

*Committee on Constitutional Affairs*

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MINUTES

Meetings of 3 November 2009, 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.,
and 4 November 2009, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 3.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 November with Carlo Casini (Chair) in the Chair.

1. Adoption of agenda

AFCO_OJ PE 430.448 v01-00

The agenda was adopted with the changes indicated below.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that the entire meeting would be broadcast over the Internet.

The Chair informed the committee that a debate with the Council presidency on the its six-month term should instead be held at a later meeting.

The Chair proposed informing members of the results of that evening's coordinators' meeting at the beginning of the following day's meeting.

Íñigo Méndez de Vigo drew the members' attention to the fact that the Czech Constitutional Court had, that very day, handed down a ruling confirming for the third time that the Treaty of Lisbon was compatible with the Czech Constitution.

In addition to the Chair, the following Members spoke: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Andrew Duff, József Szájer, Morten Messerschmidt, Zita Gurmai and György Schöpflin.

3. Adjusting Parliament's Rules of Procedure in line with the Lisbon Treaty

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2009/2062(REG)

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PR - PE 427.153 v01-00
AM - PE 428.234 v02-00
PE430.914v01-00

Rapporteur: **David Martin (S&D)**

The Chair introduced the topic.

The rapporteur welcomed Richard Corbett, rapporteur for the same topic during the last parliamentary term.

The following spoke: Ashley Fox, Elmar Brok and Andrew Duff.

The committee proceeded to the vote and adopted Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 (accompanied by an oral amendment), 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 (amended orally), 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 66, 68, 69, 70 (amended orally) and 71, as well as oral amendments on Articles 124 and 125 and compromise amendments 1 and 2.

The amended report was adopted by 19 votes to 2, with 1 abstention.

The meeting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. and resumed at 9.25 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 November 2009 with Carlo Casini (Chair) in the Chair.

4. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed members of the recommendations made by the coordinators at their meeting of 3 November 2009 with a view, *inter alia*, to appointing rapporteurs and rapporteurs for opinion:

- Institutional aspects of the proposal of the Commission on the Surveillance of the Finance System: rapporteur for opinion PPE;
- Application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality: rapporteur for opinion PPE;
- Nominated as member in charge of gender mainstreaming: vice-chair Zita Gurmai;
- Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030: Mr Felipe González Márquez will be invited to the Committee on another occasion;
- Revision of the provisions governing the activity of committees of inquiry: rapporteur S&D;
- Revision of the Framework Agreement between the Parliament and the Commission: rapporteur PPE;
- Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: rapporteur S&D. A hearing will be organised at a date to be fixed;
- Interpretation of Articles 27 and 28: the chairman will present a draft letter to the committee;
- Comitology Procedure: the chairman will present a draft letter to the committee;

- Hearing of the designated members of the Commission:
 - AFCO will request to be permitted to participate with a delegation at the hearing of the future vice-chairman of the Commission responsible for External Affairs taking into account the institutional specificities of this portfolio;
 - Representatives of the Committee of the Regions will be permitted to participate in the hearing of the commissioner designate who is presenting to AFCO as observers;
- Research (including External Study): comparative study requested on electoral systems in federal States;
- Delegations and Hearings in 2010:
 - the delegation visit to Hungary in the second semester of 2010 is agreed;
 - delegation visits to United Kingdom, Italy, Poland and Germany envisaged to discuss with national parliaments about future of integration;
- Discharge procedure for the budget year 2008: no opinion will be drawn up.

The committee approved these recommendations.

5. Hearing of Commissioner designate in charge of institutional affairs

AFCO/7/00859

Rapporteur: **Rafał Kazimierz Trzaskowski (EPP)**

The rapporteur pointed out that the Conference of Committee Chairs had adopted, in the form of a recommendation, a single questionnaire for all the committees consisting of five questions. As the principle of the single questionnaire had not received unanimous support, it had been proposed that each committee define five specific priorities to be annexed to the questionnaire.

The rapporteur distributed a list of proposals for the five priorities to the members of the committee.

The following spoke: Andrew Duff, Ramón Jáuregui Atando and György Schöpflin.

6. Relations with national parliaments

AFCO/7/01355

The previous item was interrupted in order to give Vice-President Edward McMillan-Scott the opportunity to discuss the most recent COSAC meeting.

Elmar Brok, Zita Gurmai, Paulo Rangel, Andrew Henry William Brons, Gerald Häfner, György Schöpflin and Rafał Kazimierz Trzaskowski spoke and Vice-President Edward McMillan-Scott concluded the exchange of views.

7. Hearing of Commissioner designate in charge of institutional affairs

AFCO/7/00859

Rapporteur: **Rafał Kazimierz Trzaskowski (PPE)**

Item 5 was resumed. During the subsequent debate the following Members spoke: Gerald Häfner, Helmut Scholz, Paulo Rangel, Andrew Henry William Brons, Elmar Brok, Andrew Duff and Enrique Guerrero Salom.

The rapporteur summarised the amendments that he intended to make to the five specific priorities following the exchange of views. The committee agreed with his proposal that the list of priorities should be forwarded after the text had been finalised by consensus according to a written procedure. The Chair thanked the rapporteur.

8. Other business

None.

9. Date and place of next meeting

Monday, 30 November 2009, 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., Brussels
Tuesday, 1 December 2009, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Brussels

The meeting closed at 11.15 p.m.

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