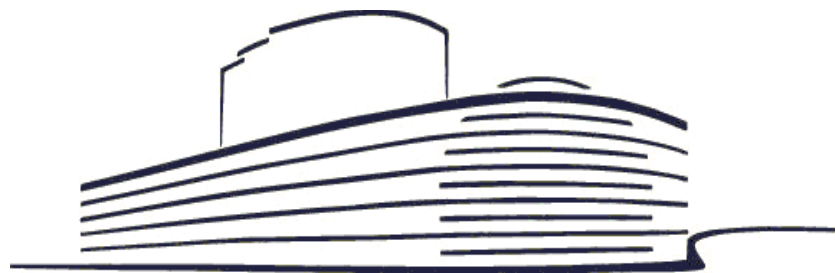


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ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

AFET	Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE	Committee on Development
INTA	Committee on International 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

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PPE-DE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
PSE	Socialist Group in the European Parliament
ALDE	Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations Group
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
IND/DEM	Independence and Democracy Group
NI	Non-attached Members

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Report: on the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion and the state of the debate on the future reform of the cohesion policy [2008/2174(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Lambert van Nistelrooij (A6-0083/2009)

Report: on best practices in the field of regional policy and obstacles to the use of the structural funds [2008/2061(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Constanze Angela Krehl (A6-0095/2009)

Report: on the urban dimension of cohesion policy in the new programming period [2008/2130 (INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Oldřich Vlasák (A6-0031/2009)

Report: on complementarities and coordination of cohesion policy with rural development measures [2008/2100(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Wojciech Roszkowski (A6-0042/2009)

Report: on the implementation of the Structural Funds Regulation 2007-2013: the results of the negotiations on the national cohesion strategies and the operational programmes [2008/2183(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Miroslav Mikolášik (A6-0108/2009)

Report: with recommendations to the Commission on a European initiative for the development of micro-credits in support of growth and employment [2008/2122(INI)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Zsolt László Becsey (A6-0041/2009)

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Constanze Angela Krehl, Oldřich Vlasák, Wojciech Roszkowski, Miroslav Mikolášik and Zsolt László Becsey introduced the reports.

The following spoke: Danuta Hübner (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Gary Titley (rapporteur for the opinion of the BUDG Committee), Nathalie Griesbeck (rapporteur for the opinion of the BUDG Committee), Atanas Paparizov (rapporteur for the opinion of the ITRE Committee), Neena Gill (rapporteur for the opinion of the JURI Committee), Zita Pleštinská (rapporteur for the opinion of the FEMM Committee), Emmanouil Angelakas, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Iratxe García Pérez, on behalf of the PSE Group, Grażyna Staniszevska, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, on behalf of the UEN Group, Elisabeth Schroedter, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Pedro Guerreiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Peter Baco, Non-attached Member, James Nicholson, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Elspeth Attwooll, Giovanni Robusti, Gisela Kallenbach, Georgios Toussas, Kathy Sinnott, Carl Lang, Markus Pieper, Evgeni Kirilov, Jean Marie Beaupuy, Andrzej Tomasz Zapałowski, Jim Allister, Jan Olbrycht, Mia De Vits, Zdzisław Zbigniew Podkański, Ambroise Guellec, Pierre Pribetich, Rolf Berend, Miloš Koterec and Mariela Velichkova Baeva.

IN THE CHAIR: Luisa MORGANTINI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Margie Sudre, Gábor Harangozó, Rumiana Jeleva, Jamila Madeira, Iosif Matula, Andrzej Jan Szejna, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Maria Petre, Francisca Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Silvia-Adriana Țicău and Eoin Ryan.

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The President welcomed a delegation of young people from the European programme against organised crime, FLARE.

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The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Erna Hennicot-Schoepges.

IN THE CHAIR: Miguel Angel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ
Vice-President

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Ewa Tomaszewska, Den Dover, Zita Pleštinská and Sérgio Marques.

The President recalled the rules applicable to the 'catch-the-eye' procedure.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Zuzana Roithová, Andreas Mölzer, Alexandru Nazare, Ljudmila Novak, James Nicholson, Francesco Ferrari and Czesław Adam Siekierski.

The following spoke: Danuta Hübner, Constanze Angela Krehl, Oldřich Vlasák, Wojciech Roszkowski, Miroslav Mikolášik, Zsolt László Becsey and Lambert van Nistelrooij.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.18, minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.11, minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.19, minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.12, minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.20 and minutes of 24.03.2009, item 4.21.

(The sitting was suspended at 11.50 pending voting time and resumed at 12.05.)

IN THE CHAIR: Luigi COCILOVO
Vice-President

4. Voting time

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in the *Results of Votes* annex to the minutes.

The results of roll-call votes are available in electronic form only, as an annex to the minutes, and can be accessed via Europarl.

4.1. Agreement between the EC and Nepal on certain aspects of air services * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Nepal on certain aspects of air services [COM(2008)0041 - C6-0041/2009 - 2008/0017(CNS)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Paolo Costa (A6-0071/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 1)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2008)0146)

4.2. Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors *I (Rule 131) (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain components and characteristics of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors (codified version) [COM(2008)0690 - C6-0414/2008 - 2008/0213(COD)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg (A6-0130/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 2)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2008)0147)

4.3. Community system of reliefs from customs duty * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a Council regulation setting up a Community system of reliefs from customs duty (codified version) [COM(2008)0842 - C6-0019/2009 - 2008/0235(CNS)] - Committee on Legal Affairs. Rapporteur: Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg (A6-0129/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 3)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2008)0148)

4.4. ECB statistics * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on the recommendation for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank [13411/2008 - C6-0351/2008 - 2008/0807(CNS)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikäinen (A6-0119/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 4)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0149)*

4.5. The EU priorities for the 64th Session of the UN General Assembly (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: with a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the EU priorities for the 64th Session of the UN General Assembly [2009/2000(INI)] - Committee on Foreign Affairs. Rapporteur: Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (A6-0132/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 5)

PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0150)*

4.6. One year after Lisbon: the EU-Africa partnership at work (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on one year after Lisbon: the EU-Africa partnership at work [2008/2318(INI)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Maria Martens (A6-0079/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 6)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0151)*

4.7. The MDG contracts (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on the MDG contracts [2008/2128(INI)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Alain Hutchinson (A6-0085/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 7)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0152)*

4.8. Artistic studies in the European Union (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on artistic studies in the European Union [2008/2226(INI)] - Committee on Culture and Education. Rapporteur: Maria Badia i Cutchet (A6-0093/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 8)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0153)*

4.9. Active dialogue with citizens on Europe (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on active dialogue with citizens on Europe [2008/2224(INI)] - Committee on Culture and Education. Rapporteur: Gyula Hegyi (A6-0107/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 9)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Gyula Hegyi (rapporteur) made a statement pursuant to Rule 131(4).

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0154)*

4.10. The work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in 2008 (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on the work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in 2008 [2008/2303(INI)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Thierry Cornillet (A6-0081/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 10)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0155)*

4.11. Regional policy best practice and obstacles to use of Structural Funds (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on best practices in the field of regional policy and obstacles to the use of the structural funds [2008/2061(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Constanze Angela Krehl (A6-0095/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 11)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote *(P6_TA(2008)0156)*

4.12. Complementarities and coordination of cohesion policy with rural development measures (Rule 131) (vote)

Report: on complementarities and coordination of cohesion policy with rural development measures [2008/2100(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Wojciech Roszkowski (A6-0042/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 12)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (*P6_TA(2008)0157*)

4.13. Cosmetic products (recast version) *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products (recast) [COM(2008)0049 - C6-0053/2008 - 2008/0035(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Dagmar Roth-Behrendt (A6-0484/2008)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 13)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6_TA(2008)0158*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2008)0158*)

4.14. The placing of biocidal products on the market *I (vote)**

Report: on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market as regards the extension of certain time periods [COM(2008)0618 - C6-0346/2008 - 2008/0188(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Daciana Octavia Sârbu (A6-0076/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 14)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6_TA(2008)0159*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2008)0159*)

4.15. Structure and rates of excise duty applied on manufactured tobacco * (vote)

Report: on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directives 92/79/EEC, 92/80/EEC and 95/59/EC on the structure and rates of excise duty applied on manufactured tobacco [COM(2008) 0459 - C6-0311/2008 - 2008/0150(CNS)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Rapporteur: Zsolt László Becsey (A6-0121/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 15)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6_TA(2008)0160*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2008)0160*)

The following spoke:

Zsolt László Becsey (rapporteur), before the vote.

4.16. Combating female genital mutilation in the EU (vote)

Report: on combating female genital mutilation in the EU [2008/2071(INI)] - Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Rapporteur: Cristiana Muscardini (A6-0054/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 16)

ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (tabled by the ALDE, PPE-DE and UEN Groups)

Adopted (*P6_TA(2008)0161*)

The following spoke:

Lissy Gröner, on behalf of the PSE Group, made clarifications to recital G.

4.17. Multilingualism: an asset for Europe and a shared commitment (vote)

Report: on multilingualism: an asset for Europe and a shared commitment [2008/2225(INI)] - Committee on Culture and Education. Rapporteur: Vasco Graça Moura (A6-0092/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 17)

ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (tabled by the PSE, ALDE and Verts/ALE Groups)

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0162)

The following spoke:

Vasco Graça Moura (rapporteur), on the alternative motion for a resolution, Ignasi Guardans Cambó, who made technical clarifications on that subject, and Cristiana Muscardini, on the provisions relating to alternative motions for resolution (Rule 151(4)).

4.18. Green Paper on territorial cohesion and debate on the future reform of the cohesion policy (vote)

Report: on the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion and the state of the debate on the future reform of the cohesion policy [2008/2174(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Lambert van Nistelrooij (A6-0083/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 18)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0163)

4.19. Urban dimension of cohesion policy (vote)

Report: on the urban dimension of cohesion policy in the new programming period [2008/2130 (INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Oldřich Vlasák (A6-0031/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 19)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0164)

4.20. Implementation of the Structural Funds Regulation 2007-2013: results of negotiations on national cohesion strategies and operational programmes (vote)

Report: on the implementation of the Structural Funds Regulation 2007-2013: the results of the negotiations on the national cohesion strategies and the operational programmes [2008/2183(INI)] - Committee on Regional Development. Rapporteur: Miroslav Mikolášik (A6-0108/2009)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 20)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0165)

4.21. A European initiative for the development of micro-credit in support of growth and employment (vote)

Report: with recommendations to the Commission on a European initiative for the development of micro-credits in support of growth and employment [2008/2122(INI)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Zsolt László Becsey (A6-0041/2009)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 21)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2008)0166)

5. Explanations of vote

Written explanations of vote:

Explanations of vote submitted in writing under Rule 163(3) appear in the *Verbatim Report of Proceedings* for the sitting.

Oral explanations of vote:

Report: Maria Martens - A6-0079/2009

David Sumberg, Nirj Deva, Syed Kamall, Philip Claeys, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Gay Mitchell and Richard Corbett

Report: Alexander Graf Lambsdorff - A6-0132/2009

Charles Tannock

Report: Alain Hutchinson - A6-0085/2009

Zuzana Roithová and Nirj Deva

Report: Maria Badia i Cutchet - A6-0093/2009

David Sumberg, Hannu Takkula, Ewa Tomaszewska and Avril Doyle

Report: Gyula Hegyi - A6-0107/2009

Dimitar Stoyanov, David Sumberg, Marian Harkin, Hannu Takkula, Nirj Deva, Ewa Tomaszewska, Martin Callanan, Syed Kamall, Jim Allister and Neena Gill

Report: Wojciech Roszkowski - A6-0042/2009

Jim Allister

Report: Dagmar Roth-Behrendt - A6-0484/2008

Kathy Sinnott and Neena Gill

Report: Daciana Octavia Sârbu - A6-0076/2009

Kathy Sinnott

Report: Zsolt László Becsey - A6-0121/2009

Avril Doyle

Report: Cristiana Muscardini - A6-0054/2009

Marian Harkin, Eleonora Lo Curto and Kathy Sinnott

Report: Vasco Graça Moura - A6-0092/2009

Milan Gaľa, Michl Ebner, Hannu Takkula, Frank Vanhecke, Philip Claeys, Mario Borghezio, Eleonora Lo Curto and Avril Doyle

Report: Lambert van Nistelrooij - A6-0083/2009

Michl Ebner, Rumiana Jeleva, Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva and Marian Harkin

Report: Miroslav Mikolášik - A6-0108/2009

Marian Harkin

Report: Zsolt László Becsey - A6-0041/2009

Zuzana Roithová, Marian Harkin and Syed Kamall

6. Corrections to votes and voting intentions

Corrections to votes and voting intentions appear on the 'Séance en direct' website under 'Votes'/'Results of votes'/'Roll-call votes'. They are published in hard copy in the *Result of roll-call votes* annex.

The electronic version on Europarl will be regularly updated for a maximum of two weeks after the day of the vote concerned.

After the two-week deadline has passed, the list of corrections to votes and voting intentions will be finalised so that it can be translated and published in the Official Journal.

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Poul Nyrup Rasmussen had given notice that he had intended to vote for the reports tabled under Rule 131.

(The sitting was suspended at 13.35 and resumed at 15.05.)

IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING
President

7. Preparation of the G20 Summit on 2 April 2009 (debate)

Preparation of the G20 Summit on 2 April 2009 - with the participation of Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Member of the European Council

The President made a statement introducing the debate on the preparation of the G20 Summit.

The following spoke: Gordon Brown (Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

The following spoke: José Manuel Barroso (President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, Monica Frassoni, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the

GUE/NGL Group, Nigel Farage, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, and Daniel Hannan, Non-attached Member.

The following spoke: Gordon Brown.

The President thanked Gordon Brown for coming to the European Parliament and wished him much success in the preparation and conclusion of the G20 Summit.

The debate closed.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS
Vice-President

8. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

Marian Harkin had made it known that she had been present but that her name was not on the attendance register.

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

9. EIB and EBRD annual reports for 2007 - Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank *I (debate)**

Report: on 2007 Annual Reports of the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development [2008/2155(INI)] - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Gay Mitchell (A6-0135/2009)

Report: on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Community [COM(2008)0910 - C6-0025/2009 - 2008/0268 (COD)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Esko Seppänen (A6-0109/2009)

Esko Seppänen and Gay Mitchell introduced the reports.

The following spoke: Joaquín Almunia (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Gabriele Stauner (rapporteur for the opinion of the CONT Committee), Zsolt László Becsey, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Udo Bullmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Wolf Klinz, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Sepp Kusstatscher, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Konstantinos Droutsas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, John Whittaker, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Paulo Casaca and Margarita Starkevičiūtė.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Jean-Pierre Audy and Czesław Adam Siekierski.

Thomas Mirow (President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Adam BIELAN
Vice-President

The following spoke: Philippe Maystadt (President of the European Investment Bank), Joaquín Almunia, Gay Mitchell and Esko Seppänen.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.19 and minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.2.*

10. The ABB-ABM method as a management tool for allocating budgetary resources - Mid-term Review of the 2007-2013 Financial Framework (debate)

Report: on the ABB-ABM method as a management tool for allocating budgetary resources [2008/2053(INI)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Kyösti Virrankoski (A6-0104/2009)

Report: on Mid-Term Review of the 2007-2013 Financial Framework [2008/2055(INI)] - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Reimer Böge (A6-0110/2009)

Kyösti Virrankoski and Reimer Böge introduced the reports.

The following spoke: Dalia Grybauskaitė (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Michael Gahler (rapporteur for the opinion of the AFET Committee), Herbert Bösch (rapporteur for the opinion of the CONT Committee), Paul Rübig (rapporteur for the opinion of the ITRE Committee), Rumiana Jeleva (rapporteur for the opinion of the REGI Committee), Esther De Lange (rapporteur for the opinion of the AGRI Committee), Ingeborg Gräßle, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Gary Titley, on behalf of the PSE Group, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Wiesław Stefan Kuc, on behalf of the UEN Group, Helga Trüpel, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Pedro Guerreiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Nils Lundgren, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Göran Färm, Zbigniew Krzysztof Kuźmiuk, Janusz Lewandowski, Catherine Guy-Quint and Margaritis Schinas.

IN THE CHAIR: Mario MAURO
Vice-President

The following spoke: Costas Botopoulos.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Alexandru Nazare.

The following spoke: Kyösti Virrankoski and Reimer Böge.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.7.*

11. Future of the car industry (debate)

Commission statement: Future of the car industry

Günter Verheugen (Vice-President of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Werner Langen, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Robert Goebbels, on behalf of the PSE Group, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Antonio Mussa, on behalf of the UEN Group, Rebecca Harms, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Roberto Musacchio, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Sergej Kozlík, Non-attached Member, Amalia Sartori, Hannes Swoboda, Gianluca Susta, Mario Borghezio, Ilda Figueiredo, Carl Lang, Gunnar Hökmark, Monica

IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS
Vice-President

The following spoke: Antolín Sánchez Presedo.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Nicodim Bulzesc, Inés Ayala Sender, Reinhard Rack, Zuzana Roithová and Alojz Peterle.

The following spoke: Günter Verheugen.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 103(2):

- Cristiana Muscardini, Adam Bielan, Roberta Angelilli, Mario Borghezio and Antonio Mussa, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the future of the car industry (B6-0152/2009),
- Werner Langen, Giles Chichester, Stefano Zappalà, Amalia Sartori and Ivo Belet, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the future of the automotive industry (B6-0153/2009),
- Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the future of the car industry (B6-0154/2009),
- Martin Schulz and Robert Goebbels, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the future of the automotive industry (B6-0155/2009),
- Rebecca Harms, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the future of the car industry in Europe (B6-0156/2009).

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.20.*

12. The performance and sustainability of the European aviation system *I - Aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services ***I (debate)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 549/2004, (EC) No 550/2004, (EC) No 551/2004 and (EC) No 552/2004 in order to improve the performance and sustainability of the European aviation system [COM(2008) 0388 - C6-0250/2008 - 2008/0127(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (A6-0002/2009)

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services and repealing Council Directive 2006/23/EC [COM(2008)0390 - C6-0251/2008 - 2008/0128(COD)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (A6-0515/2008)

Marian-Jean Marinescu introduced the reports.

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Teresa Riera Madurell (rapporteur for the opinion of the ITRE Committee), Georg Jarzembowski, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Ulrich Stockmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Nathalie Griesbeck, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Roberts Zīle, on behalf of the UEN Group, Eva Lichtenberger, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Michael Henry Nattrass, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Luca Romagnoli, Non-attached Member, Reinhard Rack, Jörg Leichtfried and Robert Evans.

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani and Marian-Jean Marinescu.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.3 and minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.4.*

(The sitting was suspended at 20.00 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Martine ROURE
Vice-President

13. Composition of Parliament

The Latvian authorities had given notice of the appointment of Liene Liepiņa to replace Valdis Dombrovskis as Member of Parliament with effect from 19 March 2009.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as her credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that she had previously made a written declaration stating that she did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Liene Liepiņa would take her seat in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

14. Interoperability of mobile chargers (debate)

Oral question (O-0057/2009) by Marco Cappato, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: Non-interoperability of mobile phone chargers (B6-0225/2009)

Marco Cappato moved the oral question.

Günter Verheugen (Vice-President of the Commission) answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Paul Rübzig, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, on behalf of the PSE Group, and Toine Manders, on behalf of the ALDE Group.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Paul Rübzig.

The following spoke: Günter Verheugen.

The debate closed.

15. Common consular instructions: biometric identifiers and visa applications *II (debate)**

Recommendation for second reading: Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Common Consular Instructions on visas for diplomatic and consular posts in relation to the introduction of biometrics including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications [05329/1/2009 - C6-0088/2009 - 2006/0088(COD)] - Committee on Civil Liberties,

Justice and Home Affairs. Rapporteur: Sarah Ludford (A6-0143/2009)

Sarah Ludford introduced the recommendation for second reading.

The following spoke: Androulla Vassiliou (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Ewa Klamt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Roselyne Lefrançois, on behalf of the PSE Group, Tatjana Ždanoka, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Gerard Batten, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Carlos Coelho, Corina Crețu, Hubert Pirker, Silvia-Adriana Țicău and Dushana Zdravkova.

The following spoke: Androulla Vassiliou and Sarah Ludford.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.1.*

16. Novel foods *I (debate)**

Report: on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods and amending Regulation (EC) No XXX/XXXX [common procedure] [COM(2007)0872 - C6-0027/2008 - 2008/0002(COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Kartika Tamara Liotard (A6-0512/2008)

Kartika Tamara Liotard introduced the report.

The following spoke: Androulla Vassiliou (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Zuzana Roithová (rapporteur for the opinion of the IMCO Committee), Philip Bushill-Matthews, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Åsa Westlund, on behalf of the PSE Group, Magor Imre Csibi, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Zdzisław Zbigniew Podkański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Hiltrud Breyer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Renate Sommer, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Mojca Drčar Murko, Satu Hassi and Avril Doyle.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Czesław Adam Siekierski.

The following spoke: Androulla Vassiliou and Kartika Tamara Liotard.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.5.*

17. Substances that deplete the ozone layer (recast) *I (debate)**

Report: on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (recast) [COM(2008)0505 - C6-0297/2008 - 2008/0165 (COD)] - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Johannes Blokland (A6-0045/2009)

Johannes Blokland introduced the report.

The following spoke: Stavros Dimas (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Eija-Riitta Korhola, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, on behalf of the UEN Group, Satu Hassi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Avril Doyle.

The following spoke: Stavros Dimas and Johannes Blokland.

The debate closed.

Vote: *minutes of 25.03.2009, item 3.6.*

18. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 423.617/OJME).

19. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.00.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Mario Mauro
Vice-President

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

24.3.2009

The following signed:

Adamou, Agnoletto, Aita, Allister, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andriekienė, Angelakas, Angelilli, Antochi, Antoniozzi, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso, Baco, Badia i Cutchet, Baeva, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Bartolozzi, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Bedingfield, Beer, Belder, Belet, Belohorská, Bennahmias, Beňová, Berend, Berès, Berlato, Berlinguer, Berman, Bielan, Binev, Birutis, Blokland, Bloom, Bobošíková, Bodu, Böge, Bösch, Bono, Bonsignore, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Boso, Boştinaru, Botopoulos, Boursier, Bowis, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Breyer, Březina, Brie, Brok, Budreikaitė, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Bulfon, Bullmann, Bulzesc, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busuttil, Calia, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Cappato, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Casini, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cavada, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chiesa, Chiriță, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Chukolov, Ciani, Claeys, Clark, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Colman, Corbett, Corda, Cornillet, Paolo Costa, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Cramer, Cremers, Corina Crețu, Gabriela Crețu, Crowley, Csibi, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Dahl, Dăianu, Dăncilă, Daul, David, Davies, De Blasio, Degutis, Dehaene, De Keyser, De Michelis, Denanot, Deprez, De Rossa, De Sarnez, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Dobolyi, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Droutsas, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duka-Zólyomi, Dumitriu, Ebner, Ek, El Khadraoui, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Jill Evans, Robert Evans, Färm, Fajmon, Falbr, Fatuzzo, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Ferrari, Anne Ferreira, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Fiore, Fjellner, Flasarová, Florenz, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Fontaine, Ford, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Fraile Cantón, França, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Gacek, Gahler, Gál, Gaľa, Galeote, Garcés Ramón, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Gardini, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Georgiou, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gewalt, Gibault, Gierek, Giertych, Gill, Giuntini, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Gottardi, Goudin, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graça Moura, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, Grau i Segú, Griesbeck, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Groote, Grosch, Grossetête, Guardans Cambó, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guy-Quint, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hall, Hămbășan, Hammerstein, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harms, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Haug, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hegyi, Helmer, Hénin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herczog, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hołowczyc, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyusmenova, Ibrisagic, in 't Veld, Irujo Amezaga, Isler Béguin, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jacobs, Jäätteenmäki, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Járóka, Jarzembowski, Jeggler, Jeleva, Jöns, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Jouye de Grandmaison, Juri, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Kamall, Karas, Kastler, Kaufmann, Kazak, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirilov, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klauf, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Koch-Mehrin, Kohlíček, Konrad, Koppa, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kuhne, Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis,

Landsbergis, Lang, De Lange, Langen, Langendries, Laperrouze, Lauk, Lavarra, Lax, Lebech, Lechner, Le Foll, Lefrançois, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liepiņa, Liese, Liotard, Lipietz, Locatelli, Lo Curto, López-Istúriz White, Losco, Louis, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lundgren, Luque Aguilar, Lynne, Lyubcheva, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McDonald, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Maldeikis, Manders, Mănescu, Maňka, Erika Mann, Thomas Mann, Manole, Marinescu, Marini, Markov, Marques, Martens, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mathieu, Matsakis, Matula, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mladenov, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Elisabeth Morin, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscardini, Mussa, Musumeci, Myller, Napoletano, Naranjo Escobar, Nassauer, Nattrass, Nazare, Neris, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Özdemir, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Onyszkiewicz, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortuondo Larrea, Óry, Ouzký, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Pagano, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Panayotov, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Papparizov, Papastamkos, Parish, Paşcu, Patriciello, Patrie, Peillon, Pęk, Alojz Peterle, Petre, Pflüger, Pieper, Pietikäinen, Píks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pirilli, Pirker, Piskorski, Pittella, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Pleštinská, Plumb, Podestà, Podimata, Podkański, Pöttering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Polfer, Pomés Ruiz, Popa, Portas, Posdorf, Posselt, Prets, Pribetich, Vittorio Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Raeva, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Remek, Reul, Riera Madurell, Riis-Jørgensen, Rivera, Rizzo, Robsahm, Robusti, Rodust, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rovsing, Rübiger, Rühle, Rus, Rutowicz, Ryan, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Saks, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sanzarello, Sanz Palacio, Sârbu, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Savi, Schaldemose, Schapira, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schinas, Schlyter, Frithjof Schmidt, Olle Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Jürgen Schröder, Schroedter, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Segelström, Seppänen, Severin, Siekierski, Siitonen, Silva Peneda, Simpson, Sinnott, Siwec, Skinner, Škottová, Sógor, Sommer, Søndergaard, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Spautz, Speroni, Staes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Stauner, Stavreva, Stevenson, Stihler, Stockmann, Stolojan, Stoyanov, Strejček, Strož, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Susta, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tannock, Tarand, Tatarella, Teychenné, Thomsen, Thyssen, Ţicău, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tókés, Tomaszewska, Tomczak, Toubon, Toussas, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Urutchev, Vaidere, Vakalis, Vălean, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varvitsiotis, Vatanen, Vaugrenard, Ventre, Veraldi, Vergnaud, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras, Vigenin, de Villiers, Virrankoski, Visser, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wagenknecht, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Manfred Weber, Renate Weber, Weiler, Weisgerber, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wielowieyski, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Iuliu Winkler, Wise, von Wogau, Wohlin, Bernard Wojciechowski, Janusz Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wurtz, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zani, Zanicchi, Zapałowski, Zappalà, Ždanoka, Zdravkova, Železný, Zieleniec, Zile, Zimmer, Zvěřina, Zwiefka