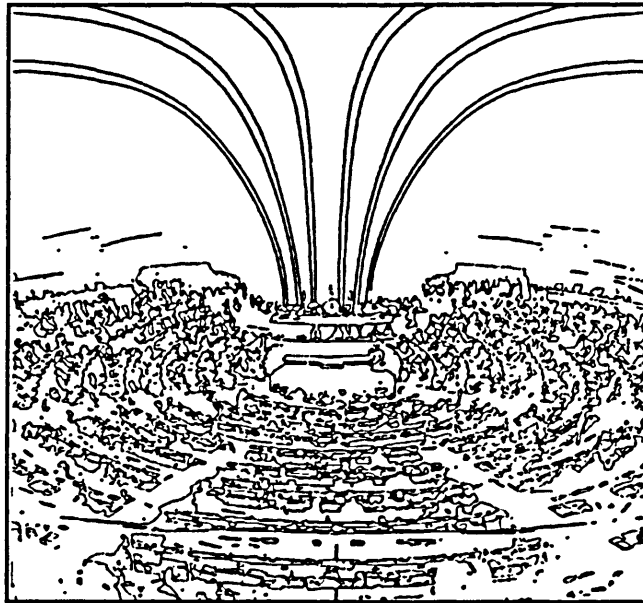


EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



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MINUTES

Sitting of

Monday
11 March 1996

KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

- * Consultation procedure
- **I Cooperation procedure: first reading
- **II Cooperation procedure: second reading
- *** Assent procedure
- ***I Codecision procedure: first reading
- ***II Codecision procedure: second reading
- ***III Codecision procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

INFORMATION RELATING TO VOTING TIME

- unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments;
- results of roll-call votes are appended to each day's Minutes.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

FASE	Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy
AGRI	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
BUDG	Committee on Budgets
ECON	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
RTDE	Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy
RELA	Committee on External Economic Relations
LEGA	Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights
SOCI	Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
REGI	Committee on Regional Policy
TRAN	Committee on Transport and Tourism
ENVI	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
CULT	Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media
DEVE	Committee on Development and Cooperation
CIVI	Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs
CONT	Committee on Budgetary Control
INST	Committee on Institutional Affairs
FISH	Committee on Fisheries
RULE	Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities
WOME	Committee on Women's Rights
PETI	Committee on Petitions

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PSE	Group of the Party of European Socialists
PPE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)
UPE	Union for Europe Group
ELDR	Group of the European Liberal Democratic and Reformist Party
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
V	Green Group in the European Parliament
ARE	Group of the European Radical Alliance
EDN	Europe of Nations Group (Coordination Group)
NI	Non-attached Members

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1995-1996 SESSION

Sittings of 11 to 15 March 1996

PALAIS DE L'EUROPE - STRASBOURG

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mr HÄNSCH
President

(The sitting opened at 5 p.m.)

1. Resumption of session

The session, adjourned on 29 February 1996, was resumed.

2. In Memoriam

The President, on behalf of Parliament, paid tribute to Mr Zagari, former vice-President of Parliament, and Mr Fellermaier, former Chairman of the Socialist Group and a quaestor, recently deceased.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

Mrs Ewing noted threats hanging over the structural funds for Scotland and asked for a Commission statement on the matter, adding that she would in any case raise the matter with the Court of Auditors (the President noted her remarks).

4. Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following texts:

(a) from the Council, the following requests for opinions:

- Proposal for a Council Decision on the adoption of a multiannual programme to promote the linguistic diversity of the Community in the information society (COM(95)0486 - C4-0152/96 - 95/0263(CNS))

referred to responsible: CULT
 opinion: BUDG, ECON, RTDE

legal basis: Art. 130(3) EC

- Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC concerning the common system of Value Added Tax (minimum value of ordinary tax) (COM(95)0731 - C4-0153/96 - 95/0362(CNS))

referred to responsible: ECON

legal basis: Art. 099 EC

- Proposal for a Council Decision repealing Decision 94/939/EC providing further macro-financial assistance for the Slovak Republic (COM(96)0009 - C4-0154/96 - 96/0018(CNS))

referred to responsible: RELA
 opinion: FASE, BUDG, ECON

legal basis: Art. 235 EC

- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 3813/92 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the Common Agricultural Policy (COM(96)0040 - C4-0155/96 - 96/0037(CNS))

referred to responsible: AGRI
 opinion: BUDG, ECON

legal basis: Art. 043 EC

- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 3448/93 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (COM(96)0049 - C4-0156/96 - 96/0039(CNS))

referred to responsible: AGRI
 opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Art. 043 EC

- Proposal for a Council Decision adapting for the second time Decision 94/268/Euratom concerning the framework programme of activities in the field of research and training for the European Atomic energy Community (1994-98) (COM(96)0012 - C4-0157/96 - 96/0035(CNS))

referred to responsible: RTDE
 opinion: BUDG, ECON, TRAN, ENVI, CULT

legal basis: Art. 007 EURATOM

(b) from the Commission:

(ba) proposals and/or communications:

- Proposal for a Council Directive on the framework agreement on parental leave concluded by UNICE, CEEP, and the ETUC (COM(96)0026 - C4-0138/96)

referred to responsible: SOCI
 opinion: WOME

- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Cohesion Policy and the environment (COM(95)0509 - C4-0141/96)

referred to responsible: REGI
 opinion: BUDG, ENVI

- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on European Community Water Policy (COM(96)0059 - C4-0144/96)

referred to responsible: ENVI

languages available: DE, EN, FR
 - Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the global challenge of international trade: a market access strategy for the European Union (COM(96)0053 - C4-0145/96)

referred to responsible: RELA
 opinion: ECON

languages available: DE, EN, FR
 - Communication from the Commission: "Incorporating equal opportunities for women and men into all Community policies and activities" (COM(96)0067 - C4-0148/96)

referred to responsible: WOME
 opinion: SOCI
- (bb) *proposals for transfers of appropriations:*
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 03/96 between chapters in Section III - Commission - Part B - of the General Budget for the European Communities for the financial year 1996 (SEC(96)0282 - C4-0136/96)

referred to responsible: BUDG
 - Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 04/96 between chapters in Section III - Commission - Part B - of the General Budget for the European Communities for the financial year 1996 (SEC(96)0357 - C4-0139/96)

referred to responsible: BUDG
- (bc) *other texts:*
- Commission Report on the implementation of cross-border cooperation between the Community and countries of central and eastern Europe in 1994 (COM(95)0662 - C4-0142/96)

referred to responsible: REGI
 opinion: FASE, RELA, CONT
 - Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the demographic situation in the European Union - 1995 (COM(96)0060 - C4-0143/96)

referred to responsible: SOCI
 opinion: RTDE, WOME
 - Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the Single Market in 1995 (COM(96)0051 - C4-0146/96)

referred to responsible: ECON
 opinion: RTDE, LEGA, TRAN
 - Opinion "Reinforcing political union and preparing for enlargement" (COM(96)0090 - C4-0151/96)

referred to responsible: INST
 opinion: committees concerned

legal basis: Art. N(1) TEU

languages available: DE, EN, FR

(c) *from committees, the following reports:*

- * Report on the proposal for a Council Decision adopting a multi-annual Community programme to stimulate the development of a European multimedia content industry and to encourage the use of multimedia content in the emerging information society (INFO2000) (COM(95)0149 - C4-0383/95 - 95/0156(CNS)) - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
Rapporteur: Mrs Berès
(A4-0052/96)
- ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 95/2/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (COM(95)0177 - C4-0183/95 - 95/0114(COD)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
Rapporteur: Mrs Riis-Jørgensen
(A4-0055/96)
- ***I Report on the proposal and amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (COM(93)0351 - C3-0285/93 - 00/0465(COD)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
Rapporteur: Mrs Kirsten M. Jensen
(A4-0056/96)
- Report on the draft Commission Communication to the Member States: "Allocation of the reserve for Community Initiatives for the period up to the end of 1999" concerning
 - Employment growth and the development of human resources (EMPLOYMENT-INCLUSION) (C4-0613/95) and
 - the adaptation of the workforce to industrial change (ADAPT) (C4-0614/95)Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
Rapporteur: Mr Pronk
(A4-0057/96)
- * Report on the results of the conciliation procedure provided for in the Joint Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 4 March 1975 on the joint guideline adopted by the Council with a view to adopting the following act: Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1552/89 implementing Decision 88/376/EEC (11068/95 - C4-0543/95 - 00/0890(CNS)) - Committee on Budgets
Rapporteur: Mr Samland
(A4-0059/96)
- Report on the report from the European Council to the European Parliament on the progress of European Union in 1994 (pursuant to Article D of the Treaty on European Union) (6474/95 - C4-0173/95) - Committee on Institutional Affairs
Rapporteur: Mr Valverde López
(A4-0060/96)
- Second Report on Europol - Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs
Rapporteur: Mr Nassauer
(A4-0061/96)
- Report on the closure of Parliament's accounts for the 1995 financial year (administrative expenditure) - Committee on Budgetary Control
Rapporteur: Mr Dankert

(A4-0062/96)

- * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation on the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure (COM(95)0467 - C4-0509/95 - 95/0244(CNS)) - Committee on Budgetary Control
Rapporteur: Mr Garriga Polledo
(A4-0063/96)
- Report on the Commission proposal for a Council Directive on the framework agreement on parental leave concluded by UNICE, CEEP, and the ETUC (COM(96)0026 - C4-0138/96) - Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
Rapporteur: Mrs Glase
(A4-0064/96)
- Report on (i) Parliament's Opinion on the convening of the IGC and (ii) evaluation of the work of the Reflection Group and definition of the political priorities of the European Parliament with a view to the Intergovernmental Conference (LET 0257/96 - C4-0026/96) - Committee on Institutional Affairs
Rapporteurs: Mrs Dury and Mrs Maij-Weggen
(A4-0068/96)
- ** I Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation on North-South cooperation in the campaign against drugs and drug addiction (Budget heading B7-5080) (COM(95)0296 - C4-0380/95 - 95/0167(SYN)) - Committee on Development and Cooperation
Rapporteur: Mr Liese
(A4-0070/96)

(d) from Members:

(da) oral questions (Rule 40):

- Eisma, Plooij-van Gorsel, Gredler and Boogerd-Quaak, on behalf of the ELDR Group, to the Commission: Transport of radioactive waste (B4-0279/96);
- Bloch von Blottnitz and Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, to the Commission: Transport of radioactive material for reprocessing (B4-0280/96);
- Lange and Desama, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Commission: Transport of radioactive waste and fabrication of MOX fuel elements (B4-0281/96);
- Hoff, Kouchner, van Bladel and Newens, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Council: Meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in March/April 1996 (B4-0282/96);
- Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, to the Council: Human rights issues to be raised at the meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, March/April 1996 (B4-0283/96);
- Dell'Alba, Pannella, Mamère and Pradier, on behalf of the ARE Group, to the Council: United Nations Commission on Human Rights (B4-0284/96);
- von Wogau, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy, to the Commission: Protection & Indemnity Clubs - International Group Agreement (IGA) (B4-0285/96);
- Oostlander, Moorhouse and Lenz, on behalf of the PPE Group, to the Council: Human rights issues to be raised at the meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in March/April 1996 (B4-0286/96);

- Kenneth D. Collins, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, Roth-Behrendt, on behalf of the PSE Group, Florenz, on behalf of the PPE Group, Cabrol, on behalf of the UPE Group, Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Papayannakis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, to the Commission: Sea Empress tanker disaster (B4-0287/96);
- Cornelissen, on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, to the Commission: Maritime disasters (B4-0288/96);
- Green, Rothe, Kranidiotis, Lomas, on behalf of the PSE Group, Hatzidakis and Chanterie, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, to the Council: Situation in Cyprus (B4-0289/96);
- De Clercq and Smith, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, to the Commission: Negotiations on a trade and cooperation agreement with South Africa (B4-0290/96);
- Arias Cañete, on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries, to the Council: International and multilateral agreements in the fisheries sector (B4-0291/96);
- Kouchner, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, to the Council: Conclusion of a bilateral trade and cooperation agreement with South Africa (B4-0292/96);
- Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group, to the Council: meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in March-April 1996 (B4-0293/96);

(db) oral questions for Question Time (Rule 41) (B4-0278/96):

David, Vecchi, Lambraki, Cabezón Alonso, Harrison, McIntosh, Kranidiotis, Vieira, Gahrton, Daskalaki, Terrón i Cusi, Watson, Lindqvist, Kaklamanis, Jackson, Imaz San Miguel, Arias Cañete, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Jové Peres, Torres Couto, Oddy, Smith, Van Lancker, Bowe, Kerr, Howitt, Needle, Skinner, Vaz da Silva, Alavanos, Barros Moura, McIntosh, Van Lancker, Schörling, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Teverson, Cars, Truscott, Torres Marques, Riis-Jørgensen, Haarder, Vecchi, Ferrer, Stenius-Kaukonen, Needle, Meier, Hawlicek, Iversen, Wibe, Lindqvist, Theorin, Andersson, Bonde, Spiers, Wolf, Cederschiöld, Krarup, Dybkjær, Waddington, Colli Comelli, Lindholm, Imbeni, Lomas, Vieira, Gahrton, Sjöstedt, Ephremidis, Kranidiotis, Svensson, Imaz San Miguel, Valdivielso de Cué, Arias Cañete, Jové Peres, Alavanos, Torres Couto, Kestelijn-Sierens, Perry, Oddy, Papayannakis, Hatzidakis, Crampton, Barton, Bowe, Elliott, Blak, Smith, Izquierdo Rojo, Anastassopoulos, Holm, De Coene, Howitt, Barros Moura, Titley;

(dc) a written declaration, for entry in the register, pursuant to Rule 48:

- by Mrs Banotti, on rights of people with autism (3/96);

(e) from Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee:

- ***I Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing a programme to support artistic and cultural activities having a European dimension (Kaleidoscope) (C4-0121/96 - 94/0188(COD))
Rapporteur: Mr Augias
(A4-0071/96)

5. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

The President announced that he had received from the Council certified true copies of the following documents:

- Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Canada;
- Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational education and training.

6. Petitions

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 156(5), he had forwarded to the Committee on Petitions the following petitions which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below:

15 February 1996

- by Mr Spyros Kavvouras-Kollias (No 143/96);
- by Mrs Barbara Brüning (Arbeitsgruppe "Hamburg - St. Petersburg") (No 144/96);
- by Mr Georg Lünenschloß (No 145/96);
- by Arbeitskreis elterliche Sorge und Kindeswohl (and 9 signatories) (No 146/96);
- by Mr Günter Meinzer (No 147/96);
- by Mr Helmut Unger (No 148/96);
- by Mr Reinhard Walnoch (No 149/96);
- by Mr Karl Schuck (No 150/96);
- by Mr S.F.J. Lange (No 151/96);
- by Mr Enrique Blanco Cruz (No 152/96);
- by Mr Günther Dotzel (No 153/96);
- by Mr M. Anwar (Mohajir Quami Movement) (No 154/96);
- by Mr Dermot Mooney (No 155/96);
- by Mr Inderpal Singh Sagoo (No 156/96);
- by Mr William McCullagh (No 157/96);
- by Mrs J. Wormwel (Pensioners Rights Campaign Bridlington Branch) (and 1600 signatories) (No 158/96);
- by Mr C. Russel (No 159/96);
- by Mr Richard Francis (and 8 signatories) (No 160/96);
- by Mrs Alisha McLoughlin (No 161/96);
- by Mr José Lozano Pérez (No 162/96);
- by Mr Bernard Bruche (No 163/96);
- by Mr Bernard Bruche (No 164/96);
- by Mr Jean Thebault (No 165/96);
- by Mr Claude Wattecamps (No 166/96);
- by Mr André Hidalgo (No 167/96);
- by Mr Jean-Pierre Evangelisti (No 168/96);
- by the Comité de Coordination des Associations turques des régions Alsace (No 169/96);
- by Mr Hugo Lefèbvre (No 170/96);

28 February 1996

- by Mr Marcel François Ney (No 171/96);
- by the Institut de la Vallée Bailly (and 2 signatories) (No 172/96);
- by La Famille d'Abord (No 173/96);

by Mr Eric Dubart (No 174/96);
by Mrs Sylvie Petit (No 175/96);
by Mr Herber Perdigon (No 176/96);
by Mr César Mendes (No 177/96);
by Mr Jean-Marie Llovet (No 178/96);
by Mr Yves Hersy (and 6 signatories) (No 179/96);
by Mr Mehmet Emin Aga (and 9 signatories) (No 180/96);
by Mr Mehmet Emin Aga (and 10 signatories) (No 181/96);
by Mr Christopher Egan (No 182/96);
by Mr Armen Sahakian (No 183/96);
by Mrs Mary Gallagher (No 184/96);
by Mrs Cécile Grenèche-Glynn (No 185/96);
by Mr Kalibala (No 186/96);
by Mrs Jacqueline Morris (No 187/96);
by Mr Francis Bernard Hannant (No 188/96);
by Mrs Roswitha Reitz-Pittokopitis (Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland e.V.) (No 189/96);
by Mrs Gisela Le Caisne (No 190/96);
by Mrs Ehrentraud Lampe (No 191/96);
by Mr Klaus Potthoff (No 192/96);
by Mr Peter Krause (No 193/96);
by Mr Achim Scheve (No 194/96);
by Mr Gerhard Keyzers (No 195/96);
by Mr Frank Wöckel (and 496 signatories) (No 196/96);
by Mr Klaus Jüngling (No 197/96);
by Mr Michael Heiß (No 198/96);
by Mrs Barbara Fischer (No 199/96);
by Mr Øyvind Grorud (No 200/96);
by Mr Gómez de Zamora (No 201/96);
by Mr Gennaro Lupoli (and 7 signatories) (No 202/96);

7 March 1996

by Mr Nguyễn Ngọc Duc (Alliance Vietnam Liberté) (No 203/96);
by Mr Lucien Orsane (Fédération Nationale des Anciens Combattants en Algérie) (No 204/96);
by Mr Jean-Pierre Steinhäuser (No 205/96);
by Mr Abdelkrim Shali (No 206/96);
by Mr Raymond Petri-Guasco (Conseil Supérieur des Français de l'Étranger (No 207/96);
by Mr Hermann Scheunert (No 208/96);
by Mr Kurt Walleiser (No 209/96);
by Mr Dieter Görlitz (No 210/96);
by Mrs Helga Eislöffel (No 211/96);
by Mrs Seraphir Silke Preuß (No 212/96);
by Mr Seref Demirci (Solidaritätsbund der Migranten aus der Türkei e.V.) (No 213/96);
by Mr Hubertus Nierling (No 214/96);
by Mrs Susan Helmen (SCOPE) (and 59 signatories) (No 215/96);
by Mr Altaf Hussain (Mohajir Quami Movement) (No 216/96);
by Mr Michael Hurley (No 217/96);
by Mrs Natalia Encolpio (No 218/96);
by Mr Bill Jordan (Care for the Wild Defence Fund) (No 219/96);
by Mrs Mary Flanagan (No 220/96);
by Mr Fichera Luca (No 221/96);
by Mr Urro Pietro (No 222/96);
by Mr Rino Perbellini (Parrocchia S. Maria a Cintoia) (and 2500 signatories) (No 223/96);
by Mrs Maria Amerano (No 224/96);
by Mr Gaetano Paolilli (No 225/96);
by Mr Giuseppe D'Alessandro (No 226/96);
by Mr Tomás Martín Enríquez (No 227/96);
by Mr Alberto J. Revuelta (No 228/96);
by Mrs Felicidad Lacabe i Tranche (No 229/96);

by Comitato Alziamo la testa (and 475 signatories) (No 230/96);
by Mr Dan Wackenbranth (No 231/96);
by Mr Hans Hochberger (No 232/96);
by Mr Beyler Yilmaz (No 233/96);

Decisions on petitions

- (a) petitions ruled inadmissible pursuant to Rule 156(4) and (5), and filed pursuant to Rule 154(6):
- 1077/94 (after consideration by the Commission) 800, 801, 804, 805⁽¹⁾, 813¹, 814¹, 818, 824¹, 825, 832, 833, 837, 838, 839¹, 840, 841, 848¹, 849, 850, 854¹, 857, 858¹, 860, 862¹, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870¹, 878, 880, 885, 886, 887, 894, 895, 896¹, 899, 900⁽²⁾, 901, 903, 907, 908, 911 and 912/95;
- (b) petitions ruled admissible pursuant to Rule 156(4) and (5) (consideration closed):
- 808, 809, 812, 816, 817, 827, 828, 830, 836, 846, 847, 856, 871, 873, 882, 883, 891 and 893/95: forwarded to relevant committee or delegation for information or further action;
 - 810/95: forwarded to Mrs Banotti in her capacity as European Ombudsman responsible for abducted children;
 - 811, 834, 852, 853, 855 and 902/95: the petitioners had been sent documentation;
 - 842/95: forwarded to the European Ombudsman;
- (c) petitions ruled admissible pursuant to Rule 156(4) and (5) (action to be taken):
- 803, 806, 807⁽³⁾, 815, 819³, 820, 821, 822, 823³, 826, 829, 835, 843, 844, 845, 851, 859, 863, 864, 865, 872, 874, 875, 876, 877, 884, 888, 889, 890, 892, 897, 898, 904, 905, 906, 909 and 910/95: the Commission had been asked for information;
 - 831/95: the petitioner had been asked in a separate letter to contact the British authorities;
 - 172/95: ruled admissible after consideration by the Commission. The President of Parliament had been asked in a separate letter to contact the British or German authorities. The petition had also been sent to the Petitions Committee of the Bundestag;
- (d) petitions on which consideration had closed on the basis of information supplied by the Commission pursuant to Rule 157(3):
- 558/91, 563/91, 568/92, 783/92, L-43/94, 96/94, 363/94, 999/94, 1047/94, 1116/94, 1185/94, 1233/94, 1235/94, 62/95, 63/95, 86/95, 234/95, 312/95, 334/95, 345/95 and 385/95;
- (e) further information requested from the Commission pursuant to Rule 157(3):
- 202/89, 435/90, 38/92, 719/92, 767/92, 734/93, 963/93, 371/94, 923/94, 1080/94, 1242/94, 12/95 and 118/95;

(1) *The petitioner had been asked to contact his ombudsman or national petitions committee.*

(2) *The petitioner had been asked to contact the national authorities or courts or the European Commission on Human Rights.*

(3) *Also forwarded to the relevant committee or delegation for information or action to be taken.*

(f) decision on admissibility postponed:

- 802/95: the Commission had been asked for its opinion on whether this petition fell within the fields of activity of the European Union;

(g) other decisions:

- 861 and 879/95: these petitions had already been registered under different numbers;
- 93/95: forwarded to the European Ombudsman but still under consideration by the Petitions Committee;
- 408/87 and 22/95: the President of Parliament had been asked by separate letter to contact the Italian authorities;
- 395/95 and 584/95: the Committee on the Environment had been asked for its opinion;
- 881/95: withdrawn by the petitioner.

7. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The President announced that the final draft agenda for that part-session (PE 165.826) had been distributed:

(a) Sitzings of 11 - 15 March 1996 in Strasbourg:

No changes proposed.

The President announced that question time to the Commission on Tuesday had been arranged for 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., following the addition to the agenda for that day of Council and Commission statements on terrorist attacks and the Middle East peace process (Item 45), and that time for this item would be allocated as follows:

- . 15 minutes for the first part of question time,
- . 45 minutes for the second part (15 minutes for each Member of the Commission)

(b) Sitzings of 27 - 28 March 1996 in Brussels:

No changes proposed.

The order of business was thus established.

Request for urgent procedure (Rule 97) by the Council:

- proposal for a Council Decision adopting a multi-annual Community programme to stimulate the development of a European multimedia content industry and to encourage the use of multimedia content in the emerging information society (INFO 2000) (COM(95)0149 - C4-0383/95 - 95/0156(CNS)) (Béres report - A4-0052/96).

Reason for request: this proposal was due to be considered at the "Telecommunications" Council on the 21 March 1996.

Parliament would vote on this request at the start of the following day's sitting.

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The following spoke: Mrs Morgan, on the ecological disaster caused by the "Sea Empress" accident (the President pointed out that this item would be dealt with on Friday's agenda and that the speaker could, if she so wished, raise the matter then), and Mr Puerta, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, who asked if Parliament would have the opportunity during the current part-session to give a political response to the decision by the representatives of the governments of the Member States to marginalise the European Parliament at the intergovernmental conference (the President replied that Wednesday morning's sitting would be given over entirely to this conference and that the speaker could raise the matter then).

8. Speaking time

The debates would be organized as follows, pursuant to Rule 106:

Monday 11 March 1996

5 - 7 p.m.

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| - Opening of part-session
and order of business | 30 minutes |
| - Report by Mr WIJSENBEEK | |
| - Report by Mr COT | |
| - Report by Mr POSSELT | |
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| Rapporteurs | 15 minutes (3 x 5') |
| Draftsmen | 8 minutes |
| Commission | 5 minutes |
| Members | 60 minutes |

Tuesday 12 March 1996

9.15 a.m. - 12 noon

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| - Recommendation by Mrs ROTH-BEHRENDT | |
| - Report by Mr POMPIDOU | |
| - Recommendation by Mr JANSSEN van RAAY | |
| - Recommendation by Mr AÑOVEROS TRIAS de BES | |
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| Rapporteurs | 20 minutes (4 x 5') |
| Draftsmen | 4 minutes |
| Commission | 20 minutes in all |
| Members | 90 minutes |

3 - 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. - 12 midnight

- Statement by the Commission (equal opportunities for men and women)
- Report by Mrs BREYER
- Report by Mr AUGIAS
- Recommendation by Mrs PEIJS
- Report by Mrs KESTELIJN-SIERENS
- Statement by the Commission (air transport: working conditions)
- Oral question (shipment of radioactive waste)

Commission	50 minutes (including replies)
Rapporteurs	20 minutes (4 x 5')
Draftsmen	14 minutes
Authors	8 minutes (4 x 2')
Members	210 minutes

5.30 - 6.30 p.m.

- Statements by the Council/Commission (Middle East)

Council	10 minutes (including replies)
Commission	10 minutes (including replies)
Members	30 minutes

Wednesday 13 March 1996

8.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

- Report by Mrs DURY/Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN
- Statements by the Council/Commission (European Council)

Rapporteurs	10 minutes (2 x 5')
Draftsmen	15 minutes (15 x 1')
Council	30 minutes (including replies)
Commission	20 minutes (including replies)
Members	150 minutes

3 - 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. - 12 midnight

- Oral questions (UN Commission on Human Rights)
- Oral question (Cyprus)
- Report by Mrs GLASE
- Report by Mr ARIAS CAÑETE
- Report by Mr P. A. MARTIN
- Report by Mr ALDO
- Recommendation by Mr WIJSENBECK

Authors	18 minutes (9 x 2')
Rapporteurs	25 minutes (5 x 5')
Draftsmen	6 minutes
Council	25 minutes in all
Commission	25 minutes in all
Members	210 minutes

Thursday 14 March 1996

10 a.m. - 12 noon and 6 - 8 p.m.

- Second report by Mr NASSAUER
- Report by Mr WIERSMA
- Report by Mr VALVERDE LOPEZ
- Oral question (broadcasting of sports events)

Rapporteurs	15 minutes (3 x 5')
Draftsmen	8 minutes
Authors	5 minutes
Commission	20 minutes
Members	180 minutes

Friday 15 March 1996

- Oral questions (maritime disasters)
- Report by Mr MARTINEZ
- Report by Mr PROVAN

Authors	15 minutes (3 x 5')
Rapporteurs	10 minutes (2 x 5')
Draftsmen	4 minutes
Commission	20 minutes in all
Members	90 minutes

Wednesday 27 March 1996

4.30 - 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. - 12 midnight

- Oral questions (South Africa)
- Oral questions (fisheries agreements)
- Statement by the Commission (motorway tolls)
- Report by Mr LIESE
- Report by Mrs BERES
- Report by Mr FABRA VALLES
- Report by Mr BRINKHORST
- Report by Mr GARRIGA POLLEDO
- Report by Ms ODDY

Authors	15 minutes (3 x 5')
Council	20 minutes in all
Commission	50 minutes (including replies)
Rapporteurs	30 minutes (6 x 5')
Draftsmen	26 minutes
Members	210 minutes

Thursday 28 March 1996

9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

- Report by Mr SPECIALE
- Report by Mr PRONK
- Report by Mrs RIIS-JØRGENSEN

Rapporteurs	15 minutes (3 x 5')
Draftsmen	14 minutes
Commission	15 minutes in all
Members	60 minutes

ALLOCATION OF SPEAKING TIME FOR MEMBERS

(in minutes)

Total:	60'	90'	120'	150'	180'	210'	240'	270'	300'
<u>Group</u>									
Party of European Socialists (217)	17	27	37	48	58	68	79	89	100
European People's Party (173)	14	22	30	38	47	55	63	72	80
Union for Europe (54)	6	8	11	13	16	19	21	24	26
European Liberal, Democratic and Reformist Party (52)	5	8	11	13	15	18	20	23	25
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (33)	4	6	7	9	11	12	14	15	17
Green Group in the European Parliament (27)	4	5	7	8	9	11	12	13	15
European Radical Alliance (20)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10.5
Europe of Nations (19)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10.5
Non-attached Members (31)	4	6	7	9	10	11	13	14	16

9. Topical and urgent debate (subjects proposed)

The President proposed the following five subjects for the next topical and urgent debate to be held on Thursday:

- anti-personnel mines
- Cuba
- human rights
- Angola
- expulsion of illegal aliens in Europe

10. Amendment of Rule 142 (debate)

Mr Wijsenbeek introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities, on the amendment of Rule 142 of the Rules of Procedure (election of committee bureaux) (A4-0019/96).

The following spoke: Mr Ford, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Brendan P. Donnelly, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Ephremidis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Mr Fabre-Aubrespy, on behalf of the EDN Group.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12 noon on Tuesday.

11. Amendment of Rule 167 (debate)

Mr Cot introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities, on the amendment of Rule 167 of the Rules of Procedure (unfinished business) (A4-0025/96).

The following spoke: Mr Evans, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Wijsenbeek, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mr Ephremidis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12 noon on Tuesday.

12. Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic * (debate)**

Mr Posselt introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part (COM(94)0599 - 4693/95 - C4-0606/95 - 94/0298(AVC)) (A4-0036/96).

The following spoke: Mr Bösch, on behalf of the PSE Group, and Mr König, on behalf of the PPE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Malerba, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Gredler, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Schroedter, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Sainjon, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Van der Waal, on behalf of the EDN Group, Mr Nußbaumer, Non-attached Member, Mr Bertens and Mr Van den Broek, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12 noon on Tuesday.

13. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Tuesday 12 March 1996:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 to 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight:

9 to 9.15 a.m.:

- topical and urgent debate (announcement of motions tabled)
- decision on urgent procedure

9.15 a.m. - 12 noon

- Roth-Behrendt recommendation on novel foods***II
- Pompidou report on medical devices***I
- Janssen van Raay recommendation on investor-compensation schemes***II
- Añoveros Trias de Bes recommendation on plant protection products***II

12 noon

- voting time
- topical and urgent debate (list of subjects selected)

3 - 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 midnight

- Commission statement on equal opportunities
- Breyer report on growth, competitiveness and employment
- Augias report on the Conciliation Committee's joint text on KALEIDOSCOPE***III
- Peijs recommendation on cross-border transfers***II
- Kestelijn-Sierens report on structural business statistics*
- Commission statement on air transport (followed by debate)
- Joint debate on four oral questions on radioactive waste

5.30 - 6.30 p.m.

- Council and Commission statements on the Middle East (followed by debate)

6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

- Question Time to the Commission

14. Closure of the session

The 1995-1996 session of Parliament had now closed. Pursuant to the provisions of the Treaty, Parliament would meet the following day, Tuesday 12 March 1996.

(The sitting closed at 6.25 p.m.)

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Ribeiro, Robles Piquer, Rönholm, Rosado Fernandes, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Roubatis, Ryyänen, Sainjon, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sarlis, Schaffner, Schierhuber, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Seal, Secchi, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smith, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Spaak, Speciale, Spiers, Spindelegger, Stenius-Kaukonen, Stenmarck, Stewart, Stewart-Clark, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Svensson, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Toivonen, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Truscott, Ullmann, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vandemeulebroucke, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Vieira, Vinci, Virgin, Voggenhuber, van der Waal, Waddington, Waidelich, Weber, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wynn, Zimmermann.