MINUTES

Extraordinary meeting of 1 September 2020, 9.00 – 11.00 and 16.45 – 18.45

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The meeting opened at 9.07 on Tuesday, 1 September 2020, with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

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

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

- Interpretation is available in 6 languages: FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, ES.
- Social distance measures are in force and the use of masks is mandatory during this meeting.
- Pedro Silva Pereira will be the rapporteur for the AFCO opinion to JURI on Monitoring the application of European Union law 2017 and 2018 (2019/2132(INI)) (replacing Maria Grapini).
1st voting session

*** Remote voting procedure ***

Opening of the remote voting procedure on amendments at 9.20

3. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections

AFCO/9/03416
2020/1998(BUD)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Antonio Tajani (PPE) PA – PE654.031v01-00
AM – PE655.899v01-00

Responsible: BUDG

4. Public Access to Documents (Rule 122(7)) – Annual report for the years 2016-2018

AFCO/9/02532
2019/2198(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Loránt Vincze (PPE) PA – PE648.269v01-00
AM – PE652.576v01-00

Responsible: LIBE Ioan-Rareș Bogdan (PPE)

5. Recommendation to the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the Implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)

AFCO/9/02960
2020/2080(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Esteban González Pons (PPE) PA – PE653.752v01-00
AM – PE655.648v01-00

Responsible: AFET Radosław Sikorski (PPE) PR – PE652.499v01-00
AM – PE654.064v01-00

6. The Establishment of an EU Mechanism on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

AFCO/9/02932
2020/2072(INL)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz (S&D) PA – PE654.024v01-00
The meeting adjourned at 9.17 and resumed at 9.32 with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

(in parallel with the remote voting procedure for amendments)

7. Council Presidency

AFCO/9/01050

- Presentation of the Council Presidency’s programme by Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, the following Members debated on the presentation: Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Danuta Maria Hübner, Pascal Durand, Gunnar Beck, Daniel Freund, Helmut Scholz, Mairead McGuinness, Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair), Damian Boeselager, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Geert Bourgeois, Sven Simon, Pedro Silva Pereira, Sandro Gozi, Charles Goerens (2nd Vice-Chair), Gerolf Annemans, László Trócsányi, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Brando Benifei, Paulo Rangel.

The meeting adjourned at 11.17 and resumed at 17.01 with Antonio Tajani (Chair) presiding.

8. Resumption of the meeting and announcement by the Chair of the votes’ results on the amendments

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections:

The budget amendments A, B, C, D, F, G, H as well as the compromise amendments 1 and 2 and amendments 8, 12 and 15 to the draft opinion were adopted. All other amendments fell or were rejected.

- Public Access to Documents (Rule 122(7)) – Annual report for the years 2016-2018:

Compromise amendments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H were adopted. All other amendments fell or were rejected.
• Recommendation to the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the Implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO):

Compromise amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4, and amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 40, 41, 45, and 48 were adopted. All other amendments fell or were rejected.

• The Establishment of an EU Mechanism on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights:

Compromise amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and amendments 22, 23, 46 and 56 were adopted. All other amendments fell or were rejected.

*** Remote voting procedure ***

Opening of the remote voting procedure on the opinions as amended from 17:05 to 18:00

9. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections

AFCO/9/03416
2020/1998(BUD)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Antonio Tajani (PPE) PA – PE654.031v01-00
AM – PE655.899v01-00

Responsible: BUDG

The opinion was adopted with 22 votes in favour, 6 against and no abstentions.

10. Public Access to Documents (Rule 122(7)) – Annual report for the years 2016-2018

AFCO/9/02532
2019/2198(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: Loránt Vincze (PPE) PA – PE648.269v01-00
AM – PE652.576v01-00

Responsible: LIBE Ioan-Rareș Bogdan (PPE)

The opinion was adopted with 26 votes in favour, no votes against and 2 abstentions.
11. **Recommendation to the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the Implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)**

AFCO/9/02960  
2020/2080(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion: **Esteban González Pons** (PPE)  
PA – PE653.752v01-00  
AM – PE655.648v01-00

Responsible:  
AFET  
Radosław Sikorski (PPE)  
PR – PE652.499v01-00  
AM – PE654.064v01-00

The opinion was adopted with 18 votes in favour, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

12. **The Establishment of an EU Mechanism on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights**

AFCO/9/02932  
2020/2072(INL)

Rapporteur for the opinion: **Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz** (S&D)  
PA – PE654.024v01-00  
AM – PE655.681v01-00

Responsible:  
LIBE  
Michal Šimečka (Renew)  
PR – PE653.810v01-00  
AM – PE655.630v01-00

The opinion was adopted with 22 votes in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention.

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*(in parallel with the remote voting procedure for the final Votes)*

13. **Amendments to the Rules of Procedure in order to ensure the functioning of Parliament in extraordinary circumstances**

AFCO/9/03319  
2020/2098(REG)

Rapporteur: **Gabriele Bischoff** (S&D)  
PR – PE654.009v02-00

The rapporteur Gabriele Bischoff (1st Vice-Chair) came back on her draft report, which she presented on 14 July 2020.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, the following Members took the floor:  
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Pascal Durand, Gerolf Annemans, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Geert Bourgeois, Helmut Scholz, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Danuta Maria Hübner, Rainer Wieland, Giuliano Pisapia (3rd Vice-Chair), Damian Boeselager, Paulo Rangel, Pedro Silva Pereira.
The deadline for amendments has been set on Monday 21 September 2020, the vote in AFCO being foreseen on Monday 12 October 2020

14. Stocktaking of European elections

AFCO/9/02982
2020/2088(INI)

Rapporteur Pascal Durand (Renew) PR – PE653.777v01-00
AM – PE655.711v01-00

The rapporteur Pascal Durand presented his draft report.

In addition to the Chair, Antonio Tajani, the following Members took the floor: Esteban González Pons, Giuliano Pisapia (3rd Vice-Chair), Gilles Lebreton, Damian Boeselager, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Leïla Chaibi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Paulo Rangel, Domèneç Ruiz Devesa, François Alfonsi, Helmut Scholz, Vladimír Bilčík.

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15. Other business

None.

16. Date and place of next meeting

24 September 2020, 13.45 – 15.45 and 16.45 – 18.45 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 18.45.
Results of roll-call votes

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