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Committee on Budgetary Control

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MINUTES

Meeting of 3 October 2007, from 15.00 to 18.00,
and 4 October 2007, from 09.00 to 12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.07 on Wednesday 3 October 2007, with Nils Lundgren, first vice-chairman, in the chair.

1. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11-12 September were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

The chairman read out the announcements in Cocobu info.

4. Public hearing "Governance in the European Commission"

After an introduction by the rapporteur, Mrs Ingeborg Gräßle, Mr António Vitorino, former Member of the European Commission and of the Audit Progress Committee, spoke on "*Relations between political executives and permanent bureaucracy in the European Commission*".

The following Members spoke: Jean-Pierre Audy, James Elles, Ingeborg Gräßle, Paul van Buitenen.

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Professor of International Law and International Organisations

at Leuven University, spoke on "*Efficiency of accountability instruments in international organisations*".

The following Members spoke: Ingeborg Gräßle, Jan Mulder, Pierre Pribetich.

Mr Cristiano Sebastiani, President of the Central Staff Committee, spoke on "*Reform results from a staff point of view*".

The following spoke: Ingeborg Gräßle, Paul van Buitenen, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Brian Gray (Commission), Bart Staes, Prof. Dr Walter van Gerven (Leuven University), Salvador Garriga Polledo, Jan Mulder, Mr Heikensten (ECA), Mr Caldeira (ECA), Mr Vitorino, Mr Fehr (ECA), Bart Staes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 17.55 and resumed on the following morning at 9.05.

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5. Adoption of Coordinators' recommendations

On the basis of the coordinators' recommendations the committee took the following decisions.

5.1 Documents received

The committee took the decisions listed in annex II to these minutes.

5.2 Treatment of confidential information obtained during in-camera meetings

The following spoke: Paul van Buitenen, Hans-Peter Martin, Nils Lundgren, Bart Staes, Ingeborg Gräßle.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed again at the next coordinators' meeting in the presence of the Members concerned.

5.3 Request for an in-camera meeting concerning the Commission's contracts with an outside company

Ingeborg Gräßle referred to the Commission's answer to her written question no. 37907. The Commission agreed that it would be sufficient for the moment for the chairman to write a letter asking the Commission to provide all relevant information under the provisions of the Framework Agreement for consultation by Members of the Committee in the secure reading room.

5.4 Delegations and hearings in 2008

The committee approved proposals for a) delegations to Sicily/Southern Italy, Bulgaria and Kosovo and b) hearings (half day only) on paying agencies and VAT fraud.

5.5 Extraordinary committee meeting on 6 November 2007 on (re)appointment of ECA members

The committee noted the coordinators' suggestion that the committee's views on gender balance and age-discrimination could be dealt with in the motions for resolution accompanying the draft reports.

5.6 Buildings policy, D1-D5 buildings: request by Mr Paul van Buitenen

Postponed.

5.7 Proposed Council decision on a contact-point network against corruption

The Committee agreed to give an opinion to the LIBE committee in the form of a letter outlining general considerations, to be discussed by the coordinators and approved in committee.

5.8 Study on the use of official cars in the EU

Postponed.

5.9 Secretary-General's reflection paper on the discharge to the European Parliament

The committee agreed to deal with this matter later in the year in parallel with BUDG's position on the same paper.

6. Regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding

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Draftsman: Véronique Mathieu

PA - PE394.072v01

AM - PE394.214v01

- Vote and adoption of a draft opinion

Mrs Mathieu presented her draft opinion.

The following spoke: Hans-Peter Martin, Nils Lundgren, Ingeborg Gräßle, Bart Staes,

Paulo Casaca, Brian Gray (Commission), Jan Mulder.

Mr Staes on behalf of the Green Group took over the amendments withdrawn by the rapporteur.

The chairman put the amendments to the vote.

Amendments adopted: 10,11,12,2,3,4,5,14,15,7,8 (second part without indent 2)

Amendments rejected: 9,8 (second part)

Amendments fallen: 1,6

Amendments withdrawn: 13

The chairman put the draft opinion as a whole to the vote.

Result of vote = 10 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

7. 2008 Budget: Section III - Commission

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Draftsman: Salvador Garriga Polledo

PA - PE392.249v01

AM - PE394.110v01

- Vote and adoption of a draft opinion

The chairman put the amendments to the vote.

Amendments adopted: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Amendments rejected: none

Amendments fallen: none

Amendments withdrawn: none

The chairman put the draft opinion as a whole to the vote.

Result of vote = 13 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

8. Hearing on governance in the Commission (continued)

Mr Claude Chêne, Director-General, Directorate General for Personnel and Administration, European Commission, spoke on *"Santer-Prodi-Barroso: Reform intentions, successes and shortcomings"*.

The following spoke: Paul van Buitenen, Bogusław Liberadzki, Ingeborg Gräßle, Jean-Pierre Audy.

Mr Josef Bonnici, Member of the European Court of Auditors, spoke on *"Annual Activity Reports - a tool for governance"*.

The following spoke: Ingeborg Gräßle, Jan Mulder, Jean-Pierre Audy.

Prof. Dr. Walter van Gerven, Professor Faculty of Law, Leuven University; former Member of the Independent Group of Experts, spoke on *"Political, ethical and*

financial responsibility of EU commissioners".

The following spoke: Nils Lundgren, Ingeborg Gräßle, Jan Mulder, Bart Staes, Mr Sebastiani (Chairman of the Central Staff Committee), Mr Bonnici (ECA), Mr Chêne (Commission)

9. Any other business

None

10. Date and place of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Committee on Budgetary Control would take place in Brussels on:

Tuesday, 6 November 2007, from 9:00 to 12:30 (hearings for the part-renewal of the European Court of Auditors)

Monday, 12 November 2007, from 19:00 to 22:30, Strasbourg (presentation of the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report concerning the financial year 2006)

Tuesday, 20 November 2007, from 15:00 to 18:30 and Wednesday, 21 November 2007, from 9:00 to 12:30 (principally, hearings with Members of the European Commission on the 2006 discharge)

Monday, 26 November 2007, from 15:00 to 18:30 and Tuesday, 27 November 2007, from 9:00 to 12:30 (principally, hearings with Members of the European Commission on the 2006 discharge)

The meeting ended at 12.42.

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Jean-Pierre Audy, Paul van Buitenen, James Elles, Mogens N.J. Camre, Paulo Casaca, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis (1), Szabolcs Fazakas (2), Ingeborg Gräßle, Dan Jørgensen, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (2), Esther De Lange (2), Hans-Peter Martin, Jan Mulder, Francesco Musotto (2), Aldo Patriciello (1), Bart Staes, Alexander Stubb (2)
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Richard Corbett (2), Salvador Garriga Polledo (1), Edit Herczog (2), Véronique Mathieu (2), Pierre Pribetich, Paul Rübig (1), Petya Stavreva, Andrzej Jan Szejna (2)

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Coordinators' meeting

Wednesday, 3 October 2007

ANNEX TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

RESULTS OF THE COORDINATORS' MEETING AS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Documents received relating to the 2006

- 1.1 Report from the Commission to the Council on the follow-up to 2005 Discharge Decisions (Summary) - Council Recommendations

COM(2007)0537

- 1.2 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2005 Discharge Decisions (Summary) - European Parliament Resolutions

1.1 & 1.2 To be considered in 2006 Discharge to the Commission

Rapporteur: JØRGENSEN (PSE)

Administrator: Castillo Del Carpio

COM(2007)0538

2. Appointment of draftsmen – decision on procedure

Opinion

- 2.1 Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

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 Opinions: BUDG
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- 2.2 Support for research and development performing SMEs
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- 2.3. Commission staff working document: Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council establishing the European institute of technology - Legislative financial statement - Adaptation following the negotiations with the Council and the EP
SEC(2007)1220

Responsible: ITRE

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3. Documents received for information

- 3.1 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on policy for the accommodation of Commission services in Brussels and Luxembourg
COM(2007)0501

No follow-up

- 3.2 Communication from the Commission to the European parliament and the Council : Annual Report 2006-2007 on the implementation of Community assistance under Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community
COM(2007)0536

No follow-up

- 3.3 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on EAGF expenditure - Early warning system No 8/2007
COM(2007)0544

No follow-up

- 3.4 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council- Progressing Galileo: re-profiling the European GNSS programmes
COM(2007)0534

No follow-up