

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



2000 - 2001



MINUTES

of the sitting of

Monday
10 April 2000

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.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

- AFET Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy
- BUDG Committee on Budgets
- CONT Committee on Budgetary Control
- LIBE Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs
- ECON Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- JURI Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market
- ITRE Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy
- EMPL Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- ENVI Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy
- AGRI Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- PECH Committee on Fisheries
- RETT Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
- CULT Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport
- DEVE Committee on Development and Cooperation
- AFCO Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- FEMM Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities
- PETI Committee on Petitions

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

- PPE-DE Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
- PSE Group of the Party of European Socialists
- ELDR Group of the European Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party
- Verts/ALE Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- GUE/NGL Confederation of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
- UEN Union for Europe of the Nations Group
- TDI Technical Group of Independent Members - mixed group
- EDD Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities
- NI Non-attached Members

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2000-2001 SESSION

Sittings of 10 to 14 April 2000

LOUISE WEISS BUILDING - STRASBOURG

MINUTES

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

1. Resumption of session

The sitting opened at 17.05.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mrs Isler Béguin had informed the Chair that she had intended to vote against amendment 5 to the resolution on environmental legislation (B5-0227/2000) (*Minutes of 16.3.2000, Item 11*).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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The following spoke:

- Andrews, who stated that the Committee on Development and Cooperation had asked the Commission several months previously to react urgently to the drought and famine in Ethiopia but that the Commission had failed to respond. He called for Commissioner Nielson to make a statement that week explaining the Commission's attitude (the President pointed out that two political groups had proposed to add an item on Ethiopia to the topical and urgent debate);
- Imbeni, who expressed his thanks, especially on behalf of the many Members who had been present at the event, to the President for the speech she had made the week before at the inauguration of the Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia in Vienna;

- Hänsch who, in view of the fact that the Council had declined to make the statement on Iraq scheduled in the agenda (*Item 72*), asked for this statement to be replaced with another on the situation in Ethiopia (the President replied that the question would be dealt with in the order of business);
- Lynne who, drawing attention to the fact that ushers trying to enforce the ban on smoking on Parliament's premises were often subjected to insults and abuse, called for Members to treat the ushers with respect and, moreover, for the ban on smoking in no-smoking areas to be upheld; she speculated as to whether disciplinary measures might not otherwise be necessary (the President replied that she would make sure these two remarks were taken into account);
- Vander Taelen, who pointed out that, the previous week, during his election campaign, Mr Berlusconi had made jokes at the expense of AIDS victims; he condemned this behaviour and, after questioning the position of the chairman of the political group to which Mr Berlusconi belonged, called on Members to share his indignation;
- Seppänen, who first drew attention to a spate of thefts on Parliament's premises and then stated that technical problems prevented him from receiving Finnish television; he asked why Parliament's services were unable to solve problems of this nature;
- Banotti, Quaestor, who promised Mr Seppänen that he would be given a card enabling him to receive Finnish television in his office and assured him that the Quaestors were also looking into the recent thefts;
- Buitenweg, who complained about the unequal distribution of Parliamentary business and called for Friday sittings either to be made busier or to be scrapped altogether; she also recalled that the Verts/ALE Group would make a point of checking whether a quorum was reached at each Friday vote (the President promised to refer the matter to the Conference of Presidents);
- Kuhne, on Mr Seppänen's remarks;
- Ribeiro e Castro who, referring to paragraph 15 of the Dimitrakopoulos/Leinen report (A5-0086/2000), which he read out and which he felt betrayed a totalitarian attitude, stated that, if the report were to remain on Wednesday's agenda, he would be entitled to ask for a preliminary ruling, in accordance with Rule 143;
- Miller who, referring to the two English football supporters killed in Istanbul prior to a football match and drawing attention to the likelihood of further incidents of this nature in the context of the forthcoming Euro 2000 competition, asked the President to contact the countries involved with a view to their taking steps to stamp out violence at football matches;
- Van Velzen, who supported Mr Hänsch's proposal, whilst calling for the situation in Iraq to be included in the topical and urgent debate and for an item on the situation in Zimbabwe to be added (the President replied that this matter would be dealt with when it came to the order of business).

3. Documents received

The President had received the following texts:

(a) *from the Council:*

(aa) *requests for opinions on:*

- Proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the new Convention for the Protection of the Rhine (COM(2000) 61 - C5-0168/2000 - 2000/0037(CNS))

referred to responsible: ENVI
 opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Articles 174, 300(3), first subparagraph EC

- Proposal for a Council decision on the accession by the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 67 on the approval of special equipment for motor vehicles fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas (5991/99 - C5-0185/2000 - 1999/0018(AVC))

referred to responsible: ITRE
 opinion: ENVI, RETT

- Proposal for a Council decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps (5634/1999 - C5-0186/2000 - 1999/0001(AVC))

referred to responsible: ITRE
 opinion: ENVI, RETT

- Proposal for a Council decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with filament lamps (5635/1999 - C5-0187/2000 - 1998/0363(AVC))

referred to responsible: ITRE
 opinion: ENVI, RETT

(ab) *opinions on proposals for transfers of appropriations:*

- Opinion of the Council on carryovers from 1999 to 2000 - non-automatic carryovers - European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) (C5-0171/2000 - 2000/2067(GBD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

- Opinion of the Council on carryovers from 1999 to 2000 - non-automatic carryovers - non-differentiated appropriations - Economic and Social Committee/Committee of the Regions (C5-0172/2000 - 2000/2066(GBD))

referred to responsible: BUDG

(ac) *other texts:*

- Council recommendation concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) for the

financial year 1998 (6536/2000 - C5-0189/2000 - 1999/2004(DEC))

referred to responsible: CONT
opinion: DEVE

- Council recommendation concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) for the financial year 1998 (6537/2000 - C5-0190/2000 - 1999/2004(DEC))

referred to responsible: CONT
opinion: DEVE

- Council recommendation concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Funds (1995) (Eighth EDF) for the financial year 1998 (6538/2000 - C5-0191/2000 - 1999/2004(DEC))

referred to responsible: CONT
opinion: DEVE

(b) *from the Commission:*

(ba) *proposals/communications:*

- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation concerning action against anti-personnel landmines (COM(2000) 111 - C5-0158/2000 - 2000/0062(COD))

referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: BUDG, DEVE

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/53/EC laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic (COM(2000) 137 - C5-0164/2000 - 2000/0060(COD))

referred to responsible: RETT
opinion: JURI, ITRE

legal basis: Article 71(1) EC

- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: The European Union and Macau: Beyond 2000 (COM(1999) 484 - C5-0169/2000 - 2000/2099(COS))

referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: ITRE

- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (COM(2000) 121 - C5-0170/2000 - 2000/0069(COD))

referred to responsible: RETT
opinion: JURI

legal basis: Article 80(2) EC

- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive on Energy Efficiency Requirements for Ballasts for Fluorescent Lighting (COM(2000) 181 - C5-0188/2000 - 1999/0127(COD))

referred to responsible: ITRE
opinion: ENVI
legal basis: Article 95 EC

(bb) other texts:

- Opinion of the Commission on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's Common Position concerning the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the financial instrument for the environment (Life) and amending the Commission proposal (COM(2000) 170 - C5-0161/2000 - 1998/0336(COD))

referred to responsible: ENVI
legal basis: Article 175(1) EC

- Second report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the state of liberalisation of the energy markets (COM(1999) 198 - C5-0163/2000 - 2000/2097(COS))

referred to responsible: ITRE
opinion: JURI, ENVI

- Decision from the Commission amending Decision 1999/187/EC on the clearance of the accounts presented by the Member States in respect of the expenditure for 1995 of the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (C5-0167/2000 - 2000/2098(DEC))

referred to responsible: CONT

(c) from committees:

(ca) reports:

- Report on the communication from the Commission on the stabilisation and association process for countries of South-Eastern Europe (COM(1999) 235 - C5-0124/1999) - Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy
Rapporteur: Mr Lagendijk
(A5-0069/2000)
- Report on the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and a Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - The European Airline Industry: from Single Market to World-wide Challenges (COM(1999) 182 - C5-0110/1999) - Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
Rapporteur: Mr Sterckx
(A5-0075/2000)
- Report on the Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Trans-European Networks - 1998

Annual Report" pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 2236/95 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial assistance in the field of Trans-European-Networks (COM(1999) 410 - C5-0010/2000) - Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
Rapporteur: Mr Hatzidakis
(A5-0076/2000)

- Report on the draft guidelines on vertical restraints (C5-0009/2000) - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Rapporteur: Mrs Thyssen
(A5-0077/2000)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 723/97 on the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure (COM(1999) 169 - C4-0225/1999 - 1999/0091(CNS)) - Committee on Budgetary Control
Rapporteur: Mr Casaca
(A5-0079/2000)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products (COM(1999) 631 - C5-0339/1999 - 1999/0254(CNS)) - Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Rapporteur: Mr Pesälä
(A5-0081/2000)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council decision providing supplementary macro financial assistance to Moldova (COM(1999) 516 - C5-0261/1999 - 1999/0213(CNS)) - Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy
Rapporteur: Mrs Matikainen-Kallström
(A5-0082/2000)
- *** I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation concerning the distribution of authorizations among Member States received through the Agreements between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary establishing certain conditions for the carriage of goods by road and the promotion of Combined Transport (COM(1999) 667 - C5-0335/1999 - 1999/0264(COD)) - Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
Rapporteur: Mr Mastorakis
(A5-0085/2000)
- * Report on the European Parliament's proposals for the Intergovernmental Conference (14094/1999 - C5-0341/1999 - 1999/0825(CNS)) - Committee on Constitutional Affairs
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Dimitrakopoulos and Mr Leinen
(A5-0086/2000)
- Report on the postponement of discharge to the Commission in respect of implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(1999) 412 - C5-0006/1999) - Committee on Budgetary Control
Rapporteur: Mrs Stauner
(A5-0087/2000)
- *** I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 (COM(1999) 487 - C5-0240/1999 - 1999/0204(COD)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (Hughes

procedure)

Rapporteur: Mr Papayannakis
(A5-0088/2000)

- Report on postponement of the decision concerning discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the sixth, seventh and eighth European Development Funds for the 1999 financial year (COM(1999) 227 - C5-0003/1999 - 1999/2004(DEC)), on granting discharge to the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Dublin, for the 1998 financial year (C5-0150/2000 - 2000/2094(DEC)), on granting discharge to the European Centre for Vocational Training (Thessaloniki) for the 1998 financial year (C5-0149/2000 - 2000/2093 (DEC)), on granting discharge in respect to the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 1998 financial year - Section IV - Court of Justice, Section V - Court of Auditors, Section VI - Part B - Committee of the Regions (SEC(1999) 414 - C5-0008/1999 - 1999/2166(DEC)), on postponement of the decision concerning discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 1998 financial - Section VI - Part A - Economic and Social Committee - (SEC(1999) 414 - C5-0008/1999 - 1999/2166(DEC)) - Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Mrs Rühle
(A5-0089/2000)

- * Report on the initiative of the Republic of Austria with a view to adopting a Council decision to combat child pornography on the Internet (10317/1999 - C5-0318/1999 - 1999/0822(CNS)) - Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Kirkhope
(A5-0090/2000)

- * Report on the proposal for a Council decision creating a European Refugee Fund (COM(1999) 686 - C5-0120/2000 - 1999/0274(CNS)) - Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Mrs Frahm
(A5-0091/2000)

- Report on granting discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) for the financial year 1998 (C5-0153/2000) - Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Mr Khanbhai
(A5-0092/2000)

- * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 on the common organisation of the market in bananas (COM(1999) 582 - C5-0277/1999 - 1999/0235(CNS)) - Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Rapporteur: Mr Dary
(A5-0093/2000)

- Report on granting discharge to the Commission in respect of the decisions on clearance of accounts of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF for the 1993, 1994 and 1995 financial years (C4-0128/1998 - C4-0372/1998 - C5-0167/2000 - 1997/2167(DEC)) - Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Mr Mulder
(A5-0095/2000)

- Report on the Commission's Green Paper "Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy in the Single Market" (COM(1998) 569 - C5-0245/1999) - Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market

Rapporteur: Mrs Fourtou

(A5-0096/2000)

- Report on giving discharge in respect of implementation of the general budget for the financial year 1998 - Section I - European Parliament/Ombudsman Annex (SEC(1999) 414 - C5-0008/1999) - 1999/2051(DEC)) Committee on Budgetary Control
Rapporteur: Mr Kuhne
(A5-0097/2000)
- Report on the Communication of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: The Strategy for Europe's Internal Market (COM(1999) 464 - C5-0212/1999) - Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market (Hughes procedure)
Rapporteur: Mrs Palacio Vallelersundi
(A5-0098/2000)
- *** I Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council: European Year of Languages 2001 (COM(1999) 485 - C5-0278/1999 - 1999/0208(COD)) - Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport
Rapporteur: Mr Graça Moura
(A5-0099/2000)
- * Report on the initiative of the Republic of Finland in view of the adoption of a Council decision concerning arrangements for cooperation between financial intelligence units of the Member States in respect of exchanging information (11636/1999 - C5-0330/1999 - 1999/0824(CNS)) - Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs
Rapporteur: Mr Lehne
(A5-0102/2000)

(cb) *recommendations for second reading:*

- *** II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting I. a European Parliament and Council directive on the taking up, the pursuit and the prudential supervision of electronic money institutions (12004/2/1999 - C5-0306/1999 - 1998/0252 (COD)) and II. a European Parliament and Council directive amending Directive 77/780/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of business of credit institutions (12005/1/1999 - C5-0307/1999 - 1998/0253(COD)) - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Rapporteur: Mrs Kauppi
(A5-0080/2000)
- *** II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position adopting a European Parliament and Council directive on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC (11216/1/1999 - C5-0012/2000 - 1998/0072(COD)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy
Rapporteur: Mr Bowe
(A5-0083/2000)
- *** II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position adopting a European Parliament and Council directive amending Council Directive 95/53/EC fixing the principles governing the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition (10804/1/1999 - C5-0273/1999 - 1998/0301(COD)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy
Rapporteur: Mr Staes

(d) *from Members:*

(da) *oral questions (Rule 42):*

- Savary and Gebhardt, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Commission, on problems in the forestry sector following the storms in December 1999 (B5-0217/2000);
- Daul, Hugues Martin and Redondo Jiménez, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, to the Commission, on problems in the forestry sector following the storms in December 1999 (B5-0219/2000);

(db) *oral questions for Question Time (Rule 43) (B5-0216/2000):*

- Korakas, Bakopoulos, Theonas, Alyssandrakis, Alavanos, Souladakis, Andersson, Hyland, Izquierdo Rojo, Korhola, Gallagher, Seppänen, Papayannakis, Karamanou, Knörr Borràs, Riis-Jørgensen, Di Lello Finuoli, Sjöstedt, Trakatellis, Crowley, Posselt, Collins, Andrews, Howitt, Krarup, Frahm, Medina Ortega, Marinos, Fitzsimons, Cushnahan, Schörling, Arvidsson, Napoletano, Corbett, Banotti, Karamanou, IzquierdoRojo, Färm, Titley, Callanan, Heaton-Harris, Deva, Goodwill, McKenna, Davies, Musumeci, Theorin, Hulthén, Dybkjær, Kinnock, Gallagher, Lund, Olsson, Watts, Cashman, Howitt, Papayannakis, McCartin, Dupuis, Newton Dunn, Alavanos, Andersson, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Miguélez Ramos, Gahrton, Souladakis, MacCormick, Theonas, Stevenson, Riis-Jørgensen, Di Lello Finuoli, Sterckx, PalacioVallelersundi, Trakatellis, Knörr Borràs, Crowley, Hyland, Posselt, Thors, Collins, Korakas, Ebner, Andrews, Krarup, Medina Ortega, Fitzsimons, Alyssandrakis, Frahm, Staes, Bowe, Cushnahan, Schörling;

(dc) *written declaration for entry in the register (Rule 51):*

- by Mrs Muscardini, on the embargo on Iraq (No 7/2000);

(e) *from the Conciliation Committee:*

- Joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council decision establishing the Community action programme for youth (3609/2000 - C5-0116/2000 - 1998/0197(COD))

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

- *** III Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council decision establishing the Community action programme for youth (3609/2000 - C5-0116/2000 - 1998/0197(COD)) - European Parliament delegation to the Conciliation Committee
Rapporteur: Mrs Gröner
(A5-0100/2000)

4. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

The President had received from the Council:

certified true copies of the following documents:

- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and Ukraine extending the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from Ukraine to the European Community for the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001;
- Charter of the European Professional Associations in supporting the fight against organised crime;

the following original document:

- Solemn declaration by the European Union, signed at Messina on 2 June 1995.

5. Petitions

Pursuant to Rule 174(5), the President had forwarded to the Committee on Petitions the following petitions which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below:

27 March 2000

- by Mr Hansjosef Schoelkens (No 183/2000);
- by Mr Rüdiger Waser (No 184/2000);
- by Mr Harald von Fehr (Landestierschutzverband Thüringen e.V.) (No 185/2000);
- by Mr Kurt Raabe (Raabe u. Raabe Immobilien GmbH) (No 186/2000);
- by Mrs Katharina Reinke (No 187/2000);
- by Mr Jürgen Andresen (No 188/2000);
- by Mr Hans Edwin Tendam (No 189/2000);
- by Mr Frank Röwe (No 190/2000);
- by Mrs Loretta Grego-Burkhardt (Anwaltskanzlei Grego-Burkhardt & Co) (No 191/2000);
- by Mr Dietmar Mai (No 192/2000);
- by Mr Arno Strauß (No 193/2000);
- by Mr Ludwig Gekle (plus 11 signatures) (No 194/2000);
- by Mr Reiner Hör (Freie Wählergruppe Landkreis Gernersheim e.V.) (No 195/2000);
- by Mr Enrico Mazzella (No 196/2000);
- by Mr Aslan Yoldas (No 197/2000);
- by Mrs Gerrit Glupe (RAe Becker & Lehner) (No 198/2000);
- by Mr W. Herr (No 199/2000);
- by Mr Patrick Hillier (No 200/2000);
- by Mrs Ekaterini Eleni Michaloupoulou (No 201/2000);
- by Mr Dave Engbers (No 202/2000);
- by Mr Björn Rackoll (No 203/2000);
- by Mr Iain Davidson (No 204/2000);
- by Mr Richard Rouse (No 205/2000);
- by Mr Elias Economou (No 206/2000);
- by Mr Richard Harrison (No 207/2000);
- by Mrs Eleni Politaki (No 208/2000);

by Mr Konstantinos Mitseas (No 209/2000);
by Mr Egeron Landman (No 210/2000);
by Mr Heinz Thiele (No 211/2000);
by Mr Matthias Windisch (Bürgerinitiative Kaisersdorf) (No 212/2000);
by Mr Robert Dalgliesh (No 213/2000);
by Mrs Stefanie Schmidt-Nowak (RAIN Schmidt-Nowak) (No 214/2000);
by Mr Gerald Sweeney (G Sweeney & Co) (No 215/2000);
by Mr Wendfried Dietrich (No 216/2000);
by Mr Sven Björk (Ekologiska institutionen) (plus 5 signatures) (No 217/2000);
by Mr D. Taylor-Smith (No 218/2000);

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by Mr Nieves Borrás Engo (No 219/2000);
by Mr Alain Dubois (No 220/2000);
by Mr Francis Belin (No 221/2000);
by Mrs Marie Thérèse Warnier (No 222/2000);
by Mr Paul Plongonven (Coordination Ouest) (No 223/2000);
by Mr José da Cunha Oliveira (No 224/2000);
by Mr Robert Duploux (No 225/2000);
by Mr Carlo Tiberi (No 226/2000);
by Mr Enzo De Luca (No 227/2000);
by Mr Francesco Campigli (No 228/2000);
by Mr Paolo Filippi (No 229/2000);
by Mrs Cristiana Muscardini (plus 10 000 signatures) (No 230/2000);
by Mr Giuseppe Nardelli (Circolo di Legambiente "Le Vie del Vento") (plus 99 signatures) (No 231/2000);
by Mr Francesco Caracciolo (No 232/2000);
by Mr Vincenzo Mezzatesta (No 233/2000);
by Mr Gianni Colangelo (Associazione Difesa Utenti Servizi Bancari, Finanziari, Postali, Assicurativi (ADUSBEF)) (plus 70 signatures) (No 234/2000);
by Mrs Maria Luisa Pereira Nunes Faria (Gabinete de Assuntos Europeus) (No 235/2000);
by Mrs Ana Maria Brito de Oliveira (No 236/2000);

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by Mr Gunther Heimann (No 237/2000);
by Mr Gaetano La Russa (No 238/2000);
by Mrs Ruth Kleinknecht (No 239/2000);
by Mr James Ballard (University of Nottingham Union) (plus 4078 signatures) (No 240/2000);
by Mr Malcolm Cammiss (No 241/2000);
by Mr Stephen Hughes (No 242/2000);
by Mr Michael Wiseman (No 243/2000);
by Mr Karl Weidmann (Weidmann Wahl & Partner) (No 244/2000);
by Mr Wilhelm Herbert (No 245/2000);
by Mr Agim Krasniqi (No 246/2000) (plus 6 signatures);
by Mr Jurij Raskowalow (No 247/2000);
by Mr Wolfgang Hoffmann (No 248/2000);
by Mr Reinhard Bockhofer (Vereinigung zur Förderung des Petitionsrechts in der Demokratie e.V.) (No 249/2000);
by Mr Rainer Fiegl (No 250/2000);
by Mr Oliver Dismer (Ambulante Krankenpflege) (No 251/2000).

6. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The President announced that the final draft agenda for the April and May I 2000 sittings had been distributed (PE 289.395/PDOJ) and that a number of changes had been proposed (Rule 111):

(a) Sittings of 10-14 April 2000

Monday 10

No changes

Tuesday 11

- the Council had declared unwilling to make a statement on developments regarding the embargo on Iraq (*Item 72 on the agenda*). The item was therefore withdrawn from the agenda.
- Mr Hänsch, on behalf of the PSE Group, proposed, on the one hand, replacing the abovementioned statement with the statements on Turkey scheduled for Wednesday's sitting (*Item 30*) and, on the other hand, adding statements on the situation in Ethiopia to Wednesday's agenda, to replace the abovementioned statements on Turkey.

The President proposed voting on Mr Hänsch's first proposal, i.e. to bring forward the statements on the situation in Turkey to Tuesday.

Parliament approved the request.

Wednesday 12

- the President proposed voting on the proposal made by Mr Hänsch, on behalf of the PSE Group, to replace the statements on Turkey with statements on the situation in Ethiopia.

Mr Swoboda requested the possibility of tabling motions for resolutions to wind up the debate. The President assured him that this would be possible.

Parliament approved the request.

Deadline concerning Ethiopia:

- motions for resolutions: 20.00 that day
- amendments and joint motions for resolutions: Tuesday at 18.00

Thursday 13

Topical and urgent debate

- Subject I, "Non-proliferation treaty": the ELDR Group had asked to replace this subject with a new subject "Iraq".

On behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Haarder, who asked for subject IV to be voted on first, and Mr Hänsch, on behalf of the PSE Group, asked for the scheduled order to be maintained.

Parliament approved the ELDR Group's request by EV (129 for, 102 against, 14 abstentions).

- Subject III "Human rights": the PPE-DE Group had requested to replace the fourth item "Death penalty in the US" with a new item "Zimbabwe".

Mr Swoboda proposed adding a fifth item "Situation in Zimbabwe".

The President established that the PPE-DE Group agreed to this request.

Mr Elles spoke on a procedural matter.

Parliament approved the request.

The other requests concerning the addition of a fifth item fell in accordance with Annex III(4) of the Rules of Procedure, which stated that the number of items under the heading "Human rights" could not be more than five.

Friday 14

- joint debate on two oral questions on the forestry sector following the December 1999 storms (*Items 69 and 82*)

On behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Gebhardt asked for these motions for resolutions to be tabled to wind up the debate.

Parliament approved the request.

Request for urgent procedure (Rule 112) from the Council on:

- Proposal for a Council regulation on support to bodies set up by the international community after conflicts either to take charge of the interim civilian administration of certain regions or to implement peace agreements (COM(2000) 95 - C5-0118/2000 - 2000/0042(CNS))

Reason for request:

The Joint Action concerning the installation of the structures of UNMIK was due to expire on 30 April 2000.

Parliament would vote on this request for urgent procedure at the beginning of the following day's sitting.

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No changes.

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The order of business was thus established.

7. Child pornography on the Internet * (debate)

Mr Kirkhope introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on the initiative of the Republic of Austria with a view to adopting a Council decision to combat child pornography on the Internet (10317/1999 - C5-0318/1999 - 1999/0822(CNS)) (A5-0090/2000).

The following spoke: Cederschiöld, draftsman for the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market, Prets, draftsman for the Committee on Youth, Education, the Media and Sport, Coelho, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, and Keßler, on behalf of the PSE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr COLOM i NAVAL
Vice-President

The following spoke: Plooij-van Gorsel, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Sörensen, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Ainardi, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, La Perriere, on behalf of the UEN Group, Gollnisch, TDI Group, Blokland, on behalf of the EDD Group, Hager, Non-attached Member, Karas, Schulz, also on Mr Gollnisch's remarks, Maes, Eriksson, Sichrovsky, Ilka Schröder and Vitorino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 11.4.2000, Item 10.

8. European Refugee Fund * (debate)

Mrs Frahm introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on the proposal for a Council decision creating a European Refugee Fund (COM(1999) 686 - C5-0120/2000 - 1999/0274(CNS)) (A5-0091/2000).

The following spoke: Buitenweg, draftsman for the Committee on Budgets, Lambert, draftsman for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, and Oostlander, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PUERTA
Vice-President

The following spoke: Keßler, on behalf of the PSE Group, Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Boumediene-Thiery, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, Pirker,

Terrón i Cusí, Ceyhun, Berthu, Coelho and Vitorino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote:Minutes of 11.4.2000, Item 11.

9. Electronic money institutions and credit institutions *III (debate)**

Mrs Kauppi introduced her recommendation for second reading, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive on the taking up, the pursuit and the prudential supervision of electronic money institutions (12004/2/1999 - C5-0306/1999 - 1998/0252(COD)) and on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive amending Directive 77/780/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of business of credit institutions (12005/1/1999 - C5-0307/1999 - 1998/0253(COD)) (A5-0080/2000).

The following spoke: Karas, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Randzio-Plath, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on behalf of the PSE Group, Huhne, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Gallagher, on behalf of the UEN Group, Skinner and Bolkestein, Member of the Commission.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PROVAN
Vice-President

The President closed the debate.

Vote:Minutes of 11.4.2000, Item 7.

10. Animal nutrition inspections *II (debate)**

Mr Staes introduced his recommendation for second reading, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive amending Council Directive 95/53/EC fixing the principles governing the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition (10804/1/1999 - C5-0273/1999 - 1998/0301(COD)) (A5-0084/2000).

The following spoke: Klaß, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Roth-Behrendt, on behalf of the PSE Group, Auroi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Byrne, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote:Minutes of 11.4.2000, Item 8.

11. Food additives other than colours and sweeteners *I (debate)**

Mr Lannoye introduced his recommendation for second reading, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colour and sweeteners (COM(1999) 329 - C5-0068/1999 - 1999/0158(COD)) (A5-0072/2000).

The following spoke: Pohjamo, draftsman for the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy, Thyssen, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Lund, on behalf of the PSE Group, Maaten, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Breyer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Sandbæk, on behalf of the EDD Group, Arvidsson, Whitehead, Ries, Byrne, Member of the Commission, and Lannoye, rapporteur.

The President closed the debate.

Vote:Minutes of 11.4.2000, Item 9.

12. Ethiopia (deadlines for tabling)

The President informed the House that, at the request of the political groups, the deadlines concerning Ethiopia had been extended as follows:

- motions for resolutions: Tuesday, 10.00
- amendments and joint motions for resolutions: Wednesday, 16.00

13. Agenda for next sitting

The President referred Members to the document 'Agenda' (PE 289.395/OJMA.)

14. Closure of sitting

The sitting closed at 21.20.

Julian Priestley Guido Podestà
Secretary-General *Vice-President*

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Paasilinna, Paciotti, Paisley, Parish, Paulsen, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pesälä, Piecyk, Piétrasanta, Pirker, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Podestà, Pohjamo, Pomés Ruiz, Poos, Posselt, Prets, Procacci, Provan, Puerta, Purvis, Queiró, Rack, Radwan, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ribeiro e Castro, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rodríguez Ramos, de Roo, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Roure, Rovsing, Rübzig, Rühle, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Sanders-ten Holte, Savary, Scallon, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmid Gerhard, Schmid Herman, Schmidt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Ilka, Schröder Jürgen, Schulz, Segni, Seguro, Seppänen, Sichrovsky, Simpson, Skinner, Smet, Soares, Sørensen, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Souladakís, Sousa Pinto, Speroni, Staes, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Swoboda, Sylla, Terrón i Cusí, Theato, Theorin, Thomas-Mauro, Thyssen, Titley, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Turmes, Uca, Väyrynen, Vairinhos, Valdivielso de Cué, Van Brempt, Vander Taelen, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varaut, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vattimo, van Velzen, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Volcic, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weiler, Wenzel-Perillo, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wuermeling, Wuori, Wurtz, Wyn, Wynn, Zabell, Zimeray, Zimmerling