CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

On 1-2 December 2021, our Committee held its last meeting with the conclusive debate on compromise amendments and the vote in Committee, on ANIT report and recommendations to the Council and the Commission.

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The co-rapporteurs <u>Daniel Buda</u> (EPP) and <u>Isabel</u> <u>Carvalhais</u> (S&D) provided feedback from meetings held with shadow rapporteurs and presented the 97 compromise amendments negotiated during several fruitful shadows' meetings.

The voting session took place remotely, on 2nd December 2021, and saw the adoption with a large majority of both ANIT report and recommendations. Both are scheduled for the plenary agenda in January 2022.

On **3 December 2021**, the co-rapporteurs held a press conference, where they shared takeaways from the vote and informed about key recommendations to ensure animal welfare during transport.

During 18 months, the ANIT committee organised 10 public hearings, 1 workshop, and 12 exchange of views (with representatives of national authorities, the European Commission, and the European Food Safety Agency), learning from more than 60 representatives from various organisations involved in the matter. The committee also carried out three fact-finding missions - to Bulgaria, Denmark, and the airport of Schiphol.

ANIT committee will cease to exist on 19 December 2021.

I want to thank you all for your interest and involvement in this process. I would like also to thank

my colleagues for the effort and commitment during the negotiations, and a special word of congratulations to the co-rapporteurs for the outcome of the vote.

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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Exchange of views and vote on report and recommendation (documents available here)

With the **co-rapporteurs** <u>Daniel Buda</u> (EPP) and <u>Isabel Carvalhais</u> (S&D).

Shadows rapporteurs: <u>Billy Kelleher</u> (Renew), <u>Rosanna Conte</u> (ID), <u>Thomas Waitz</u> (Verts/ALE), <u>Peter Lundgren</u> (ECR), <u>Anja Hazekamp</u> (The Left).

Timetable:

Plenary: 17 January 2022 (tbc)

Members had a final exchange of views with the corapporteurs <u>Daniel Buda</u> (EPP) and <u>Isabel Carvalhais</u> (S&D) on the 1233 amendments and 97 compromises.

53 compromises were proposed on the **Draft report** on the investigation of alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to the protection of animals during transport within and outside the Union. **44** were proposed on

the **Draft recommendations to the Council and the Commission,** following the investigation of alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to the protection of animals during transport within and outside the Union.

Three alternative compromises on journey times, unweaned animals and gestating animals were tabled to the recommendations

The vote on amendments took place from 09.00 to 09.30 on 2 December, and the results were announced in writing at 13.20.

The final vote took place on 2 December from 16.45 to 17.00, and the ANIT Committee adopted its report (30 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention), as well as the accompanying recommendations (24 votes in favour, 1 against and 5 abstentions).

The ANIT report and the recommendations will be submitted to the Plenary, which scheduled to put it in its agenda of the January 2022 session.

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