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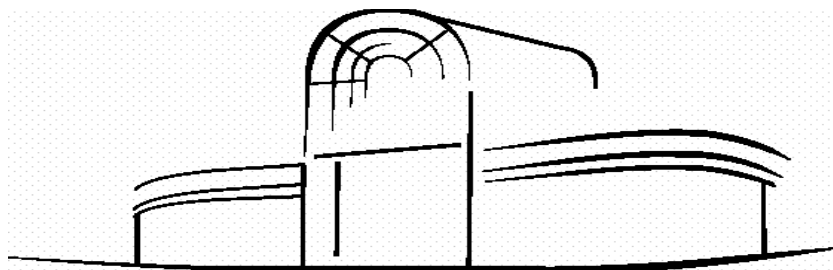
2020 - 2021

MINUTES

of the sitting of

Monday

9 March 2020



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 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
Renew	Renew Europe Group
ID	Identity and Democracy Group
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance
ECR	European Conservatives and Reformists Group
GUE/NGL	Group of the European United Left / Nordic Green Left
NI	Non-attached Members

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2019 - 2020 SESSION

Sitting of 9 March 2020

BRUSSELS

MINUTES

MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020

IN THE CHAIR: David Maria SASSOLI
President

1. Resumption of the session

The session suspended on Thursday 13 February 2020 was resumed.

2. Opening of the sitting

The sitting opened at 17.06.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

4. Composition of Parliament

The Irish authorities had given notice that Matt Carthy had been elected to the Irish Parliament, with effect from 8 February 2020.

Parliament took note that, under Article 7(2) of the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, that office was incompatible with the office of Member of the European Parliament and, under Rule 4(1) and (4), declared the vacancy of his seat as of that date.

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The Irish authorities had given notice of the election of Chris MacManus to replace Matt Carthy as Member of Parliament with effect from 6 March 2020.

Parliament took note of his election.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as his credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that he had previously made a written declaration stating that he did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Chris MacManus

would take his seat in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

5. Composition of committees and delegations

The President had received from the S&D, Renew and Verts/ALE Groups the following decisions changing the composition of the committees and delegations:

BUDG Committee: Victor Negrescu

ITRE Committee: Bart Groothuis

Delegation for relations with the Arabian Peninsula: Caroline Nagtegaal

Delegation for relations with Iran: Bart Groothuis

Delegation for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil: Caroline Nagtegaal

Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia: Ulrike Müller

Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee: Thomas Waitz to replace Niklas Nienäß

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: Stéphane Bijoux

Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean: Olivier Chastel was no longer a member.

The decisions took effect as of that day.

6. Delegated acts (Rule 111(6))

Under Rule 111(6), the Chair of the Conference of committee Chairs informed the President of Parliament that no objects were raised to:

- the recommendation of the AGRI Committee to raise no objections to the Commission delegated regulation of 30 January 2020 derogating from Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1149 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the national support programmes in the wine sector (C(2020)00423 - 2020/2543(DEA)) (B9-0124/2020).

If, within 24 hours of the announcement of this recommendation in plenary, no objection to it is raised by a political group or by a number of Members corresponding at least to the low threshold it shall be deemed to have been approved. Otherwise, it shall be put to the vote.

The recommendation is available on Europarl for the duration of the current part-session.

7. Action taken on Parliament's positions and resolutions

The Commission communications on the action taken on the positions and resolutions adopted by Parliament during the October I, November I and November II 2019 part-sessions were available on Parliament's website.

8. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from other institutions

- List of candidates for the replacement of seven members of the European Food Safety Authority's Management Board (EFSA) (05848/2020 - C9-0016/2020 - 2020/0801(NLE))

referred to responsible: ENVI

- Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles and its implementing protocol (2020-2026) (05243/2020 - C9-0073/2020 - 2020/0002 (NLE))

referred to responsible: PECH
opinion: DEVE, BUDG

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification) (COM(2020)0048 - C9-0017/2020 - 2020/0029(COD))
The President would consult the European Economic and Social Committee on this proposal, in accordance with Rule 145(1).

referred to responsible: JURI

2) from committees

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (COM(2018) 0394 - C8-0246/2018 - 2018/0218(COD)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: Eric Andrieu (A8-0198/2019)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (COM(2018)0393 - C8-0247/2018 - 2018/0217(COD)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: Ulrike Müller (A8-0199/2019)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2018)0392 - C8-0248/2018 - 2018/0216(COD)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: Peter Jahr (A8-0200/2019)

- *** Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community (12199/2019 - C9-0001/2020 - 2019/0173(NLE))

- PECH Committee - Rapporteur: Nuno Melo (A9-0001/2020)
- *** Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024) (08928/2019 - C9-0011/2019 - 2019/0090(NLE)) - PECH Committee - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (A9-0012/2020)
- Report containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024) (2019/0090M(NLE)) - PECH Committee - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (A9-0013/2020)
- Report on competition policy – annual report 2019 (2019/2131(INI)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Stéphanie Yon-Courtin (A9-0022/2020)
- Report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020 (2019/2212(INI)) - EMPL Committee - Rapporteur: Klára Dobrev (A9-0025/2020)
- Report on Banking Union – annual report 2019 (2019/2130(INI)) - ECON Committee - Rapporteur: Pedro Marques (A9-0026/2020)
- Report on the request for waiver of the immunity of Gunnar Beck (2019/2154(IMM)) - JURI Committee - Rapporteur: Andrzej Halicki (A9-0036/2020)
- Report on the request for waiver of the immunity of Guy Verhofstadt (2019/2149(IMM)) - JURI Committee - Rapporteur: Marie Toussaint (A9-0037/2020)

9. Order of business

The President made an opening statement: for reasons of force majeure and on the basis of a report by Parliament's medical service, the part-session was, for that week only, being held in Brussels. He stressed that Parliament needed to continue with its legislative work and its work on the budget. He called on Members to keep their work-related travel to a minimum.

The final draft agenda for the March I 2020 sittings (648.187/PDOJ) had been distributed.

After consulting the political groups, the President proposed the following changes (Rule 158):

The March part-session would take place on the following day, Tuesday 10 March 2020, and would be organised as follows:

9.00 to 12.00:

- statements by the Council and the Commission on the coronavirus outbreak, state of play and ensuring a coordinated European response to the health, economic and social impact (*item 64 on the final draft agenda*).

15.00 to 18.00:

- statements by the Council and the Commission on the conclusions of the special European Council meeting of 20 February 2020 on the Multiannual Financial framework (*item 30 on the final draft agenda*).

- statements by the Council and the Commission on the migration situation at the Greek-Turkish border and the EU's common response to it (*item 66 on the final draft agenda*).

The House agreed to the changes.

The order of business was thus established.

10. Approval of minutes of the sitting

In accordance with Rule 202(3), the minutes of the sitting would be submitted for approval by Parliament at the start of the afternoon of the next sitting.

11. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' 648.187/OJMA).

12. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 17.16.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Katarina Barley
Vice-President

13. Closure of the session

The 2019-2020 session of the European Parliament closed.

In accordance with the Treaty, Parliament would meet the following day, Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 9.00.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

9.3.2020

Present:

Ademov Asim, Adinolfi Isabella, Aguilar Mazaly, Aguilera Clara, Alexandrov Yordanov Alexander, Alieva-Veli Atidzhe, Amaro Álvaro, Ameriks Andris, Andresen Rasmus, Andrieu Eric, Androulakis Nikos, Annemans Gerolf, Ansip Andrus, Arena Maria, Arias Echeverría Pablo, Arimont Pascal, Arlukowicz Bartosz, Arvanitis Konstantinos, Asimakopoulou Anna-Michelle, Aubry Manon, Auštrevičius Petras, Azmani Malik, Balt Marek Paweł, Barrena Arza Fernando, Bartolo Pietro, Basso Alessandra, Bauzá Díaz José Ramón, Bay Nicolas, Beck Gunnar, Beer Nicola, Bellamy François-Xavier, Benea Adrian-Dragoș, Benifei Brando, Bentele Hildegard, Berendsen Tom, Berger Stefan, Bergkvist Erik, Bernhuber Alexander, Biedroń Robert, Bijoux Stéphane, Bilbao Barandica Izaskun, Bilčík Vladimír, Bilde Dominique, Bischoff Gabriele, Biteau Benoît, Bizzotto Mara, Blaga Vasile, Blinkevičiūtė Vilija, Bocskor Andrea, Boeselager Damian, Bogovič Franc, Bompard Manuel, Bonafè Simona, Borchia Paolo, Botenga Marc, Botoș Vlad-Marius, Bourgeois Geert, Boyer Gilles, Breyer Patrick, Brglez Milan, Brudziński Joachim Stanisław, Buchheit Markus, Buchner Klaus, Buda Daniel, Bullmann Udo, Burkhardt Delara, Campomenosi Marco, Cañas Jordi, Canfin Pascal, Carême Damien, Carvalhais Isabel, Carvalho Maria da Graça, Casa David, Castaldo Fabio Massimo, Cavazzini Anna, Ceccardi Susanna, Cerdas Sara, Chahim Mohammed, Chaibi Leila, Charanzová Dita, Chastel Olivier, Christoforou Lefteris, Cicurel Ilana, Cimoszewicz Włodzimierz, Clune Deirdre, Comín i Oliveres Antoni, Crețu Corina, Cuffe Ciarán, Czarnecki Ryszard, van Dalen Peter, Dalunde Jakop G., Daly Clare, Danielsson Johan, Danjean Arnaud, Danti Nicola, Da Re Gianantonio, de la Pisa Carrión Margarita, Decerle Jérémy, Delbos-Corfield Gwendoline, Deli Andor, Delli Karima, De Man Filip, Demirel Özlem, De Sutter Petra, Dlabajová Martina, Donáth Anna Júlia, Dorfmann Herbert, Dreosto Marco, Duda Jarosław, Durá Ferrandis Estrella, Durand Pascal, Ďuriš Nicholsonová Lucia, Dzhambazki Angel, Eickhout Bas, Eppink Derk Jan, Ernst Cornelia, Eroglu Engin, Ertug Ismail, Ferber Markus, Fernandes José Manuel, Fernández Jonás, Ferrandino Giuseppe, Ferrara Laura, Ferreira João, Fest Nicolaus, Fitzgerald Frances, Flanagan Luke Ming, Flego Valter, Furlas Loucas, Fragkos Emmanouil, Franssen Cindy, Freund Daniel, Fritzon Heléne, Fuglsang Niels, Gahler Michael, Gamon Claudia, Gancia Gianna, García Del Blanco Ibán, García Muñoz Isabel, Gardiazabal Rubial Eider, Gebhardt Evelyne, Geese Alexandra, Geier Jens, Georgoulis Alexis, Geuking Helmut, Ghinea Cristian, Giarrusso Dino, Giegold Sven, Gieseke Jens, Glucksmann Raphaël, Goerens Charles, González Mónica Silvana, González Casares Nicolás, González Pons Esteban, de Graaff Marcel, Grant Valentino, Grapini Maria, Gregorová Markéta, Griset Catherine, Grošelj Klemen, Grudler Christophe, Gruffat Claude, Guerreiro Francisco, Guillaume Sylvie, Gusmão José, Guteland Jytte, Gyöngyösi Márton, Hahn Svenja, Hahn Henrike, Haider Roman, Hansen Christophe, Häusling Martin, Hautala Heidi, Hava Mircea-Gheorghe, Heide Hannes, Heinäluoma Eero, Hetman Krzysztof, Hlaváček Martin, Holmgren Pär, Hölvényi György, Homs Ginel Alicia, Hortefeux Brice, Hristov Ivo, Hübner Danuta Maria, Huhtasaari Laura, Huitema Jan, Incir Evin, in 't Veld Sophia, Jadot Yannick, Jakeliūnas Stasys, Jamet France, Jarubas Adam, Jongerius Agnes, Joveva Irena, Jurgiel Krzysztof, Kaili Eva, Kalinowski Jarosław, Kalniete Sandra, Kammerevert Petra, Kanko Assita, Karas Othmar, Karlsbro Karin, Karski Karol, Kefalogiannis Manolis, Keller Fabienne, Keller Ska, Kelly Seán, Kloc Izabela-Helena, Knotek Ondřej, Kofod Peter,

Kohut Łukasz, Kokalari Arba, Kokkalis Petros, Konstantinou Athanasios, Kopacz Ewa, Kopcińska Joanna, Körner Moritz, Kósa Ádám, Köster Dietmar, Kouloglou Stelios, Kountoura Elena, Kovařík Ondřej, Kovatchev Andrey, Kruk Elżbieta, Kubilius Andrius, Kuhnke Alice, Kuhs Joachim, Kuźmiuk Zbigniew, Kyrtos Georgios, Lacapelle Jean-Lin, Lagodinsky Sergey, Lagos Ioannis, Lange Bernd, de Lange Esther, Langensiepen Katrin, Larrouturou Pierre, Lebreton Gilles, Lega David, Liese Peter, Lizzi Elena, Loiseau Nathalie, López Javi, López Gil Leopoldo, López-Istúriz White Antonio, Luena César, Łukacijewska Elżbieta Katarzyna, Lundgren Peter, McAllister David, McGuinness Mairead, Maestre Martín De Almagro Cristina, Maldeikienė Aušra, Maldonado López Adriana, Manda Claudiu, Manders Antonius, Mariani Thierry, Marques Margarida, Marques Pedro, Martusciello Fulvio, Matić Predrag Fred, Mato Gabriel, Mavrides Costas, Maxová Radka, Maydell Eva, Mayer Georg, Mazurek Beata, Mažylis Liudas, Mebarek Nora, Meimarakis Vangelis, Melchior Karen, Metsola Roberta, Metz Tilly, Meuthen Jörg, Michels Martina, Mikser Sven, Miller Leszek, Moretti Alessandra, Mortler Marlene, Motreanu Dan-Ştefan, Możdżanowska Andżelika Anna, Müller Ulrike, Mureşan Siegfried, Nagtegaal Caroline, Neumann Hannah, Neuser Norbert, Niebler Angelika, Niedermayer Luděk, Nienab Niklas, Novak Ljudmila, Novakov Andrey, Oetjen Jan-Christoph, Olekas Juozas, Olivier Philippe, Pagazaurtundúa Maite, Papadakis Demetris, Papadakis Kostas, Papadimoulis Dimitrios, Paulus Jutta, Pedicini Piernicola, Peksa Mikuláš, Pelletier Anne-Sophie, Penkova Tsvetelina, Pereira Sandra, Peter-Hansen Kira Marie, Petersen Morten, Picierno Pina, Picula Tonino, Pieper Markus, Pignedoli Sabrina, Pirbakas Maxette, Pîslaru Dragoş, Plumb Rovana, Ponsatí Obiols Clara, Poręba Tomasz Piotr, Puigdemont i Casamajó Carles, Radačovský Miroslav, Radtke Dennis, Rafaela Samira, Rafalska Elżbieta, Rangel Paulo, Regner Evelyn, Reil Guido, Reintke Terry, Ries Frédérique, Rinaldi Antonio Maria, Riquet Dominique, Roberti Franco, Rodríguez-Piñero Inma, Rodríguez Palop Eugenia, Rodríguez Ramos María Soraya, Rónai Sándor, Rondinelli Daniela, Rookmaker Dorien, Roos Robert, Roose Caroline, Ropé Bronis, Ros Sempere Marcos, Rougé André, Ruissen Bert-Jan, Ruiz Devesa Domènec, Rzońca Bogdan, Salini Massimiliano, Sánchez Amor Nacho, Sander Anne, Sant Alfred, Santos Isabel, Sardone Silvia, Sassoli David Maria, Satouri Mounir, Schaldemose Christel, Schmiedtbauer Simone, Schneider Christine, Scholz Helmut, Schreinemacher Liesje, Schwab Andreas, Séjourné Stéphane, Semedo Monica, Semsrott Nico, Sidl Günther, Silva Pereira Pedro, Simon Sven, Sinčić Ivan Vilibor, Slabakov Andrey, Sofò Vincenzo, Šojdrová Michaela, Solís Pérez Susana, Spyraiki Maria, Štefanec Ivan, Ştefănuţă Nicolae, Strik Tineke, Strugariu Ramona, Tang Paul, Tarabella Marc, Tarczyński Dominik, Tardino Annalisa, Tax Vera, Terras Riho, Tertsch Hermann, Thaler Barbara, Thun und Hohenstein Róza, Tobiszowski Grzegorz, Tomac Eugen, Tomaševski Valdemar, Tomašić Ruža, Tomc Romana, Toom Yana, Torvalds Nils, Tošenovský Evžen, Tóth Edina, Toussaint Marie, Trillet-Lenoir Véronique, Tudose Mihai, Uhrík Milan, Urtasun Ernest, Uspaskich Viktor, Vana Monika, Van Brempt Kathleen, Van Overtveldt Johan, Van Sparrentak Kim, Vautmans Hilde, Vedrenne Marie-Pierre, Verheyen Sabine, Vilimsky Harald, Vincze Loránt, Vind Marianne, Vollath Bettina, Vondra Alexandr, Voss Axel, Vozemberg-Vrionidi Elissavet, Vuolo Lucia, Vázquez Lázara Adrián, Wallace Mick, Walsh Maria, Walsmann Marion, Warborn Jürgen, Waszczykowski Witold Jan, Weber Manfred, Weiss Pernille, Wieland Rainer, Wiener Sarah, Wiezik Michal, Winkler Iuliu, Winzig Angelika, Wiseler-Lima Isabel, Wölken Tiemo, Wolters Lara, Yenbou Salima, Yon-Courtin Stéphanie, Yoncheva Elena, Zacharopoulou Chrysoula, Zalewska Anna, Zambelli Stefania, Zarzalejos Javier, Zdechovský Tomáš, Złotowski Kosma, Zoido Álvarez Juan Ignacio, Zorrinho Carlos, Zovko Željana

Excused:

Al-Sahlani Abir, Beghin Tiziana, Casanova Massimo, Conte Rosanna, Dalli Miriam, Fidanza Carlo, Fiocchi Pietro, Fotyga Anna, Furore Mario, Garraud Jean-Paul, Hajšel Robert, Hayer Valerie,

Juknevičienė Rasa, Majorino Pierfrancesco, Matias Marisa, Ochojska Janina, Panza Alessandro, Patriciello Aldo, Pineda Manu, Søgaard-Lidell Linea, Tovaglieri Isabella, Zanni Marco, Zver Milan