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MINUTES

Meeting of 30 May 2017, 15.00-18.30

BRUSSELS

*The meeting opened at 15.01 on Tuesday, 30 May 2017, with Ms. Cecilia Wikström (Chair) presiding.*

**1. Coordinators’ meeting (in camera)** until 16.08.

The meeting resumed at 16.31, with *Ms. Cecilia Wikström (Chair) presiding.*

**2. Adoption of draft agenda** PETI\_OJ (2017) 266\_1

The draft agenda was adopted with one change: the order of items 9 and 10 was reversed upon the request of Ms. Jude Kirton-Darling.

**3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of**

24-25 April 2017 PV- PE 603.081

**4. Chair's announcements**

None.

**5. Any other business**

None.

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(1) In accordance with the committee’s Guidelines 2016, items in sections B of the draft agenda will not be discussed during the current meeting. However any PETI Member may ask before the end of the meeting for an item in section B to be kept open; it will then be automatically included in the Coordinators’ agenda for a decision on its further treatment at a subsequent Coordinators’ meeting.

**6. Chair's announcements concerning Coordinators' decisions**

**1) Adoption of the final agenda for 21-22 June and the agenda for 10-11 July, and requests for agendas**

The Coordinators took note of the need to appoint a rapporteur for the EMPL disability report.

The agendas for 21-22 June and 10-11 July were adopted.

The following petitions will be added to the July agenda upon request of the political groups, provided that the Commission reply is available: petition 1053/2016 on the project for the construction of a detention basin for the River Seveso (Milan/Bresso); petition 0760/2016 on the protection of the black vulture in the Tramuntana mountain range, Majorca, Balearic Islands; petition 1109/2016 on the new tax on sustainable tourism in the Balearic Islands; and petition 1432/2016 on the “Passante di Bologna” project.

Petition 0099/2017 on the employment situation of hotel maids was postponed to a later meeting.

Petition 0967/2012 on the disenfranchisement of EU citizens exercising their right to free movement and discrimination based upon nationality under the Charter of Fundamental Rights will be added to a later agenda in the context of the preparation of the Citizenship Report.

All open petitions concerning TTIP and CETA (approximately 20 petitions) will be added to the September agenda.

**2) Reports and opinions**

The Coordinators took note of the need to appoint a rapporteur for the EMPL Report on Implementation of the European Disability Strategy at latest in the next meeting.

**3) Contested recommendations**

The Chair’s recommendations for petitions 1463/2016 and 1514/2016 were approved.

As for petition 1484/2016, it was decided that a reminder shall be sent to the Romanian authorities.

All other contested recommendations are deemed to be approved according to the compromise proposed by the Chair.

**4) Requests concerning B-items**

Petitions 0517/2013, 1666/2013 and 0652/2016 were closed.

Petition 0733/2016 will be sent to CULT for information and then closed.

Petitions 0691/2011 will be kept open and placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.

**5) Fact finding visits and hearings**

Coordinators endorsed the updated programme for the FFV to Taranto, Italy, as well as the draft programme for the FFV to Larnaca, Cyprus. Coordinators also endorsed the composition of the delegation to Larnaca. The Chair will lead both delegations.

Regarding hearings, coordinators took note of the final programme for the hearing of 22 June on ‘Restoring citizen’s confidence and trust in the European project’, adopted by written procedure.

As regards the inclusion of petition 0747/2016 in the programme of the hearing on Statelessness, the Coordinators mandated the Chair to insist on its inclusion during the upcoming meeting with the LIBE Chair.

**6) Follow-up on Brexit**

Coordinators were invited to submit proposals for a contribution by PETI to a possible EP resolution on “Citizens” to be drawn up by the CoP, with a provisional timeline of endorsement by the end of August via written procedure.

**7) PETI Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan**

Coordinators took note of the draft PETI Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan, prepared and presented by Mr. Jahr.

The Coordinators decided to adopt the final version in the next meeting (21 June), and to allow Coordinators to propose amendments, within the deadline of 6 June.

**8) Event on disability**

The Chair informed the Coordinators about the next disability event planned for 12 October.

The Coordinators took the decision to ask Policy Department C to prepare a proposal for the workshop and to request updates of pre-existing studies on the topic.

**9) Items for information**

The Coordinators took note of the following documents:

**a) List 3 (possibly inadmissible petitions)**

A new list of registered petitions considered by DG Presidency as being potentially non-compliant with the provisions of the art 227 TFEU have been submitted to all Members on 16 May 2017.

**b) Reply by CULT to petition 0847/2015 on education and training**

**10) Any other business**

None.

**7. Vote on the recommendations, Report on the Fact-finding Visit to Sweden (21.02.2017)**

The report document as amended was adopted with 20 votes in favour, 0 against, and no abstentions.

**8. Presentation of her Annual report 2016 by the European Ombudsman, Ms Emily O’ Reilly**

Speakers: Ms. Emily O’Reilly (European Ombudsman), Ms Marlene Mizzi, Mr. Jarosław Wałęsa, Mr. Notis Marias, Ms. Margrete Auken, Ms. Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Ms. Eleonora Evi, Ms. Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Ms. Virginie Rozière, Ms. Jude Kirton-Darling

***In the presence of the European Commission***

**A. Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received**

**9. Petition 0663/2016 by Georgios Beskos and Alexandros Manolopoulos (Greek) on behalf of the Lawyers’ Association of the Aegean, on the recent insurance/tax Law 4387/2016 in Greece and the risk it poses to the operations of lawyers**

Speakers: Mr. Georgios Beskos, Mr. Alexandros Manolopoulos (petitioners), Mr. Veli Laine (ECFIN), Mr. Sotirios Zarianopoulos, Mr. Notis Marias, Mr Peter Jahr, Mr Josep-Maria Terricabras

Decision:Keep the petition open

Request information from the EC (for an update, especially after the measures adopted by Greece on May 18th, 2017 following a preliminary agreement in the Euro Working Group and for comments on the letter received from the Greek authorities received on 29 May). Send a letter to the Greek Ministry of Employment and Social Security for a second comment on the matters raised by the petitioners, send a letter to the Permanent Representation of Greece, send a letter to the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA), send a letter to the Greek Ministry of Finance, and send a letter to the European Stability Mechanism to express concern and ask for their comments.

**10. Fact-finding Visit to Spain (22-23.05.2017)**

Preliminary oral report by the Head of Delegation

Speakers: Ms. Jude Kirton-Darling

Point of order: Ms. Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

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*The meeting closed at 18:25.*

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**B. Petitions which it is proposed to close in the light of the Commission's written reply or other documents received**

The following petitions would be closed:

0633/2013, 0584/2015, 1324/2015, 0068/2016, 0211/2016, 0447/2016, 0523/2016, 0540/2016, 0562/2016, 0567/2016, 0626/2016, 0665/2016, 0748/2016, 0858/2016, 0899/2016, 0931/2016, 0936/2016, 0968/2016, 0974/2016, 0999/2016, 1015/2016, 1100/2016.

The following petitions would remain open:

0492/2010, 2691/2014, 1006/2015, 0459/2016, 0702/2016, 0867/2016.

**11. Date and place of next meeting:**

The next meeting would be on 21 June 2017 from 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00-18.30 and 22 June 2017 from 09.00 - 12.30 and in Brussels

**Annexes:**

*List of petitions declared admissible since the last meeting of the Committee on Petitions on 3 May 2017*

*"List 3" including petitions considered potentially non-compliant with the provisions of Art. 227 TFEU.*

Results of roll-call votes

**Fact-finding Visit to Sweden (21.02.2017)**

**Final vote**

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| ECR Grouip | Notis Marias |
| EFDD | Eleonora Evi |
| GUE/NGL | Marina Albiol Guzmán |
| PPE | Pál Csáky, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Elisabetta Gardini, Peter Jahr, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Sven Schulze |
| S&D Group | Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Michela Giuffrida, Jude Kirton-Darling, Peter Kouroumbashev, Virginie Rozière |
| Verts/ALE Group | Margrete Auken, Julia Reda, Tatjana Ždanoka |

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