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MINUTES

Meeting of 2 April 2019, 10.30 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 17.00

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 10.37 on Tuesday, 2 April 2019, with Danuta Maria Hübner (Chair) presiding.

For legal reasons (right to privacy), those present were informed that the meeting would be filmed and streamlined live on the internet.

1. Adoption of agenda

AFCO_OJ PE 637.392v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

- The Chair informed the Committee about the ECB's decision to withdraw its proposal on the draft decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Article 22 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank (10850/2017 – ECB/2017/18 – C8-0228/2017 – 2017/0810(COD)) because of the incompatibility of the outcome of the interinstitutional negotiations with the ECB's proposal. Therefore AFCO and ECON will not hold the joint committee vote on the provisional agreement.
- The Chair informed the Committee about the letter from the Council stating that the Council Decision of 13 July 2018 amending the Electoral Act will not enter into force for the 2019 elections because not all Member States will be able to ratify the text in time. Therefore, the 2019 elections will be conducted under the rules currently in force.

3. Approval of minutes of meetings of

- 20 February 2019 PV – PE 636.301v01-00
- 7 March 2019 PV – PE 637.255v01-00
- 18 March 2019 PV – PE 637.256v01-00

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PE637.553v01-00

The Minutes were approved.

4. Citizens' Dialogues and Citizens' Consultations on the future of Europe

AFCO/8/15869

The committee had an exchange of views with Ms Melania-Gabriela Ciot, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania for the Council Presidency, with Mr Luc Van den Brande, Member of the Committee of the Regions, with Mr Luca Jahier, President of the European Economic and Social Committee and with Mrs Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, Director General in the DG communication of the European Commission, on their findings and recommendations with regards to their respective activities and reports on Citizens' Dialogues and Citizens' Consultations on the future of Europe, and on proposals for the establishment of permanent mechanism for structured consultations and dialogues with citizens.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Members took the floor: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Jo Leinen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz. Sixtine Bouygues, Deputy Director-General, in charge of Directorate C, Representation & Communication in Member States in the European Commission also took the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 12.31 and resumed at 14.40 with Danuta Maria Hübner (Chair) presiding.

5. Study on "Constitutional challenges of the enlargement – is further enlargement feasible without constitutional changes?"

AFCO/8/15848

AFCO heard Mr Bruno De Witt, professor of European Union law at Maastricht University and the European University Institute in Florence, who presented the findings of his study on the Constitutional challenges of the enlargement, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the AFCO Committee.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Member took the floor: Ramón Jáuregui Atondo.

6. 2020 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue

AFCO/8/15717
2019/2010(BUD)

Rapporteur for the opinion: **Alain Lamassoure** (PPE)

Responsible: BUDG

The AFCO Rapporteur for the Budget 2020, Alain Lamassoure, presented his ideas for AFCO's priorities on Budget 2020, which will be communicated to BUDG in the form of a letter. AFCO Members will have until 5 April to send their suggestions for

changes to the draft letter, which will then be finalised and sent to BUDG by 15 April 2019.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Member took the floor: Mercedes Bresso.

7. Commission Delegated Regulation replacing Annex I and amending Annexes II and VII to Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the citizens' initiative

AFCO/8/15737
2019/2619(DEA) C(2019)01670

Responsible: AFCO*

Opinion: PETI*

Alain Lamassoure - in substitution of the rapporteur on the European Citizens Initiative file, György Schöpflin, has introduced the Commission's delegated regulation of 7 March 2019 aiming to adapt Annexes I, II and VII to the Regulation on ECI No 211/2011.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Members took the floor: Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Diane James, Helmut Scholz, Alain Lamassoure. From the European Commission, Olga Kurpisz, Chief Operating Officer responsible for Strategy, Better Regulation & Corporate Governance - Policy Priorities & Work Programme, also took the floor.

After some discussion about the impact of delay in Brexit process on the composition of the EP and hence on the update of the Annex I of the regulation, the Committee confirmed its non-opposition to the delegated act by 10 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

8. Proposal for Amendment of the EIB's Statute - Request to launch the Article 308 procedure

AFCO/8/15903
2019/0804(CNS)

Rapporteur: **Danuta Maria Hübner** (PPE)

Opinions: BUDG Eider Gardiazabal Rubial AD – PE 637.426 v02-00
ECON Decision: no opinion

AFCO endorsed, without objections, the proposal to apply the simplified procedure without amendments according to rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure. It also decided to address a letter to the European Investment Bank (EIB) authorities requesting information about the reasoning behind the increase of the EIB capital by means of the increased contributions from two individual Member States and the modification of the number of delegated directors. The letter should also express AFCO's concerns about any intention of renationalisation of the composition of the governing bodies of the EIB.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Member took the floor: Pervenche Berès.

9. Rules of Procedure: outstanding issues

AFCO/8/15602

Rapporteur: **Richard Corbett** (S&D)

The Committee discussed and voted on two interpretations relating to **Rule 32** (Establishment and dissolution of political groups), paragraph 5, second indent and **Rule 149a** (Adopting and amending the agenda), paragraph 2.

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Members took the floor: Jo Leinen, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Gerolf Annemans, Diane James, Max Andersson, Helmut Scholz, Rainer Wieland, Rupert Matthews, Richard Corbett.

The draft interpretation of Rule 32 (5) was adopted (with some oral amendments), with 12 votes in favour, 7 against and no abstention.

The draft interpretation of Rule 149a (2) was adopted without any changes, with 10 votes in favour, 1 against and 5 abstentions.

Fabio Massimo Castaldo informed the Committee that the EFDD group does not accept the wording of the interpretation of Rule 32 (5) as adopted and will seek its rejection by a plenary vote.

10. The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union – state of play

AFCO/8/15553

In addition to the Chair, Danuta Maria Hübner, the following Members took the floor: Martina Anderson, Richard Corbett, Paulo Rangel, Pedro Silva Pereira (2nd Vice-Chair), Rupert Matthews, Mairead McGuinness, Max Andersson, Diane Dodds.

Two members of the House of Lords, Baroness Hilary Armstrong, member of the EU Select Committee and the EU External Affairs Sub-Committee, and Lord Charles Kinnoull, member of the EU Select Committee and the EU Justice Sub-Committee, also intervened during the discussion.

11. Other business

None.

The meeting closed at 17.49.

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