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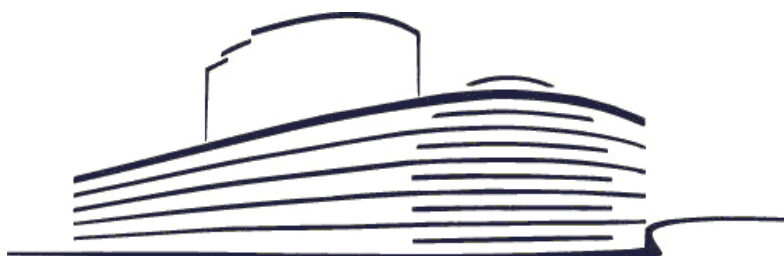
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KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

*	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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(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

INFORMATION RELATING TO VOTING TIME

Unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments.

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: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING
President

1. Opening of the sitting

The sitting opened at 9.05.

2. Welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the Mexican Congress - led by Senator Guadarrama - who had taken their seats in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

3. Scientific facts of climate change: findings and recommendations for decision-making (debate)

Interim report on the scientific facts of climate change: findings and recommendations for decision-making [2008/2001(INI)] - Temporary committee on climate change. Rapporteur: Karl-Heinz Florenz (A6-0136/2008)

Karl-Heinz Florenz introduced the report.

The following spoke: Janez Podobnik (President-in-Office of the Council) and Stavros Dimas (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Rebecca Harms, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Liam Aylward, on behalf of the UEN Group, Jens Holm, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Jana Bobošíková, Non-attached Member, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guido Sacconi and Vittorio Prodi.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS
Vice-President

The following spoke: Caroline Lucas, Bogdan Pęk, Roberto Musacchio, Graham Booth, Roger Helmer, Markus Pieper, Dorette Corbey, Lena Ek, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Jerzy Buzek, Riitta Myller, Avril Doyle, Agnes Schierhuber and Valdis Dombrovskis.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Romana Jordan Cizelj, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Péter Olajos, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Miroslav Mikolášik, Anni Podimata and Marios Matsakis.

The following spoke: Janez Podobnik, Stavros Dimas and Karl-Heinz Florenz.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 21.05.2008, item 5.12.*

4. Turkey's 2007 progress report (debate)

Report: on Turkey's 2007 progress report [2007/2269(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rapporteur: Ria Oomen-Ruijten (A6-0168/2008)

Ria Oomen-Ruijten introduced the report.

IN THE CHAIR: Martine ROURE
Vice-President

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council) and Olli Rehn (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Emine Bozkurt (draftsman of the opinion of the FEMM Committee), Giorgos Dimitrakopoulos, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Alexander Lambsdorff, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Joost Lagendijk, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Vittorio Agnoletto, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Georgiou, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Philip Claeys, Non-attached Member, Werner Langen, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Andrew Duff, Cem Özdemir, Roberta Angelilli, Adamos Adamou, Bastiaan Belder, Sylwester Chruszcz, Jacques Toubon, Véronique De Keyser, István Szent-Iványi, Mogens Camre, Ioannis Kasoulides, Maria Eleni Koppa, Marios Matsakis, Mario Borghesio, Francisco José Millán Mon, Béatrice Patrie, Gunnar Hökmark, Richard Howitt, Elmar Brok, Emilio Menéndez del Valle, Vural Öger and Evgeni Kirilov.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Reinhard Rack, Pierre Pribetich, Zbigniew Zaleski, Joel Hasse Ferreira and Panayiotis Demetriou.

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič, Olli Rehn and Ria Oomen-Ruijten.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 21.05.2008, item 5.13.*

IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING
President

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.

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The following spoke: Struan Stevenson, on the next day's transport strike in France and the impact of strikes on Members' work (the President said that Members would be informed by the administration of the measures taken), and Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on exercising the right to strike.

5.1. Calendar of part-sessions for 2009 (vote)

Calendar of part-sessions of the European Parliament – 2009: see the Conference of Presidents' proposals (*minutes of 19.05.2008, item 16*)

(Simple majority)

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

The Calendar of part-sessions of the European Parliament for 2009 was established as follows:

12 to 15 January

2 to 5 February

18 and 19 February

9 to 12 March

23 to 26 March

1 and 2 April

21 to 24 April

4 to 7 May

14 to 16 July

14 to 17 September

7 and 8 October

19 to 22 October

11 and 12 November

23 to 26 November

14 to 17 December.

The following spoke:

Joseph Daul, who moved an oral amendment to the proposal Conference of Presidents' proposal (week 17) to put back by one day the part-session proposed for 20 to 23 April 2009 so that it would be held on 21 to 24 April 2009.

Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, who seconded this proposal.

Parliament adopted this oral amendment.

Hartmut Nassauer, who requested clarifications as to the forthcoming European elections and Parliament's first sitting thereafter (the President replied that he would refer the matter to the Conference of Presidents);

Daniel Cohn-Bendit, who spoke on the previous speakers' remarks.

5.2. Banning of exports and the safe storage of metallic mercury *II (vote)**

Recommendation for second reading: on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the banning of exports and the safe storage of metallic mercury [11488/1/2007 - C6-0034/2008 - 2006/0206(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Dimitrios Papadimoulis (A6-0102/2008)

(Qualified majority)

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

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The following spoke: Dimitrios Papadimoulis (rapporteur), on Amendments 37 and 41.

Declared approved as amended (*P6_TA(2008)0214*)

5.3. Protection of the environment through criminal law *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law [COM(2007)0051 - C6-0063/2007 - 2007/0022(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Hartmut Nassauer (A6-0154/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council), Olli Rehn (Member of the Commission) and Hartmut Nassauer (rapporteur).

Approved as amended (*P6_TA(2008)0215*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2008)0215*)

5.4. Farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 [COM(2007)0245 - C6-0127/2007 - 2007/0084(COD)] - Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Rapporteur: Gábor Harangozó (A6-0061/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

The following spoke: Gábor Harangozó (rapporteur).

Approved as amended (P6_TA(2008)0216)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0216)

5.5. Conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator [COM(2007)0263 - C6-0145/2007 - 2007/0098(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Silvia-Adriana Țicău (A6-0087/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6_TA(2008)0217)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0217)

The following spoke on the vote:

Mathieu Grosch, who said that Amendments 108 and 117 were incompatible and withdrew Amendment 117, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group.

5.6. International carriage of passengers by coach and bus (recast) *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the market for coach and bus services (recast) [COM(2007)0264 - C6-0147/2007 - 2007/0097(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Mathieu Grosch (A6-0037/2008)

The following spoke: Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, who, on the basis of Rule 170(4), requested that the vote be postponed to one of the two forthcoming part-sessions, and Mathieu Grosch (rapporteur), who seconded the request.

Parliament agreed to the request.

5.7. International carriage of goods by road (recast) *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for access to the international road haulage market (recast) [COM(2007)0265 - C6-0146/2007 - 2007/0099(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Mathieu Grosch (A6-

0038/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6_TA(2008)0218)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0218)

5.8. Mobile satellite services (MSS) *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS) [COM(2007)0480 - C6-0257/2007 - 2007/0174(COD)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Fiona Hall (A6-0077/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (P6_TA(2008)0219)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0219)

5.9. A simplified business environment for companies (vote)

Report: on a simplified business environment for companies in the areas of company law, accounting and auditing [2007/2254(INI)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Klaus-Heiner Lehne (A6-0101/2008)

(Simple majority)

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0220)

5.10. Women and science (vote)

Report: on women and science [2007/2206(INI)] - Committee on Women's Rights and Gender

Equality. Rapporteur: Britta Thomsen (A6-0165/2008)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 9)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0221)

5.11. Green Paper on better ship dismantling (vote)

Report: on the Green Paper on better ship dismantling [2007/2279(INI)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Johannes Blokland (A6-0156/2008)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 10)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0222)

5.12. Scientific facts of climate change: findings and recommendations for decision-making (vote)

Report: on the scientific facts of climate change: findings and recommendations for decision-making [2008/2001(INI)] - Temporary committee on climate change. Rapporteur: Karl-Heinz Florenz (A6-0136/2008)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 11)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0223)

The following spoke on the vote:

The President, who said that Amendments 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 had been declared inadmissible, and Jan Březina, who disputed the inadmissibility of Amendment 15 (the President said that these amendments could be retabled at the time of the vote on the main report on this subject).

5.13. Turkey's 2007 progress report (vote)

Report: on Turkey's 2007 progress report [2007/2269(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs. Rapporteur: Ria Oomen-Ruijten (A6-0168/2008)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 12)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0224)

The following spoke on the vote:

Alexander Lambsdorff, who moved an oral amendment to paragraph 11, which was incorporated;

Ria Oomen-Ruijten (rapporteur), who moved an oral amendment to paragraph 19, which was incorporated.

6. Rheumatic diseases (written declaration)

Written declaration 0008/2008 on rheumatic diseases, submitted by Edite Estrela, Dorette Corbey and Adamos Adamou, 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 5.6.2008.

IN THE CHAIR: Mario MAURO
Vice-President

7. 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:

Calendar of part-sessions for 2009: Toomas Savi and Bernd Posselt

Report:: Dimitrios Papadimoulis - A6-0102/2008: Fiona Hall and Lojze Peterle

Report:: Hartmut Nassauer - A6-0154/2008: Zuzana Roithová, Roger Helmer, Syed Kamall, Giuseppe Gargani and Bogusław Sonik

Report:: Fiona Hall - A6-0077/2008: Zuzana Roithová and Syed Kamall

Report:: Karl-Heinz Florenz - A6-0136/2008: Miroslav Ouzký, Jan Březina, Zita Pleštinská, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Kurt Joachim Lauk and Roger Helmer

Report:: Ria Oomen-Ruijten - A6-0168/2008: Dimitar Stoyanov, Frank Vanhecke, Zuzana Roithová, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Bernd Posselt, Albert Deß and Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva

8. 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.

Ewa Tomaszewska said her voting machine had not worked during the vote on Amendment 11 to the report by Silvia-Adriana Țicău - A6-0087/2008.

(The sitting was suspended at 13.50 and resumed at 15.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS
Vice-President

9. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

10. Tragic situation in Burma (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Tragic situation in Burma

Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council) and Louis Michel (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Hartmut Nassauer, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Jan Marinus Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jules Maaten, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, Jim Allister, Non-attached Member, Urszula Gacek, Libor Rouček, Marios Matsakis, Frithjof Schmidt, Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka, Colm Burke, Thijs Berman, Thomas Mann, Ana Maria Gomes, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Józef Pinior, Alessandro Battilocchio and Neena Gill.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Mario Mauro, Tunne Kelam and Glyn Ford.

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič and Louis Michel.

IN THE CHAIR: Luisa MORGANTINI
Vice-President

Motions for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Pasqualina Napoletano, Glenys Kinnock, Giovanna Corda and Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the tragic situation in Burma (B6-0244/2008)

- Geoffrey Van Orden, Hartmut Nassauer, Urszula Gacek, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Colm Burke and Thomas Mann, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the tragic situation in Burma (B6-0245/2008)

- Daniel Cohn-Bendit, Frithjof Schmidt, Hélène Flautre, Margrete Auken, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Angelika Beer, Alyn Smith and Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the tragic situation in Burma (B6-0246/2008)

- Gintaras Didžiokas, Adam Bielan, Ryszard Czarnecki and Ewa Tomaszewska, on behalf of the UEN Group, on Burma/Myanmar (B6-0244/2008)0247/08

- Roberto Musacchio, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the tragic situation in Burma/Myanmar (B6-0248/2008)

- Thierry Cornillet, Marielle De Sarnez and Elizabeth Lynne, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the tragic situation in Burma (B6-0249/2008)

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.7.*

11. Natural disaster in China (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Natural disaster in China

Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council) and Louis Michel (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Georg Jarzembowski, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Libor Rouček, on behalf of the PSE Group, Dirk Sterckx, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Patrick Louis, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt, Edite Estrela, Bastiaan Belder, Cornelis Visser, Alexandra Dobolyi, Glyn Ford, Józef Pinior, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi and Genowefa Grabowska.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Colm Burke, Bogdan Golik and Zbigniew Zaleski.

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič and Louis Michel.

Motions for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Georg Jarzembowski, Jean-Luc Dehaene, Cornelis Visser and Jas Gawronski, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the natural disaster in China (B6-0242/2008),

- Adam Bielan, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marcin Libicki and Ewa Tomaszewska, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the earthquake in China (B6-0250/2008)

- Daniel Cohn-Bendit, Monica Frassoni, Helga Trüpel, Eva Lichtenberger, Claude Turmes, Milan Horáček, Raúl Romeva i Rueda and Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the natural disaster in China (B6-0251/2008),

- Jiří Maštálka and Gabriele Zimmer, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the earthquake in China (B6-0252/2008)

- Dirk Sterckx, Thierry Cornillet and Marielle De Sarnez, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the natural disaster in China (B6-0253/2008),

- Hannes Swoboda, Pasqualina Napoletano and Alexandra Dobolyi, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the natural disaster in China (B6-0270/2008).

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.8.*

12. Global treaty to ban uranium weapons (debate)

Oral question (O-0029/2008/rev) by Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Angelika Beer and Caroline Lucas, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis, on behalf of the UEN Group, Karl von Wogau and Stefano Zappalà, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, to the Council: Global treaty to ban uranium weapons (B6-0153/2008)

Oral question (O-0030/2008/rev) by Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Angelika Beer and Caroline Lucas, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis, on behalf of the UEN Group, Karl von Wogau and Stefano Zappalà, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, to the Commission: Global treaty to ban uranium weapons (B6-0154/2008)

Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Ana Maria Gomes, Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis and Stefano Zappalà moved the oral questions.

Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the question (B6-0153/2008).

Louis Michel (Member of the Commission) answered the question (B6-0154/2008).

IN THE CHAIR: Adam BIELAN
Vice-President

The following spoke: Jana Hybášková, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Elizabeth Lynne, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Tobias Pflüger, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Luca Romagnoli, Non-attached Member, and Luisa Morgantini (author).

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Roberto Fiore and Gerard Batten.

The following spoke: Janez Lenarčič and Louis Michel.

Motions for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 108(5):

- Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck and Elizabeth Lynne, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on (depleted) uranium weapons and their effect on human health and the environment – towards a global ban on the use of such weapons (B6-0219/2008),

- Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Caroline Lucas and Angelika Beer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on (depleted) uranium weapons and their effect on human health and the environment – towards a global ban on the use of such weapons (B6-0220/2008),

- Stefano Zappalà, Karl von Wogau, Urszula Gacek, Jana Hybášková and Árpád Duka-Zólyomi, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on depleted uranium weapons (B6-0223/2008),

- Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis and Ryszard Czarnecki, on behalf of the UEN Group, on (depleted) uranium weapons and their effect on human health and the environment – towards a global ban on the use of such weapons (B6-0224/2008),

- Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, on depleted uranium weapons and their effect on human health and the environment - towards a global ban on the use of such weapons (B6-0227/2008),

- Tobias Pflüger, Willy Meyer Pleite and Adamos Adamou, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on (depleted) uranium weapons and their effect on human health and the environment – towards a global ban on the use of such weapons (B6-0230/2008).

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.9.*

(The sitting was suspended at 17.35 pending Question Time and resumed at 18.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Manuel António dos SANTOS
Vice-President

13. Question Time (Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B6-0156/2008).

Question 1 (Manuel Medina Ortega): Passport discrimination in the EU.

Janez Lenarčič (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the question and supplementaries by Manuel Medina Ortega and Reinhard Rack.

Question 2 (Avril Doyle): Ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and supplementaries by Avril Doyle, Marian Harkin and Jim Allister.

Question 3 (Colm Burke): Negotiations with FYR of Macedonia towards EU membership.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and a supplementary by Colm Burke.

Question 4 lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 5 (Gay Mitchell): Climate change and international security.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and supplementaries by Gay Mitchell and Carlos Carnero González.

Question 6 (Jim Higgins): Effective protection of the EU's external borders.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and supplementaries by Jim Higgins and Reinhard Rack.

Question 7 (Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou): Combating poverty.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and supplementaries by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou and Emanuel Jardim Fernandes.

Question 8 (Robert Evans): Human rights in Cuba.

Janez Lenarčič answered the question and supplementaries by Richard Howitt (deputising for the author), Zita Pleštinšká and David Martin.

The following spoke: Bernd Posselt, on the scheduling of Question Time on the basis of the Council's timetable (the President promised to refer the matter to the Conference of Presidents), and Janez Lenarčič, on the previous speaker's remarks.

Questions which had not been answered for lack of time would receive written answers (*see annex to the Verbatim Report of Proceedings*).

Council Question Time closed.

(The sitting was suspended at 19.05 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Marek SIWIEC
Vice-President

14. Verification of credentials

On a proposal by the JURI Committee, Parliament decided to validate the mandates of the Members Jan Cremers and Hanne Dahl with effect from 30.4.2008 and 9.5.2008 respectively.

15. Composition of committees and delegations

At the request of the PSE, ALDE, UEN, Verts/ALE and IND/DEM Groups, Parliament ratified the following appointments:

AGRI Committee: László Tőkés

LIBE Committee: Catherine Boursier, Fabio Ciani

Subcommittee on Human Rights: Bernard Wojciechowski to replace Witold Tomczak

Delegation to the Euromediterranean Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Catherine Boursier, Adrian Severin

Delegation for relations with the countries of south-east Europe: Salvatore Tatarella.

Delegation to the EU-Croatia Joint Parliamentary Committee: Viktória Mohácsi to replace Vittorio Prodi

Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries: Catherine Boursier

Delegation for relations with South Africa: Vittorio Prodi

16. Mid-term review of industrial policy (debate)

Report: on the mid-term review of industrial policy: a contribution to the EU's Growth and Jobs Strategy [2007/2257(INI)] - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Romana

Jordan Cizelj (A6-0167/2008)

Romana Jordan Cizelj introduced the report.

The following spoke: Günter Verheugen (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Jerzy Buzek, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, on behalf of the UEN Group, Jacky Hénin, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Bogusław Liberadzki, Danutė Budreikaitė, Zbigniew Krzysztof Kuźmiuk and Ilda Figueiredo.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Andrzej Jan Szejna, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Silvia-Adriana Țicău and Bogusław Liberadzki.

The following spoke: Günter Verheugen and Romana Jordan Cizelj.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.2.

17. REACH (Draft Test Methods Regulation) (debate)

Oral question (O-0055/2008) by Guido Sacconi, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, to the Commission: Draft REACH Test Methods Regulation (B6-0158/2008)

Guido Sacconi moved the oral question.

Günter Verheugen, Vice-President of the Commission, answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Thomas Ulmer, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, and Satu Hassi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Marios Matsakis.

Motions for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 108(5):

- Guido Sacconi, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, on the draft Commission Regulation laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (B6-0237/2008).

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.10.

18. Animal health strategy 2007-2013 (debate)

Report: on a new animal health strategy for the European Union 2007-2013 [2007/2260(INI)] - Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Rapporteur: Janusz Wojciechowski (A6-0147/2008)

Janusz Wojciechowski introduced the report.

The following spoke: Androula Vassiliou (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Esther De Lange, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Rosa Miguélez Ramos, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jan Mulder, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Alyn Smith, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Zbigniew Krzysztof Kuźmiuk, on behalf of the UEN Group, Kartika Tamara Liotard, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Kathy Sinnott, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Dimitar Stoyanov, Non-attached Member, Neil Parish, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Marios Matsakis, Ilda Figueiredo, Bastiaan Belder, Mairead McGuinness, Pilar Ayuso and Avril Doyle

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Paul Rübig, Andrzej Jan Szejna, Jim Allister and Czesław Adam Siekierski.

The following spoke: Androula Vassiliou and Janusz Wojciechowski.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 22.05.2008, item 9.11.*

19. Strategy for the third meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (debate)

Oral question (O-0054/2008) by Miroslav Ouzký, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, to the Commission: Commission's strategy for the third meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (B6-0157/2008)

As the author of the oral question was absent, the President decided not to take the question.

The following spoke on that decision: Marios Matsakis, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Inés Ayala Sender and Androula Vassiliou, Member of the Commission, who agreed to provide a written answer to the oral question.

20. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 406.218/OJJE).

21. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.05.

Harald Rømer
Secretary-General

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou
Vice-President

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

21.5.2008

The following signed:

Adamou, Agnoletto, Aita, Albertini, Allister, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andrikienė, Angelakas, Angelilli, Antoniozzi, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso, Baco, Badia i Cutchet, Baeva, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Belder, Belohorská, Bennahmias, Berend, Berès, Berlato, Berman, Bielan, Binev, Birutis, Blokland, Bloom, Bobošíková, Böge, Bösch, Bono, Bonsignore, Booth, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Botopoulos, Boursier, Bourzai, Bowis, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Breyer, Březina, Brie, Brok, Budreikaitė, Buitenweg, Bulfon, Bullmann, Bulzesc, van den Burg, Burke, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Buşoi, Busutil, Buzek, Cabrnach, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Cappato, Carlotti, Carlshamre, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cavada, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chiesa, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Chukolov, Claeys, Clark, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Corbett, Corbey, Corda, Paolo Costa, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Cramer, Cremers, Corina Creţu, Gabriela Creţu, Crowley, Csibi, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Dahl, Dăianu, Daul, Davies, De Blasio, Degutis, De Keyser, Demetriou, De Michelis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Descamps, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Dimitrakopoulos, Dobolyi, Dombrovskis, Donnici, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Dumitriu, Ebner, Ehler, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Estrela, Ettl, Jonathan Evans, Färm, Fajmon, Falbr, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Ferrari, Anne Ferreira, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Filip, Fiore, Flasarová, Flautre, Florenz, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Fontaine, Ford, Fouré, Fournou, Fraga Estévez, Fraile Cantón, França, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Gacek, Gahler, Gál, Ga'la, Galeote, Garcés Ramón, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Georgiou, Geremek, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gewalt, Gibault, Gierak, Giertych, Gill, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Gobbo, Goebbels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Gottardi, Goudin, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graça Moura, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grau i Segú, Grech, Griesbeck, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Groote, Grosch, Grossetête, Gruber, Guardans Cambó, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guy-Quint, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hall, Hammerstein, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harkin, Harms, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Haug, Hedh, Helmer, Hénin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herczog, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Holm, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hybášková, Hyusmenova, Iacob-Ridzi, Ibrisagic, in 't Veld, Iotova, Irujo Amezaga, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jacobs, Jääteenmäki, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Járóka, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jeleva, Jensen, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Jouye de Grandmaison, Juknevičienė, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Kamall, Karas, Kasoulides, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Kazak, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirilov, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klab, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Koch-Mehrin, Kohlíček, Konrad, Koppa, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kuhne, Kułakowski, Kuşşis,

Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Laignel, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis, Lambsdorff, Landsbergis, Lang, De Lange, Langen, Langendries, Laperrouze, La Russa, Lauk, Lavarra, Lax, Lebech, Lechner, Le Foll, Lefrançois, Lehideux, Lehne, Leichtfried, Leinen, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Lévai, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liese, Liotard, Lipietz, López-Istúriz White, Losco, Louis, Lucas, Lulling, Lundgren, Luque Aguilar, Lynne, Lyubcheva, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Maldeikis, Manders, Mănescu, Maňka, Thomas Mann, Marini, Markov, Marques, 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, Mikko, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mladenov, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Morin, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscardini, Myller, Napoletano, Naranjo Escobar, Nassauer, Navarro, Neris, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Özdemir, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Onyszkiewicz, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortuondo Larrea, Óry, Ouzký, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Pafilis, Pahor, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Panayotov, Pannella, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Paparizov, Papastamkos, Parish, Paşcu, Patriciello, Patrie, Peillon, Pęk, Alojz Peterle, Petre, Pflüger, Piecyk, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Píks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pirker, Piskorski, Pittella, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Pleštinská, Plumb, Podestà, Podimata, Podkański, Pöttering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Polfer, Mihaela Popa, Nicolae Vlad Popa, Portas, Posdorf, Posselt, Prets, Pribetich, Vittorio Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Raeva, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Riera Madurell, Riis-Jørgensen, Rivera, Rizzo, Rocard, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rovsing, Rübig, Rühle, Rutowicz, Ryan, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sanz Palacio, Saryusz-Wolski, Savary, Savi, Schaldemose, Schapira, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schinas, Schlyter, Frithjof Schmidt, Olle Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Jürgen Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Segelström, Seppänen, Severin, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sinnott, Siwec, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sógor, Søndergaard, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Spautz, Speroni, Staes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Šťastný, Stauner, Stavreva, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stihler, Stockmann, Stolojan, Stoyanov, Strož, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Susta, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tannock, Tarand, Tatarella, Thomsen, Thyssen, Țicău, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tőkés, Tomaszewska, Tomczak, Toubon, Trakatellis, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Urutchev, Vaidere, Vakalis, Vălean, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vatanen, Vaugrenard, Veneto, Ventre, Veraldi, Vergnaud, Vidal-Quadras, Vigenin, Virrankoski, Visser, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wagenknecht, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Henri Weber, Manfred Weber, Renate Weber, Weiler, Weisgerber, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Iuliu Winkler, Wise, von Wogau, Wohlin, Bernard Wojciechowski, Janusz Wojciechowski, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zani, Zapałowski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Zdravkova, Železný, Zieleniec, Zimmer, Zwiefka