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**MINUTES**

Meeting of 15 July 2010, from 9.00 to 12.30 and from 15.00 to 18.30  
BRUSSELS

**1. Coordinators' meeting (in camera from 9.00 to 10.00)**

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*The meeting opened at 10.10 on Thursday 15 July 2010, with Erminia Mazzoni (Chairman) in the chair.*

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**2. Adoption of draft agenda**

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The Chairman announced apologies from Pascale Gruny and Rainer Wieland, who would be absent for personal reasons.

Item 7 would be introduced by Norica Nicolai replacing Adina-Ioana Vălean, absent for health reasons.

Item 9: a revised document was circulated during the meeting.

The petitioners Paul de Clerck and Christoph Klein were welcomed to the meeting.

Item 10 was postponed.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

**3. Approval of minutes of the meetings of 4 and 31 May 2010:**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

**4. Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman announced that the annex to the Chairman's notes had been distributed a week ago containing recommendations on petitions to be re-opened, closed or

withdrawn. As no comments had been received, they were considered to be approved.

The Chairman related the results of the Coordinators' meeting:

- The Chairman reported on her mission to Cyprus (3-6 June), Members acknowledged the sensitivity of the issue and recommended an exchange of information with the High Level Contact Group on Northern Cyprus. The Secretariat was requested to circulate a note with some options for the way forward.
- The Chairman reported on her meeting with Commissioner Dalli in Strasbourg concerning petition 473/2008 (Mr Klein). A full discussion was to take place in Committee.
- The Chairman reported on her meeting with Commissioner Šefčovič who was invited to attend the September meeting for the discussion of the Commission's 26th Report on the Application of Community Law, in particular the distinction between complaints and petitions, and possibly the Citizens Initiative.
- The Chairman informed members of her meeting with President Buzek and expectations regarding the upgrade of the website of the Committee on Petitions.
- The Members were informed of the letter from the Spanish Minister of Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs of 6 July. It was decided to request the opinion of the legal service regarding retroactivity of legislation and respect for human rights in the context of expropriations.
- Regarding the issue of the Nordstream pipeline, pending further discussion in Committee, Giles Chichester suggested the possibility of a motion for a resolution.
- The Chair announced that there would be a joint meeting with AFCO and National Parliaments on September, 30th in the afternoon, to discuss Parliament's position on the ECI. A further joint meeting with AFCO will be arranged in October.
- As regards the organisation of the Committee's work, there was a request to table time for debate of amendments to reports before the vote. Furthermore, Mr Jahr reported on the outcome of his meeting with the Secretariat regarding the handling of so-called non-petitions. He envisaged approaching DG Presidency on the subject.
- The draft agenda for September was approved subject to the inclusion of Commissioner Šefčovič's presence and the presence of the Environmental Agency for the discussion on the report of the fact-finding mission to Campania.

#### **5. Adoption of the opinion on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011 - Section VII - European Ombudsman**

Norica Nicolai presented the opinion.

*Speakers:* the Chairman, Peter Jahr, Margrete Auken.

An oral amendment put forward by Peter Jahr was adopted with 15 votes in favour and three abstentions. The report and one written amendment were adopted unanimously.

#### **6. Presentation of a Report on the Annual report 2009 of the European Ombudsman (2010/2059(INI))**

Mariya Nedelcheva presented her report.

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Margrete Auken, William Floyd (Commission

representative), Simon Busuttil, Victor Boștinaru, Gerald Häfner.

Deadline for amendments: 6 September, 18:00.

Adoption: 29 September.

**7. Presentation of a report on the European Ombudsman's Special Report following his Draft Recommendation to the European Commission in complaint 676/2008RT (2010/2086(INI))**

Chrysoula Paliadeli presented her report.

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Paul de Clerck (petitioner), Marc Maes (Commission's representative), Gerald Häfner, Victor Boștinaru, Elena Băsescu.

The Committee expressed a strong feeling that, in this case, the Commission placed the interests of the citizens behind those of a private company.

Deadline for amendments: 6 September, 18:00.

Adoption: 29 September.

**8. Presentation of an Opinion on Monitoring the Application of European Union Law (2008) (2010/2076(INI); COM(2009)0675)**

The Chairman presented her draft opinion and the working document (distributed at the meeting).

*Speakers:* the Chairman, Jonathan Stoodley (Commission's representative), Margrete Auken.

Deadline for amendments: 6 September, 18:00.

**9. Presentation of an Opinion on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Citizen's Initiative (COM 2010/0119) (2010/0074(COD))**

Diana Wallis presented a position paper on behalf of herself and co-rapporteur Gerald Häfner.

*Speakers:* The Chairman; Mario P. Tenreiro (Commission's representative), Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa, Simon Busuttil, Constance Le Grip, Tatjana Ždanoka, Bairbre de Brún, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Andrew Duff, Victor Boștinaru, Gerald Häfner

A joint meeting with AFCO and the national parliaments is scheduled for September 30th afternoon. A further joint meeting with AFCO will be scheduled in October.

**10. Adoption of the report on the Fact-finding visit to Huelva on petitions 631/2007, 1458/2007 and 1682/2008 (16-18.02.2010)**

Members unanimously approved the recommendations of the report with two amendments by Willy Meyer, accepted and incorporated by the author.

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*The meeting adjourned at 12.45.*

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*The meeting reconvened at 15.00 with the Chairman presiding.*

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**11. Petition N° 473/2008 by Christoph Klein (German), concerning the failure of the Commission to take action regarding a competition case and the harmful impact of this on the company concerned**

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Christoph Klein (petitioner), Jacqueline Minor (Commission's representative), Peter Jahr, Gerald Häfner, Angelika Werthmann, Margrete Auken, David Schneider-Addae-Mensah

The Chairman noted that the response from the Commission did not reflect her understanding of the commitment by the Commissioner, whom she met in Strasbourg.

*Decision:* Ask the Commission for a written statement.

**12. Discussion on the follow-up on the Report on the environmental impact of the planned Nordstream gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea to link up Russia and Germany (Petitions 614/2007 and 952/2006) (2007/2118(INI)) (Rapporteur: LIBICKI)**

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Stephanos Ampatzis (Commission's representative), Zbigniew Ziobro, Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Victor Boștinăru.

Zbigniew Ziobro suggested a motion for a resolution.

*Decision:* to be referred to the coordinators' meeting in September.

**13. Consideration of a report on the Fact-finding visit to Campania (27-30 April 2010)**

(Deadline for amendments: 6 September, 18:00)

(Adoption: 29 September)

Margrete Auken presented the report on behalf of the Delegation.

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Giuseppe Manganaro, Marcello Roma (Commission DG ENVI and DG Regio representatives), Tommaso Esposito, Anna Maria Ranieri (petitioners) Giovanni Romano (Alderman for environment and waste for the Campania Region), Peter Jahr, Andrea Cozzolino, Vincenzo Iovine, Bairbre de Brún, Ivo Poggiani (petitioner).

The Chairman was critical of the Commission, which in no way addressed the findings of the report. The Committee noted the commitment of the Campania Alderman to have an integrated waste management plan adopted before the end of the year.

*Decision:* Ask the Commission for a written statement.

**14. Petition N° 1494/2009 by Ermando Mennella (Italian) on behalf of 'Federalberghi Isole Minori' concerning ferry connections between the Italian mainland and islands**

*Speakers:* The Chairman, Ermando Menella (petitioner) Giovanni Mendola (Commission's representative).

*Decision:* remain open, possible oral question.

**15. Petition 1227/2009 by D.W. (Irish), on behalf of the 'Friends of Penzance Harbour', on harbour development in Penzance, Cornwall for the purpose of improving communications with the Scilly islands**

*Speakers:* The Chairman, John Maggs (petitioner), Koen Delanghe (Commission's representative), Keith Taylor

The Committee noted the lack of response from the Commission regarding the environmental dimensions of the petition, notably as regards the EIA and Birds Directives.

*Decision:* remain open, pending further information due from the UK authorities.

**16. Petitions for which discussion was held over to a forthcoming meeting**

Petition No 1036/2009.

**17. Petitions under B**

Petitions 415/2005, 419/2005, 877/2007, 1016/2007, 239/2008, 436/2008, 635/2008, 973/2008, 1277/2008, 1708/2008, 1792/2008, 1841/2008, 46/2009, 94/2009, 310/2009, 365/2009, 367/2009, 383/2009, 541/2009, 886/2009, 892/2009, 971/2009, 1063/2009, 1141/2009, 1164/2009, 1170/2009, 1176/2009, 1207/2009, 1215/2009, 1263/2009, 1267/2009, 1308/2009, 1335/2009, 1381/2009, 1388/2009, 1403/2009, 1424/2009, 1441/2009, 1444/2009, 1448/2009, 1454/2009, 1461/2009, 1463/2009, 1493/2009, 1505/2009, 1507/2009, 1524/2009, 1545/2009, 1564/2009, 1572/2009, 1602/2009, 1607/2009, 1624/2009, 1630/2009, 1637/2009, 1646/2009, 1647/2009, 1660/2009, 1680/2009, 1682/2009, 1683/2009, 1786/2009, 1790/2009, 1798/2009 and 1863/2009 were closed on the basis of the Commission's reply.

Petitions 249/2007, 267/2007, 587/2008, 1661/2008, 1269/2009 and 1820/2009 would be moved from section B and discussed as an "A" point at a later meeting.

**18. Other business: list of petitions declared admissible between 31 May and 14 July**

See Annex.

**19. Date and place of next meeting**

Wednesday 29 September, 2010, from 15.00 - 18.30 and Thursday 30 September, 2010, from 9.00 - 12.30, in Brussels.

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*The meeting adjourned at 18.20.*

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Marta Andreasen, Herbert Dorfmann, Gerald Häfner, Marian Harkin, Joe Higgins, Vincenzo Iovine, Constance Le Grip, Keith Taylor, Axel Voss

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