-Adriana Țicău.

Question 33 (Ryszard Czarnecki): Combating terrorism.

Question 34 (Wiesław Stefan Kuc): European Commission action concerning terrorist groups in Pakistan.

Ján Figel' (Member of the Commission) answered the questions and supplementaries by Ryszard Czarnecki and Wiesław Stefan Kuc.

Question 35 (Silvia-Adriana Țicău): Investment in energy infrastructures. Joaquín Almunia answered the question and a supplementary by Silvia-Adriana Țicău.

#### Part two

Question 36 (Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou): Education of children of migrants. Ján Figel' answered the question and supplementaries by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Justas Vincas Paleckis and Silvia-Adriana Țicău.

Question 37 (Seán Ó Neachtain): White paper on sport. Ján Figel' answered the question and supplementaries by Seán Ó Neachtain, Manolis Mavrommatis and Avril Doyle.

Question 38 would receive a written answer.

The following spoke: Christopher Beazley, on the conduct of Question Time.

Question 39 (Manuel Medina Ortega): Euro and inflation. Joaquín Almunia answered the question and supplementaries by Manuel Medina Ortega, Gay Mitchell and Paul Rübig. Question 40 (Georgios Papastamkos): Organisation of economic governance in the EU. Joaquín Almunia answered the question and supplementaries by Georgios Papastamkos and Armando França.

Questions 41 to 43 would receive written answers.

The following spoke: Gay Mitchell, who criticised the organisation of Question Time (the President took note).

Question 44 (Emmanouil Angelakas): Pharmaceutical treatment - cross-border healthcare. Androulla Vassiliou (Member of the Commission) answered the question and a supplementary by Emmanouil Angelakas.

Question 45 (Ioannis Gklavakis): Labelling of foodstuffs. Androulla Vassiliou answered the question and supplementaries by Ioannis Gklavakis, Jim Allister and Marian Harkin.

Questions 46 to 88 would receive written answers.

The following spoke: Avril Doyle, on the need for a change in the way Question Time was organised (the President took note).

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 19.55 and resumed at 21.05.)

IN THE CHAIR: Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT Vice-President

# 17. European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training \*\*\*I - European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) \*\*\*I (debate)

Report: on the proposal for a recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training [COM(2008)0179 - C6-0163/2008 - 2008/0069(COD)] - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Jan Andersson (A6-0438/2008)

Report: on the proposal for a recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of the European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) [COM(2008)0180 - C6-0162/2008 - 2008/0070(COD)] - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Thomas Mann (A6-0424/2008)

Jan Andersson introduced the report.

Thomas Mann introduced the report.

The following spoke: Ján Figel' (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Corina Crețu, on behalf of the PSE Group, Hannu Takkula, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Sepp Kusstatscher, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jiří Maštálka, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Joel Hasse Ferreira, Marian Harkin and Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Tomáš Zatloukal, Zbigniew Zaleski, Dragoş Florin David, Nicodim Bulzesc, Mairead McGuinness, Czesław Adam Siekierski and Paul Rübig.

The following spoke: Ján Figel', Jan Andersson and Thomas Mann.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 18.12.2008, item 6.12.

### 18. Evaluation and future development of FRONTEX EUROSUR (debate)

Report: on the evaluation and future development of the FRONTEX Agency and the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) [2008/2157(INI)] - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Javier Moreno Sánchez (A6-0437/2008)

Javier Moreno Sánchez introduced the report.

The following spoke: Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Tobias Pflüger (rapporteur for the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Simon Busuttil, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Inger Segelström, on behalf of the PSE Group, Adina-Ioana Vălean, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Giusto Catania, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Philip Claeys, Non-attached Member, Carlos Coelho, Marian-Jean Marinescu and Dushana Zdravkova.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Rareş-Lucian Niculescu, Czesław Adam Siekierski and Carl Schlyter.

The following spoke: Jacques Barrot and Javier Moreno Sánchez.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 18.12.2008, item 6.18.

IN THE CHAIR: Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU Vice-President

# 19. Impact of counterfeiting on international trade - Consumer protection aspects of counterfeiting (debate)

Report: on the impact of counterfeiting on international trade [2008/2133(INI)] - Committee on International Trade. Rapporteur: Gianluca Susta (A6-0447/2008)

Oral question (O-0097/2008) by Arlene McCarthy, on behalf of the IMCO Committee, to the Commission: Consumer protection aspects of counterfeiting (B6-0486/2008)

Gianluca Susta introduced the report.

Eija-Riitta Korhola moved the oral question.

The following spoke: Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Eva Lichtenberger (rapporteur for the opinion of the JURI Committee), Corien Wortmann-Kool, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, David Martin, on behalf of the PSE Group, Carl Schlyter, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Pedro Guerreiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Christofer Fjellner, Christel Schaldemose, Georgios Papastamkos, Francisco Assis, Jacques Toubon and Małgorzata Handzlik.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Emmanouil Angelakas and Czesław Adam Siekierski.

The following spoke: Jacques Barrot.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 18.12.2008, item 6.19.

# 20. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 416.252/OJJE).

# 21. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.40.

Harald Rømer Secretary-General Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou Vice-President

#### **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

17.12.2008

The following signed:

Adamou, Agnoletto, Aita, Albertini, Allister, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andrikienė, Angelakas, Angelilli, Antinucci, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso, Baco, Badia i Cutchet, Baeva, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Bartolozzi, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Bedingfield, Beer, Belder, Belet, Belohorská, Bennahmias, Berend, Berès, Berger, Berlato, Berlinguer, Berman, Bielan, Binev, Birutis, Blokland, Bobošíková, Bodu, Böge, Bösch, Bono, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Boso, Boştinaru, Botopoulos, Boursier, Bowis, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Breic, Brepoels, Brever, Březina, Brie, Brok, Budreikaite, Buitenweg, Bulfon, Bullmann, Bulzesc, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busoi, Busquin, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnoch, Calia, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Cappato, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Casini, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cavada, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chiesa, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Claeys, Clark, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Colman, Corbett, Corbey, Corda, Cornillet, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Cramer, Cremers, Corina Cretu, Gabriela Cretu, Crowley, Csibi, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Ryszard Czarnecki, Dahl, Dăianu, Daul, David, Davies, De Blasio, de Brún, Degutis, De Keyser, Demetriou, De Michelis, Denanot, Deprez, De Rossa, De Sarnez, Descamps, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Dobolyi, Dombrovskis, Donnici, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Droutsas, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duka-Zólvomi, Dumitriu, Ebner, Ehler, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Jill Evans, Robert Evans, Färm, Fajmon, Falbr, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Ferrari, Anne Ferreira, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Fiore, Fjellner, Flasarová, Flautre, Florenz, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Fontaine, Ford, Fouré, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Fraile Cantón, França, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gál, Gal'a, Galeote, Garcés Ramón, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Gardini, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Georgiou, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gewalt, Gibault, Gierek, Giertych, Gill, Giuntini, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Gottardi, Goudin, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graça Moura, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, Grau i Segú, Grech, Griesbeck, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Groote, Grosch, Grossetête, Guardans Cambó, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guy-Quint, Gyürk, Hall, Hammerstein, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harkin, Harms, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Haug, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hegyi, Helmer, Hénin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyusmenova, Ibrisagic, in 't Veld, Iotova, Irujo Amezaga, Isler Béguin, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jacobs, Jäätteenmäki, Janowski, Járóka, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jeleva, Jensen, Jöns, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Juknevičienė, Juri, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Kamall, Karas, Karim, Kasoulides, Kastler, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Kazak, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirilov, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Kohlíček, Konrad, Koppa, Korhola, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kuhne, Kušķis, Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Laignel, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis,

Lambsdorff, Landsbergis, Lang, De Lange, Langen, Laperrouze, Lauk, Lax, Lebech, Lechner, Le Foll, Lefrançois, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Lévai, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liese, Liotard, Lipietz, Lo Curto, López-Istúriz White, Louis, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lundgren, Luque Aguilar, Lynne, Lyubcheva, Maaten, McAvan, McDonald, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Maldeikis, Manders, Mănescu, Maňka, Erika Mann, Thomas Mann, Marinescu, Marini, Markov, Martens, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez, Martínez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mathieu, Matsakis, Matsis, Matsouka, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Meyer Pleite, Miguélez Ramos, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mladenov, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Elisabeth Morin, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscardini, Mussa, Musumeci, Myller, Napoletano, Naranjo Escobar, Nassauer, Nattrass, Neris, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niculescu, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortuondo Larrea, Őry, Ouzký, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Pafilis, Pagano, Paleckis, Panavotopoulos-Cassiotou, Panavotov, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Paparizov, Papastamkos, Parish, Paşcu, Patriciello, Patrie, Peillon, Pek, Alojz Peterle, Petre, Pflüger, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pirilli, Pirker, Piskorski, Pittella, Pleštinská, Podestà, Podimata, Podkański, Pöttering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Polfer, Pomés Ruiz, Popa, Posdorf, Posselt, Pribetich, Vittorio Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Raeva, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Riera Madurell, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rivera, Rizzo, Robsahm, Robusti, Rocard, Rodust, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rovsing, Rübig, Rühle, Rus, Rutowicz, Rvan, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sanzarello, Sanz Palacio, Sârbu, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Savary, Savi, Schaldemose, Schapira, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schinas, Schlyter, Frithjof Schmidt, Olle Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Jürgen Schröder, Schroedter, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Segelström, Seppänen, Severin, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Simpson, Sinnott, Siwiec, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sógor, Sommer, Søndergaard, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Spautz, Speroni, Staes, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Šťastný, Stauner, Stavreva, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stihler, Stockmann, Strejček, Strož, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Susta, Svensson, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tannock, Tarand, Tatarella, Teychenné, Thomsen, Thyssen, Ţicău, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tőkés, Tomaszewska, Tomczak, Toubon, Toussas, Trautmann, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Urutchev, Vaidere, Vakalis, Vălean, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vatanen, Vaugrenard, Veneto, Ventre, Veraldi, Vergnaud, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras, Vigenin, de Villiers, Virrankoski, Visser, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wagenknecht, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Henri Weber, Manfred Weber, Renate Weber, Weiler, Weisgerber, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wielowieyski, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Wise, von Wogau, Bernard Wojciechowski, Janusz Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wurtz, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zapałowski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Zdravkova, Zieleniec, Zīle, Zlotea, Zvěřina, Zwiefka