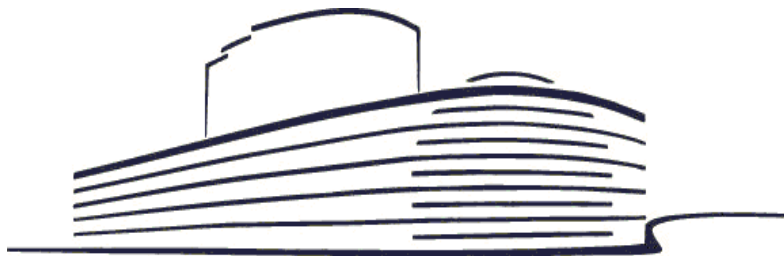


MINUTES

of the sitting of

Tuesday

17 April 2012



KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

*	Consultation procedure
***	Consent procedure
***I	Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading
***II	Ordinary legislative procedure: second reading
***III	Ordinary legislative procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed in the draft act.)

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
DROI	Subcommittee on Human Rights
SEDE	Subcommittee on Security and Defence

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PPE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
S&D	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
ALDE	Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
ECR	European Conservatives and Reformists Group
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
EFD	Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group
NI	Non-attached Members

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2012 - 2013 SESSION

Sittings of 17 to 20 April 2012

STRASBOURG

MINUTES

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

IN THE CHAIR: Martin SCHULZ
President

1. Resumption of the session

The sitting opened at 17.05.

2. Croatian observers in the European Parliament

Speaking on behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed the members of the Croatian Parliament appointed to the European Parliament as observers, who had taken their places in the Chamber.

Their term of office began with effect from 1 April 2012.

The list of the names of the observers from Croatia is annexed to these minutes (*minutes of 17.4.2012, Annex 1*).

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous sittings

Jacek Olgierd Kurski, Carl Schlyter and Janusz Wojciechowski had made it known that they had been present at the sitting of 28 March 2012 but that their names were not on the attendance register.

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The minutes of the sittings of 28 March 2012 and 29 March 2012 were approved.

4. Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity

The President said that Dimitar Stoyanov had withdrawn his request for the defence of his parliamentary immunity presented on 8 November 2011 and forwarded to the Committee on Legal Affairs pursuant to Rule 6(3) (*see minutes of 15.11.2011, item 10*).

The Committee on Legal Affairs had taken note of this and closed the procedure.

5. Composition of committees and delegations

The President had received the following requests for appointments from the S&D and GUE/NGL Groups and from the Secretariat of the Non-Attached Members:

DEVE Committee: Patrick Le Hyaric to replace Gabriele Zimmer

Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly: Francisco Sosa Wagner

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Derek Vaughan to replace Linda McAvan

Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China: Linda McAvan to replace Derek Vaughan

Delegation for relations with Iran: Ewald Stadler

The appointments would be deemed ratified if there were no objections before the approval of these minutes.

6. Signature of acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure

The President announced that on Thursday, together with the President of the Council, he would sign the following acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure (Rule 74):

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on entrusting the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) with tasks related to the enforcement of intellectual property rights, including the assembling of public and private-sector representatives as a European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights (00080/2011/LEX - C7-0095/2012 - 2011/0135(COD))

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 on the European Fisheries Fund, as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (00001/2012/LEX - C7-0096/2012 - 2011/0212(COD))

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/40/EC on minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (eighteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (00007/2012/LEX - C7-0097/2012 - 2012/0003(COD))

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items (00021/2012/LEX - C7-0098/2012 - 2010/0262(COD))

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption (00074/2011/LEX - C7-0099/2012 - 2010/0254(COD))

7. Questions for oral answer and written declarations (submission)

The following documents had been submitted by Members:

1) questions for oral answer (Rule 115)

- (000052/2012) by Carlos Coelho and Simon Busuttil, on behalf of the PPE Group, Ioan Enciu and Henri Weber, on behalf of the S&D Group, Cornelia Ernst, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Franziska Keller and Tatjana Ždanoka, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, to the Commission: Biometric passports (B7-0107/2012);

- (000065/2012) by Sarah Ludford, Sophia in 't Veld, Renate Weber, Alexander Alvaro, Nadja Hirsch and Louis Michel, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: Biometric passports (B7-0108/2012);

- (000046/2012) by Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Evelyne Gebhardt, on behalf of the S&D Group to the Commission: What is 'locally produced' food? (B7-0109/2012);

- (000070/2012) by Elisabeth Köstinger, Herbert Dorfmann and Albert Deß, on behalf of the PPE Group, Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos and Paolo De Castro, on behalf of the S&D Group, James Nicholson, on behalf of the ECR Group, George Lyon, Marit Paulsen, Liam Aylward, Britta Reimers, Marian Harkin and Giommara Uggias, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: Delimitation of Less-Favoured Areas in the context of the reform of the CAP (B7-0110/2012);

- (000071/2012) by Patrick Le Hyaric and Nikolaos Chountis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to the Council: Delimitation of Less Favoured Areas in the context of the reform of the CAP (B7-0111/2012);

- (000100/2012) by Timothy Kirkhope, on behalf of the ECR Group, to the Commission: Biometric passports (B7-0112/2012).

2) written declarations for inclusion in the register (Rule 123)

- Joseph Daul, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Cristiana Muscardini, Niccolò Rinaldi and Gianluca Susta, on international trade as a means of securing sustainable economic development and protecting consumers (0016/2012);

- Elmar Brok, Margrete Auken, Ryszard Czarnecki, Cornelis de Jong and Kristiina Ojuland, on education and religious discrimination in Pakistan (0017/2012);

- Antonio López-Istúriz White, Alexander Alvaro, Edit Herczog and Zuzana Roithová, in support of the memory of and in recognition of Václav Havel, former President of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic and defender of human rights (0018/2012).

8. Action taken on Parliament's positions and resolutions

The Commission communication on the action taken on the positions and resolutions adopted by Parliament at the January 2012 part-session was available on the *Séance en direct* site.

9. Petitions

The following petitions, which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below, had been forwarded to the committee responsible under Rule 201(6):

30 March 2012

Ana Vacarean (No 0244/2012); (name withheld) (No 0245/2012); Förster Martin (No 0246/2012); (name withheld) (No 0247/2012); Marcin Pawlik (No 0248/2012); (name withheld) (No 0249/2012); Jolanta Kusza (No 0250/2012); Anna Stachecka (Grupa Inicjatywna Mieszkańców Gminy Sztutowo) (4 signatures) (No 0251/2012); Wojciech Szerwinski (No 0252/2012); Horst Albert Jung (No 0253/2012); Vincze Janosne (No 0254/2012); Anna Schneider (No 0255/2012); (name withheld) (No 0256/2012); Tomás San Nicolás González (No 0257/2012); Walter Fischer (No 0258/2012); (name withheld) (No 0259/2012); Günter Dillikrath (No 0260/2012); Rafa Jarosław (No 0261/2012); Istvan Kovacs (No 0262/2012); Martin Janecke (No 0263/2012); Ralf Von der Lieth (18 signatures) (No 0264/2012); Christian Treczoks (No 0265/2012); Nicole Andres (No 0266/2012); József Tibor dr.Darányi (No 0267/2012); Jacqueline Smolders (No 0268/2012); Gersdorf Carlo Wolf (No 0269/2012); Thomas Schmidt (No 0270/2012); (name withheld) (No 0271/2012); Jerzy Jorasz (Ecolelevel s.c.) (No 0272/2012); Dušan Pažitka (No 0273/2012); Volker Habl (22 signatures) (No 0274/2012); Szabolcs Szécsi (No 0275/2012); (name withheld) (No 0276/2012); (name withheld) (No 0277/2012); Jozsef Daranyi (No 0278/2012); Istvanne Torok (No 0279/2012); Drahomíra Bláhová (Alba a.s.) (No 0280/2012); (name withheld) (38 signatures) (No 0281/2012); Javier Carrillo Castaño (No 0282/2012); Julián Pérez García (No 0283/2012); Juan Manuel Barcóns Trueba (No 0284/2012); José Alberto Escolar Escolar (No 0285/2012); Silvia Beltrán Pallares (Plataforma Europea de los Consumidores y del Medio Ambiente) (No 0286/2012); Silvia Beltrán Pallares (Plataforma Europea de los Consumidores y del Medio Ambiente) (No 0287/2012); Carlos Rodrigo Pérez (No 0288/2012); Iara Adriana Andreescu (No 0289/2012); (name withheld) (No 0290/2012); Ioan-Laurentiu Cocan (No 0291/2012); (name withheld) (No 0292/2012); José Ramón Gil Benito (No 0293/2012); Alfonso Jiménez Cervilla (No 0294/2012); Antoni Petru (Liga Dreptatilor Impotriva Coruptiei Si Abuzurilor din România) (No 0295/2012); Miguel Ángel Salas González (3 signatures) (No 0296/2012); Gheorghe Cimpeanu (No 0297/2012); Association ARIVEM (Association ARIVEM) (No 0298/2012); (name withheld) (No 0299/2012); Colin Hepper (No 0300/2012); Eric S Thomsen ("Romano") (No 0301/2012); Radouan Ben Lahmar (No 0302/2012); Paraschiva Grigorie (No 0303/2012); Michel Simixis (No 0304/2012); Ioan Caraus (No 0305/2012); (name withheld) (No 0306/2012); Marco Picardi (No 0307/2012); Francesco Mantuano (No 0308/2012); Gyula Marton (No 0309/2012); Barna Csibi (No 0310/2012); Dmitri Suhoroslov (No 0311/2012); Kari Nikkarikoski (No 0312/2012); Ernest Elsen (No 0313/2012); Françoise Massot (No 0314/2012); (name withheld) (No 0315/2012); Filomena Vacca (No 0316/2012); Jurgen Brul (No 0317/2012); (name withheld) (No 0318/2012); Nickolas Parmenter (No 0319/2012); (name withheld) (No 0320/2012); Christina Markellou (No 0321/2012); Jean Michel Raux (No 0322/2012); Gordon Edward Fanthom (No 0323/2012); Sebastiano Cavalieri Ducati (No 0324/2012); Wolfgang Semrad (No 0325/2012).

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Nadine Müsch (No 0326/2012); Ulrich Neef (No 0327/2012); Steffen Raschack (No 0328/2012); Eckhard Slominski (No 0329/2012); Ulrich Neef (No 0330/2012); Ulrich Neef (No 0331/2012); Ulrich Neef (No 0332/2012); Magdalena Meng (No 0333/2012); (name withheld) (No 0334/2012); (name withheld) (No 0335/2012); (name withheld) (No 0336/2012); Dietlind Schmidt (Beratungsstelle für Menschen in Wohnungsnot) (No 0337/2012); Georgios Floras (No 0338/2012); (name withheld) (No 0339/2012); Sebastian Boeken (No 0340/2012); Laszlo Madarasz (No 0341/2012); Aneta Arcisz (8 signatures) (No 0342/2012); Wiebke Reinhardt (No 0343/2012); Helmuth Vorwerk (4 signatures) (No 0344/2012); Jacek Kaliciuk (Zachodniopomorskie

Towarzystwo Przyrodnicze) (No 0345/2012); Wolfgang Semrad (No 0346/2012); Anti Slavery International (Anti Slavery International) (13379 signatures) (No 0347/2012); Paolo Mollica (No 0348/2012); Jane Daunt (No 0349/2012); Sally Milnes (No 0350/2012); Helena McGee (No 0351/2012); Marina Serenella Farris (No 0352/2012); (name withheld) (No 0353/2012); Carlo Pollice (No 0354/2012); Kelvin Whittaker (No 0355/2012); Yates Shaun (No 0356/2012); Yann Flory (Collectif "Nappe phréatique en danger - Destocamine") (No 0357/2012); Adolfo Pablo Lapi Campillo (No 0358/2012); María Elena Solís Yáñez (No 0359/2012); Leif Lundgren (No 0360/2012); (name withheld) (No 0361/2012); David Smith (No 0362/2012); Jacques Maret (Groupement Foncier Agricole (GFA) La Levée) (No 0363/2012); Daniela Botta (Comitato Diritti Non Regali per i Malati Rari) (No 0364/2012).

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Nastase Andreescu (No 0365/2012); Alexandru Szentgyorgyi (No 0366/2012); Marius Claudiu Sava (No 0367/2012); Manuel Almiñana Iturbe (No 0368/2012); Daniel Mihai Iancu (No 0369/2012); Manuel Guerrero Martín (No 0370/2012); Miguel Ângelo Correia (No 0371/2012); Juan Manuel Martínez Labarga (Asociación ARBA) (No 0372/2012); Diego De Ramón Hernández (No 0373/2012); (name withheld) (No 0374/2012); Isabel Gomes (No 0375/2012); Mariuca Ionescu (No 0376/2012); Clara López Soriano (No 0377/2012); Alberto De La Peña Guillén (No 0378/2012); Viorel Gligor (No 0379/2012); Tabacaru Octavian (No 0380/2012); Caterina Preda (No 0381/2012); (name withheld) (No 0382/2012); Juan José Costa Chillida (20 signatures) (No 0383/2012); Leandro Marques (No 0384/2012); (name withheld) (No 0385/2012); Staicu Viorel (No 0386/2012); Iulian Covalencu (No 0387/2012); C. Nicaud (No 0388/2012); Jean Leftwick (No 0389/2012).

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(name withheld) (No 0390/2012); Rodney Maile (No 0391/2012); Mojmir Babáček (No 0392/2012); (name withheld) (No 0393/2012); Ruzena Svedelius AgrD (No 0394/2012); Kerry Bernal Coates (No 0395/2012); Joann Marsh (No 0396/2012); Juan Vidal Díaz Soto (No 0397/2012); Marius Claudiu Sava (No 0398/2012); Oisin Jones-Dillon (No 0399/2012); Félix Romero Colmenar (No 0400/2012).

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Panagiotis Kalfagiannis (Federation of Greek Broadcasting Unions) (No 0401/2012); Jurgen Hauke (No 0402/2012); (name withheld) (No 0403/2012); Angelika Kraus (No 0404/2012); Karin Dr. Jäckel (No 0405/2012); Günter Mühlbauer (No 0406/2012); Marianne Baronin von Buseck (No 0407/2012); (name withheld) (No 0408/2012); (name withheld) (No 0409/2012); Thomas Lück (No 0410/2012); Ingo Dr. Rau (No 0411/2012); Dimosthenis Kapetanakis (No 0412/2012); Petar Troyanski (Асоциация на свободното слово "Анна Политковская") (No 0413/2012); Stefanie Mack (No 0414/2012).

10. Transfers of appropriations

In accordance with Article 47(1) of the Financial Regulation, the Committee on Budgets had considered, at its meeting of 29 March 2012, the amendment to the 2012 Establishment Plan of the European Economic and Social Committee - Section VI – General Budget – 2012 financial year.

11. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from committees: reports

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers (recast) (COM(2011)0566 - C7-0269/2011 - 2011/0243(COD)) - TRAN Committee - Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet (A7-0034/2012)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (COM(2010)0794 - C7-0005/2011 - 2010/0380(COD)) - EMPL Committee - Rapporteur: Milan Cabrnoch (A7-0043/2012)

- Report on the review of the 6th Environment Action Programme and the setting of priorities for the 7th Environment Action Programme - A better environment for a better life (2011/2194(INI)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Jo Leinen (A7-0048/2012)

- *Report on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 2003/96/EC restructuring the Community framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity (COM(2011)0169 - C7-0105/2011 - 2011/0092(CNS)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Astrid Lulling (A7-0052/2012)

- Report on modernising Europe's higher education systems (2011/2294(INI)) - CULT Committee - Rapporteur: László Tőkés (A7-0057/2012)

- *Report on the draft protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon (Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union) (00092/2011[[01]] - C7-0387/2011 - 2011/0815(NLE)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Paulo Rangel (A7-0064/2012)

- ***Recommendation on the European Council's proposal not to convene a Convention for the addition of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon, to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (00092/2011[[02]] - C7-0388/2011 - 2011/0816(NLE)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Paulo Rangel (A7-0065/2012)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to risk sharing instruments for Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (COM(2011)0655 - C7-0350/2011 - 2011/0283(COD)) - REGI Committee - Rapporteur: Danuta Maria Hübner (A7-0067/2012)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System ('the IMI Regulation') (COM(2011)0522 - C7-0225/2011 - 2011/0226(COD)) - IMCO Committee - Rapporteur: Adam Bielan (A7-0068/2012)

- Report containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Azerbaijan Association

Agreement (2011/2316(INI)) - AFET Committee - Rapporteur: Anneli Jäätteenmäki (A7-0071/2012)

- Report on the amendment of Rules 87a and 88 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (2009/2195(REG)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Carlo Casini (A7-0072/2012)

- Report containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Armenia Association Agreement (2011/2315(INI)) - AFET Committee - Rapporteur: Tomasz Piotr Poręba (A7-0079/2012)

- *Report on the proposal for a Council directive on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) (COM(2011)0121 - C7-0092/2011 - 2011/0058(CNS)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Marianne Thyssen (A7-0080/2012)

- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union (11104/2011 - C7-0241/2011 - 2011/0160(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Elisabeth Köstinger (A7-0081/2012)

- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Central African Republic on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT) (14034/2011 - C7-0046/2012 - 2011/0127(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Elisabeth Köstinger (A7-0082/2012)

- Report on a competitive digital single market - eGovernment as a spearhead (2011/2178(INI)) - ITRE Committee - Rapporteur: Silvia-Adriana Țicău (A7-0083/2012)

- Report on the role of Cohesion Policy in the outermost regions of the European Union in the context of EU 2020 (2011/2195(INI)) - REGI Committee - Rapporteur: Nuno Teixeira (A7-0084/2012)

- Report on the Annual Report on Human Rights in the World and the European Union's policy on the matter, including implications for the EU's strategic human rights policy (2011/2185(INI)) - AFET Committee - Rapporteur: Richard Howitt (A7-0086/2012)

- Report on the Council position on Draft amending budget No 1/2012 of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section III – Commission (08136/2012 - C7-0088/2012 - 2012/2011(BUD)) - BUDG Committee - Rapporteur: Francesca Balzani (A7-0097/2012)

- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the use and transfer of Passenger Name Records to the United States Department of Homeland Security (17433/2011 - C7-0511/2011 - 2011/0382(NLE)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Sophia in 't Veld (A7-0099/2012)

- Report on our life insurance, our natural capital: an EU biodiversity strategy to 2020 (2011/2307(INI)) - ENVI Committee - Rapporteur: Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (A7-0101/2012)

- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the accession of the European Union to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (07434/2012 - C7-0085/2012 -

2) from Members

2.1) motions for resolutions (Rule 120)

- Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris. Motion for a resolution on protecting crops from insect pests by using an innovative system (B7-0194/2012)

referred to responsible: AGRI

- Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris. Motion for a resolution on extending a City of Strasbourg project throughout Europe (B7-0195/2012)

referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: TRAN

- Nuno Melo. Motion for a resolution on opening the European market to textiles and clothing from Pakistan (B7-0197/2012)

referred to responsible: INTA

- Nuno Melo. Motion for a resolution on the International Business Centre of Madeira (Madeira IBC) (B7-0198/2012)

referred to responsible: REGI

- Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris. Motion for a resolution on sports policies (B7-0199/2012)

referred to responsible: CULT
opinion: ENVI

2.2) proposals for recommendations (Rule 121)

- Kristiina Ojula and Guy Verhofstadt, on behalf of the ALDE Group. Proposal for a recommendation to the Council on establishing common visa restrictions for Russian officials involved in the Sergei Magnitsky case (B7-0196/2012)

referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: LIBE

12. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The final draft agenda for the April 2012 sittings (PE 483.920/PDOJ) had been distributed and a number of changes had been proposed (Rule 140):

Tuesday

No changes.

Wednesday

Request from the PPE Group to add to the agenda statements by the Council and the Commission on the legal security of European investments outside the EU, followed by contributions from the political groups.

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE Group, to move the request, and Jaime Mayor Oreja in support of the request.

Parliament agreed to the request.

Tabling deadlines:

Motions for resolution: Wednesday, 18 April at 12 noon

Amendments and joint motions for resolution: Thursday, 19 April at 12 noon

Amendments to joint motions for resolution: Thursday, 19 April at 13.00.

The following spoke: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra who, in welcoming the acceptance of the request, indicated that Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) would be unable to take part in the debate the next day.

Request from the S&D Group to remove from the agenda the report by Astrid Lulling on taxation of energy products and electricity (A7-0052/2012).

The following spoke: Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the S&D Group, to move the request, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to support the request and Astrid Lulling (rapporteur), against the request.

Parliament rejected the request by electronic vote (122 in favour, 173 against, 3 abstentions).

Thursday

The motion for a resolution tabled by the GUE/NGL Group, in accordance with Rule 90(6), on seeking an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility with the Treaties of the EU-US Agreement on the use and transfer of Passenger Name Records to the US Department of Homeland Security (B7-0200/2012), had been entered directly on the agenda for voting time before the vote on the report by Sophia in 't Veld (A7-0099/2012).

The deadline for tabling amendments and alternative motions for resolution in respect of the report by Filip Kaczmarek on the impact of the devolution of the Commission's management of external assistance on aid delivery (A7-0056/2012) was set at Wednesday, 18 April at midday.

Friday

No changes.

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The order of business was thus established.

13. Legal security of European investments outside the European Union

Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy), speaking at her own request, made a short statement on the

recent decisions and announcements made by the Argentine authorities concerning European investments in certain sectors.

The debate would be held on Wednesday.

14. Human rights in the world and the EU's policy on the matter (debate)

Report on the Annual Report on Human Rights in the World and the European Union's policy on the matter, including implications for the EU's strategic human rights policy [2011/2185(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs. Rapporteur: Richard Howitt (A7-0086/2012)

Richard Howitt introduced the report.

The following spoke: Cristian Dan Preda (rapporteur for the opinion of the DEVE Committee).

IN THE CHAIR: Roberta ANGELILLI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy).

The following spoke: Andrzej Grzyb, on behalf of the PPE Group, Maria Eleni Koppa, on behalf of the S&D Group, Leonidas Donskis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Rui Tavares, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the ECR Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the EFD Group, Marie-Christine Vergiat, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Philip Claeys, Non-attached Member, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Joanna Senyszyn, Sarah Ludford, Struan Stevenson, Frank Vanhecke, Andrew Henry William Brons, Elmar Brok, Ana Gomes, Paweł Robert Kowal, Fiorello Provera, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa, Véronique De Keyser to put a blue-card question to Fiorello Provera, who replied to these, Véronique De Keyser, Bernd Posselt who also replied to a blue-card question by Ivo Vajgl, Emer Costello, Francisco José Millán Mon and Antigoni Papadopoulou who also replied to a blue-card question by Bernd Posselt.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Kinga Gál, Barbara Matera, Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris, Eduard Kukan, Elena Băsescu, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Monika Flašíková Beňová, Ivo Vajgl, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Barbara Lochbihler, Ulrike Lunacek, Ana Miranda and João Ferreira.

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton and Richard Howitt.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 18.4.2012, item 7.6.*

15. Situation in Mali (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Situation in Mali

Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) made the statement.

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The following spoke: Ioannis Kasoulides, on behalf of the PPE Group, Ana Gomes, on behalf of the S&D Group, Charles Goerens, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Judith Sargentini, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Charles Tannock, on behalf of the ECR Group, Marie-Christine Vergiat, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Michael Gahler, Véronique De Keyser, Niccolò Rinaldi, François Alfonsi, Tunne Kelam, Corina Crețu and Santiago Fisas Ayxela.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: João Ferreira.

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton

The motions for resolutions to be tabled under Rule 110(2) would be announced in the House at a later time.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 20.4.2012, item 10.4.*

16. Situation in Syria (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Situation in Syria

Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) made the statement.

The following spoke: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, on behalf of the PPE Group, Véronique De Keyser, on behalf of the S&D Group, Guy Verhofstadt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Franziska Katharina Brantner, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, who also replied to two blue-card questions by Ioannis Kasoulides and Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sajjad Karim, on behalf of the ECR Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the EFD Group, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Ana Gomes and Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Corina Crețu, Charles Tannock, Jaroslav Paška, Franz Obermayr, Inês Cristina Zuber and Andreas Mölzer.

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton.

The debate closed.

17. Situation in Burma (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Situation in Burma

Catherine Ashton (High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Ivo Belet, on behalf of the PPE Group, Libor Rouček, on behalf of the S&D Group, and Wolf Klinz, on behalf of the ALDE Group.

The following spoke: Barbara Lochbihler, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Geoffrey Van Orden, on behalf of the ECR Group, Helmut Scholz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Andreas Mölzer, Non-attached Member, Werner Langen, Ana Gomes, Charles Tannock, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Barbara Weiler, Julie Girling, Alojz Peterle, Marc Tarabella, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska and Eduard Kukan.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Elena Băsescu, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Franz Obermayr and Csaba Sógor.

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton.

The motions for resolutions to be tabled under Rule 110(2) would be announced in the House at a later time.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 20.4.2012, item 10.5.*

18. Black Sea strategy (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Black Sea strategy

Ștefan Füle (Member of the Commission) made the statement on behalf of Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy).

The following spoke: Traian Ungureanu, on behalf of the PPE Group, Libor Rouček, on behalf of the S&D Group, Andreas Mölzer, Non-attached Member, Othmar Karas, Ivailo Kalfin and Silvia-Adriana Țicău.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Elena Băsescu, Jaroslav Paška and Petru Constantin Luhan.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Silvia-Adriana Țicău.

The following spoke: Ștefan Füle.

The debate closed.

19. Negotiations of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement - Negotiations of the EU-Armenia Association Agreement (debate)

Report containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Azerbaijan Association

Agreement [2011/2316(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs. Rapporteur: Anneli Jäätteenmäki (A7-0071/2012)

Report containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Armenia Association Agreement [2011/2315(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs. Rapporteur: Tomasz Piotr Poręba (A7-0079/2012)

Anneli Jäätteenmäki and Tomasz Piotr Poręba presented their reports.

The following spoke: Štefan Füle (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Monica Luisa Macovei, on behalf of the PPE Group, Kristian Vigenin, on behalf of the S&D Group, Metin Kazak, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Ulrike Lunacek, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jacek Włosowicz, on behalf of the EFD Group, Andrey Kovatchev, Evgeni Kirilov, Inese Vaidere, Edit Herczog, Vytautas Landsbergis and Anna Ibrisagic.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Elena Băsescu, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Kristiina Ojuland, Marek Henryk Migalski, Jaroslav Paška, Eduard Kukan, Elmar Brok and Damien Abad.

The following spoke: Štefan Füle, Anneli Jäätteenmäki and Tomasz Piotr Poręba.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 18.4.2012, item 9.1 and minutes of 18.4.2012, item 9.2.*

20. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

In accordance with Rule 150, the following Members who wished to draw the attention of Parliament to matters of political importance spoke for one minute:

Anna Záborská, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Marek Henryk Migalski, Claudio Morganti, Marisa Matias, Crescenzo Rivellini, Ioan Enciu, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Rui Tavares, Ryszard Czarnecki, Gerard Batten, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Seán Kelly, Emer Costello, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Nikos Chrysogelos, Jacek Włosowicz, Gianni Vattimo, Ana Miranda, Andrea Zannoni, Inês Cristina Zuber and Kristiina Ojuland.

21. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 483.920/OJME).

22. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.00.

Klaus Welle

Martin Schulz

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The following signed:

Abad, Áder, Agnew, Albertini, Alfano, Alfonsi, Allam, Alvaro, Alves, Andreasen, Andrikienė, Angelilli, Antinoro, Antonescu, Antoniozzi, Arias Echeverría, Arif, Arlacchi, Arsenis, Ashworth, Attard-Montalto, Audy, Margrete Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso, van Baalen, Bach, Badia i Cutchet, Bagó, Balčytis, Baldassarre, Balz, Balzani, Bartolozzi, Bănescu, Batten, Bauer, Bearder, Belder, Belet, Bélier, Benarab-Attou, Bendtsen, Bennahmias, Bennion, Berès, Berlinguer, Besset, Bielan, Bilbao Barandica, Binev, Bisky, Bizzotto, Blinkevičiūtė, Bloom, Bodu, Bøge, Bokros, Borghezio, Borys, Boştinaru, Boulland, Bové, Bowles, Bradbourn, Brantner, Bratkowski, Brepoels, Březina, Brok, Brons, Brzobohatá, Bufton, Bullmann, Buşoi, Busuttil, Bütikofer, Cabrnock, Callanan, van de Camp, Campbell Bannerman, Cancian, Canfin, Capoulas Santos, Caronna, Carvalho, Casa, Cashman, Casini, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Cavada, Cercas, Češková, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Childers, Christensen, Chrysogelos, Claeys, Cochet, Coelho, Cofferrati, Collin-Langen, Colman, Comi, Cornelissen, Correa Zamora, António Fernando Correia de Campos, Silvia Costa, Costello, Cozzolino, Creţu, Creutzmann, Crocetta, Cronberg, Cuschieri, Cutaş, Cymański, Czarnecki, van Dalen, Dăncilă, Danellis, Dati, Daul, David, Davies, De Backer, De Castro, Dehaene, De Keyser, Delli, Delvaux, Deß, Deutsch, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dodds, Domenici, Donskis, Dorfmann, Duff, Durant, Dušek, Ehler, Ehrenhauser, Eickhout, Elles, Enciu, Engel, Engström, Eppink, Ernst, Ertug, Essayah, Estaràs Ferragut, Estrela, Evans, Fajon, Falbr, Färm, Feio, Ferber, Fernandes, Elisa Ferreira, João Ferreira, Fidanza, Fisas Ayxela, Fjellner, Flašíková Beňová, Flautre, Fleckenstein, Florenz, Fontana, Foster, Fox, Fraga Estévez, Franco, Gahler, Gál, Gallagher, Gallo, Gáll-Pelcz, Garcés Ramón, García-Hierro Caraballo, Gardini, Garriga Polledo, Gauzès, Gebhardt, Geier, Gerbrandy, Geringer de Oedenberg, Giannakou, Giegold, Gierek, Girling, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goerens, Gomes, Göncz, Goulard, de Grandes Pascual, Grèze, Griesbeck, Griffin, Gróbarczyk, Grosch, Grossetête, Grzyb, Gualtieri, Guerrero Salom, Guillaume, Gurnai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gutiérrez Prieto, Hadjigeorgiou, Häfner, Haglund, Fiona Hall, Handzlik, Hankiss, Hannan, Harbour, Harkin, Hartong, Hassi, Haug, Häusling, Jiří Havel, Hedh, Helmer, Hénin, Herczog, Herranz García, Hibner, Higgins, Hoang Ngoc, Hohlmeier, Hökmark, Hortefeux, Howitt, Danuta Maria Hübner, Hudghton, Hughes, Hyusmenova, Iacolino, Ibrisagic, Ilchev, Imbrasas, Iotova, Iovine, Irigoyen Pérez, Iturgaiz Angulo, Ivanova, Jaakonsaari, Jätteenmäki, Jahr, Jazłowiecka, Jędrzejewska, Jeggler, Jensen, Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Johansson, Jordan, Jørgensen, Juvin, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kadenbach, Kalfin, Kalinowski, Kalniete, Kamiński, Kammervert, Karas, Karim, Kasoulides, Kastler, Kazak, Kelam, Keller, Kelly, Kiil-Nielsen, Kirilov, Klaß, Kleva, Klinz, Klute, Koch, Kohlíček, Kolarska-Bobińska, Koppa, Korhola, Kósa, Köstinger, Béla Kovács, Kovatchev, Kowal, Kozlík, Kozłowski, Kožušník, Krahmer, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kuhn, Kukan, Kurski, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambsdorff, Landsbergis, de Lange, Langen, La Via, Le Grip, Legutko, Lehne, Le Hyaric, Leichtfried, Liberadzki, Lichtenberger, Liese, Liotard, Lisek, Lochbihler, Løkkegaard, Lope Fontagné, López Aguilar, López-Istúriz White, Lösing, Ludford, Ludvigsson, Luhan, Łukacijewska, Lulling, Lunacek, Lyon, McAvan, McCarthy, McClarkin, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Macovei, Madlener, Malinov, Manders, Mănescu, Maňka, Mann,

Manner, Marcinkiewicz, Marinescu, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mastella, Matera, Mathieu, Matias, Mato Adrover, Matula, Mauro, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Mazej Kukovič, Mazzoni, Meissner, Menéndez del Valle, Merkies, Messerschmidt, Mészáros, Louis Michel, Migalski, Mikolášik, Milana, Millán Mon, Miranda, Mirsky, Mitchell, Mölzer, Moraes, Moreira, Morganti, Morin-Chartier, Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Mulder, Muñiz De Urquiza, Murphy, Muscardini, Naranjo Escobar, Natrass, Neuser, Neved'álová, Newton Dunn, Neynsky, Nicholson, Niculescu, Niebler, Nilsson, Nitras, Obermayr, Obiols, Ojuland, Olbrycht, Olejniczak, Omarjee, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortiz Vilella, Öry, Ouzký, Oviir, Pack, Paksas, Paleckis, Paliadeli, Pallone, Panzeri, Papadopoulou, Papanikolaou, Papastamkos, Parvanova, Paşcu, Paška, Patrão Neves, Paulsen, Perello Rodriguez, Peterle, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Piotrowski, Pirillo, Pirker, Pittella, Plumb, Poc, Podimata, Ponga, Poręba, Posselt, Pöttering, Poupakis, Preda, Prendergast, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Proust, Provera, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rangel, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rapti, Regner, Reimers, Remek, Repo, Reul, Riera Madurell, Ries, Rinaldi, Riquet, Rivasi, Rivellini, Roatta, Rodust, Rohde, Roithová, Romero López, Romeva i Rueda, Ronzulli, Rosbach, Rossi, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Rübig, Rubiks, Rühle, Šadurskis, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salatto, Sánchez Presedo, Sanchez-Schmid, Sargentini, Sartori, Sarvamaa, Saryusz-Wolski, Sassoli, Saudargas, Savisaar-Toomast, Schaake, Schaldemose, Schlyter, Olle Schmidt, Schnellhardt, Schnieber-Jastram, Scholz, Schöpflin, Schroedter, Martin Schulz, Werner Schulz, Schwab, Scicluna, Scottà, Scurria, Seeber, Sehnalová, Senyszyn, Serracchiani, Severin, Siekierski, Silvestris, Simon, Simpson, Sinclair, Sippel, Siwec, Skrzydlewska, Skylakakis, Smith, Smolková, Sógor, Sommer, Søndergaard, Sonik, Sosa Wagner, Speroni, Stadler, Stassen, Šťastný, Stavrakakis, Steinruck, Stevenson, Stihler, van der Stoep, Stolojan, Dimitar Stoyanov, Emil Stoyanov, Strejček, Striffler, Sturdy, Surján, Susta, Swoboda, Szájer, Szegedi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Tavares, Keith Taylor, Teixeira, Thein, Theocharous, Theurer, Thomsen, Thun und Hohenstein, Thyssen, Ťicǎu, Tirolien, Toia, Tókéš, Tomaševski, Tošenovský, Trematerra, Tremosa i Balcells, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Trzaskowski, Turmes, Turunen, Uggias, Ulmer, Ulvskog, Ungureanu, Urutchev, Uspaskich, Vaidere, Vajgl, Vălean, Van Brempt, Vanhecke, Van Orden, Vattimo, Vaughan, Vergiat, Vergnaud, Verheyen, Vidal-Quadras, Vigenin, de Villiers, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voss, Wałęsa, Watson, Manfred Weber, Renate Weber, Weidenholzer, Weiler, Weisgerber, Werthmann, Westlund, Wieland, Willmott, Wils, Hermann Winkler, Iuliu Winkler, Włosowicz, Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Yáñez-Barnuevo García, Yannakoudakis, Záborská, Zahradil, Zalba Bidegain, Zalewski, Zanicchi, Zanoni, Zasada, Ždanoka, Zeller, Zemke, Zijlstra, Zimmer, Ziobro, Zuber, Zver, Zwiefka

Observers

Antičević Marinović, Borzan, Božinović, Grubišić, Jerković, Matušić, Picula, Plenković, Pupovac, Radoš, Vrbat, Vuljanić

Annex 1 - List of Croatian observers

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Matušić Frano

Picula Tonino

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Pupovac Milorad

Radoš Jozo

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