The meeting opened at 15.05 on Tuesday 14 June 2011, with Erminia Mazzoni (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 466.986)

The agenda has been adopted with these modifications.

The Chair announced that petitioners would be present for the following agenda items:

- **Item 6** - Petition 0273/2010, concerning the Malagrotta waste site near Rome; officials from the Province are also present for this,
- **Item 8** - Petition 1617/2009, concerning the impact of deepening a limestone quarry near Angoulême, France,
- **Item 9** - Petition 0651/2010, concerning Air Traffic Controllers in Spain,
- **Item 14** - Petition 1109/2010, on aid to an Italian NGO,
- **Item 15** - Petition 0580/2010, concerning the fish wholesale sector in Spain,
- **Item 17** - Petition 0726/2010, on Vehicle Registration Tax,
- **Item 18** - Petition 1053/2010, on double taxation in Italy and Germany,
- **Item 19** - Petition 0652/2010, on French supplementary pensions in Belgium,
- **Item 20** - Petition 0595/2010, on social security schemes and pensions in Denmark,
- **Item 21** - Petition 1345-2009 and 0046/2010 concerning open cast mining in Poland.

2. Chair's announcements

The annex to the Chairman's notes had been distributed for comments related to the reopening or closure of certain petitions for the reasons mentioned. As there were no comments concerning these recommendations, they were considered to be approved.
3. Any other business
None.

4. Petition No 0163/2010 by P.B. (German), on third party access to the European Court of Justice for preliminary rulings

Speakers: The Chair.
Decision: take note of the Opinion of the JURI Committee and agree to insert reference to it in the recital of the Annual Report on the activity of the Committee on Petitions.

Rapporteur: MEYER (GUE/NGL)
Speakers: The Chair, the rapporteur
Consideration of amendments:
Amendments adopted: 10, compromise 2, 12, 13, technical AM on par. 2, 14, 15, 16, compromise 3, compromise 4, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, compromise 5, 29, 30, compromise 6, 33, 1, compromise 1, oral AM on new citation 4a, 4, 5, 6 (split vote), 7, 8 and 9.
Amendments fallen: 11, 17, 18, 20, 19, 27, 28, 31, 32, 2 and 3.
Amendments rejected: 22, 34.
Amendments presented: 43
Amendments withdrawn: 0
Amendments not admissible: 0

Decision: the Report was adopted unanimously with 21 votes in favour.

6. Petition No 0273/2010 by Mariagrazia Canuti (Italian), on the Malagrotta waste disposal site near Rome

Speakers: The Chair, Piergiorgio Benvenuti on behalf of the petitioner, Claudio Vesselli (Provincia di Roma), the Commission (Giuseppe Manganaro), Peter Jahr, Judith Merkies, Margrete Auken.
The Committee recognised the seriousness of the situation raised by the petitioner, also acknowledged by the representative from the Province concerned; noted the willingness to close the site due to its detrimental impact on health and safety of the local population in particular.
Decision: Petition would remain open pending further information from the Commission.

Rapporteur ITURGAIZ (EPP)

Speakers: The Chair, Carlos Iturgaiz, the Commission (Karolina Fras), Judith Merkies, Margrete Auken.
The members welcomed the working document and were informed that at the meeting in July the external expert study currently under preparation through the Policy Department would be presented.
8. Petition N° 1617/2009 by Ivan Martin (French), on behalf of ADEVAC and ‘Stop Nuisances’, on the impact of the projected deepening of the ‘Chaumes de la Bergerie’ limestone quarry (La Couronne, Charente) on two groundwater deposits

Speakers: The Chair, Ivan Martin (petitioner), the Commission (Maria Brattemark), Philippe Boulland.
Decision: The members welcomed the clear presentation by the petitioner and the information that had been provided which was very detailed and well referenced. The Petition remains open pending further information from the Commission and clarifications from the French authorities.

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From 16.55 to 17.05 the meeting was chaired by Willy Meyer (Vice-Chair) in the Chair

Social Affairs

9. Petition N° 0331/2010 by Ignacio Ruipérez Aguirre (Spanish), on the situation of air traffic controllers in Spain and
   N° 0651/2010 by Juan María García Gil (Spanish), on behalf of the Union of Air Traffic Controllers, on the situation of air traffic controllers in Spain

Speakers: Willy Meyer, Camilo Cela Elizagarate (representing the petitioner), Ignacio Ruiperez Aguirre (petitioner), the Commission (Dimitrios Dimitriou), Carlos Iturgaiz, Miguel Angel Martinez Martinez, Philippe Boulland, Margrete Auken.
Decision: Petitions remain open pending further information from the Commission, specifically clarifying the link between the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the directives on working time and on safety of air traffic. Eurocontrol are to be consulted by the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 17.35

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Coordinators' meeting from 17h35 to 18h30 (in camera)

The Meeting resumed at 9.05 on Wednesday 15 June with Chrysoula Paliadeli (Vice-Chair) in the Chair

(Deadline AM: 24.06.2011 - 13 h. / Adoption 13.07.2011)
Rapporteur: IOTOVA (S-D)
Speakers: Chrysoula Paliadeli, the Rapporteur, Margrete Auken, Peter Jahr, the Commission (Gérard Legris, Leonor Costa Rosa).
Consideration of the draft report

11. **Opinion on Budget guidelines 2012 - all sections - Ombudsman (BUD) as modified by the Council (2011/2020)(BUD)**

(Deadline AM : 23.06.2011 - 18 h. / Adoption 13.07.2011)
Rapporteur: KOCH-MEHRIN (ALDE)

Speakers: Chrysoula Paliadeli, Peter Jahr for the rapporteur, the Commission (Leonor Costa Rosa).
Consideration of the draft opinion.

**Competition**

12. **N° 0580/2010 by Salvador López Florencio (Spanish), on behalf of the 'El Barranco' Association of fish wholesalers, concerning the monopoly exercised by 'Mercasevilla' in the fish wholesale sector**

Speakers: Chrysoula Paliadeli, José Ramon Rodriguez Fajó Pérez (representing the petitioner), Joaquin Moeckel Gil (representing the petitioner), Rafael Dominguez Romero (Chairman of the Comité Intersyndical de Mercasevilla), Jimenez Becerril Barrio, Willy Meyer, Carlos Iturgaiz, Laeticia Lecesne (European Commission).
An exchange of views took place between the Petitioners and Rafael Dominguez Romero, Chairman of Mercasevilla.
Decision: Petition remains open pending further information from the Commission.

13. **Petition N° 0752/2010 by M. Bateman (British), on the unfair and abusive conditions set in the renting contracts for public houses in the UK**

Speakers: Chrysoula Paliadeli, the Commission (Joao Cardoso Pereira)
Decision: Petition to be closed following the Commission's reply.

The meeting continued with Erminia Mazzoni (Chair) in the Chair

14. **Chairman's announcements concerning coordinators' decisions**

- Follow-up decisions concerning the further discussion of the petitions on the impact of the 'Ley de Costas' on the rights of European citizens and residents to their individual property (April & May meetings).

Decisions:
  a) The petitions falling under the Auken Report should be gathered together and reconsidered, notably with regard to the recent ECJ decision;
b) more detailed information regarding the ongoing debate for the revision of the Coastal law in the Spanish Parliament is to be obtained from the Spanish authorities;

c) once the information is received, the possibility of presenting a report to plenary on this issue should be considered by the Coordinators at a later meeting;

d) a workshop is proposed on the Ley de Costas in the Petitions Committee to better assess the legal aspects of the issue and its link with European law;

e) to take this topic into consideration for the agenda of the proposed hearing on the Charter of Fundamental Rights scheduled for October 6th;

f) a detailed letter to the petitioners is to be sent explaining the decisions taken.

- Fact-finding visits to Bulgaria and to Berlin:
  **Decision**: Approval of the draft programme for the visit to Bulgaria.
  The fact finding visit in Berlin was postponed.

- Consideration of a joint Oral Question with the Fisheries Committee.
  **Decision**: postponed until the forthcoming hearing of the EPP on the same issue had taken place and pending further consultations with PECH.

- Further consideration of a request by Mr Klein.
  **Decision**: letter to the Commission concerning the respect of the previous decisions and invite the competent Commissioner to insist with the German authorities on the need for a further meeting to review the situation. The creation of a Committee of inquiry as suggested by the petitioner was not considered appropriate.

- Confirmation of a request to establish a report on Citizenship.
  **Decision**: approval on the preparation of an INI report on European Citizenship in the light of the agreement reached with LIBE (Rapporteur Adina-Ioana Valean-ALDE).

Consideration of the draft agenda for the meeting of July 12 & 13, and consideration of a request by the EPP to add, under the urgency procedure, consideration of the petitions tabled on the budget of the European Schools.

**Decision**: Approval of the Agenda with the item on European Schools, all interested parties to be invited, if no objections within 48 hours. (After this deadline, no objections were received by the Secretariat).

- Any other business.
  The Coordinators asked an urgent discussion on the issue of the air traffic controllers in Spain and Europe, especially concerning the aspect of security, and an opinion to TRAN Committee.

15. **Petition N° 1109/2010 by Simone Eiler (German), bearing one other signature, on EU aid to the Italian NGO ‘Amici dei Bambini’**

**Speakers**: the Chair, Simone Eiler (petitioner), Alessandro Negro (ONG Amici dei Bambini), the Commission (Salla Saastamoinen), Tatjana Zdanoka, Victor Bostinaru

**Decision**: The petition remains open waiting a more detailed reply from the Commission.
16. N° 0726/2010 by John E. Doherty (Irish), on behalf of the Irish Drivers’ Association, on Vehicle Registration Tax in Ireland (VRT)

Speakers: the Chair, John Doherty (petitioner, Branch Chairman), John Lernihan (National Chairman), Gerard Connolly (researcher), Ann-Marie Bruhn (European Commission), Bairbre de Brún, Peter Jahr.
Decision: Petition remains open. The Committee fully supported the concerns of the petitioner and invited the Commission to request Ireland to put in conformity its legislation with EU law. Proposal of an Oral Question to be considered by the Coordinators.

17. Petition N° 1211/2009 by Leond Brevdo (German) on double taxation between Germany and France
and
Petition N° 1053/2010 by Antonio & Susanna Cifelli (Italian), on double taxation in Italy and Germany
and
Petition N° 1404/2010 by Axel Engemann (German), on double taxation between France and Germany
and
N° 1584/2010 by Gerhardt Heinz (German) on alleged double taxation in Portugal and Germany

Speakers: the Chair, Antonio Cifelli (petitioner), the Commission (Marina Whitehouse, Franco Roccataagliata, Filip Switala), Philippe Boulland, Peter Jahr.
Members expressed their concern that the Single Market provisions and those related to free movement and rights of establishment still allowed such anomalous situations to persist to the detriment of the rights of EU citizens.
Decision: Petitions remain open, pending letter to the national authorities concerned who would be invited, when the petitions would be discussed again; pending further information from the Commission (on their inquiry and on their future proposal concerning barriers to cross-border activity).

18. Petition N° 0652/2010 by Pierre Gérard (Belgian), on behalf of the ‘Comité de Défense des Frontaliers belgo-français’, on the taxation of French supplementary pensions in Belgium
and
Petition N° 0006/2011 by Arsène Schmitt (French), on behalf of Comité Défense Travailleurs Frontaliers de la Moselle, on taxation by Germany of pensions of retired cross-border workers residing in France

Speakers: the Chair, Pierre Gérard (petitioner), the Commission (Alina Armenia).
Members expressed similar concerns to those made under the previous item.
Decision: Petition 0652/2010 remains open, pending letter to the national authorities. The discussion of the petition N° 0006/2011 was postponed.

19. Petition N° 0595/2010 by Henryka Magdalena Andersen (Polish) on the Danish provisions of reduced pensions and the resulting failure to uphold the principles of Council Regulation (EEC) no. 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the community
and
Petition N° 0799/2010 by Britta Schulz (Danish), on the Danish provisions governing reduced pensions and the resulting failure to uphold the principles of Council Regulation (EEC) no. 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community

**Speakers:** the Chair, Henryka Andersen (petitioner), the European Commission (Felix Schatz).
**Decision:** Petitions remain open, letter to the Commission for further information.

*From 12.03 to 12.11 the meeting was chaired by Peter Jahr*

20. N° 1345/2009 by Michal Racki (Polish), on an open-cast brown-coal mine in Lower Silesia in Poland and
N° 0046/2010 by Irena Rogowska (Polish), on behalf of the association ‘Stop Odkrywce’ (Stop open-cast mining), on an open-cast lignite mine in Lower Silesia (Poland)

**Speakers:** The Chair, Irena Rogowska (petitioner) the Commission (J.F. Brakeland), Lidia Geringer de Oedenberg, Piotr Borys, Victor Bostinaru, Lena Kolarska Bobinska.
**Decision:** Petitions remain open pending further information from the Commission.

21. Petitions which it is proposed to close in the light of the Commission's written reply or other documents received


22. Date and place of next meeting
- 12 July 2011, 15.00 - 18.30
- 13 July 2011, 09.00 - 12.30

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**Annexes:**
*Petitions declared admissible since last meeting (23-24 May 2011).*
*List of petitions to be withdrawn, closed or re-opened under the Annex to the Chair's notes.*
| Бюро/Mesa/Předsednictvo/Formandskabet/Vorstand/Juhatus/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di presidenza/Prezidi js/Biuras/Elnökség/Prezydium/Birou/Predsedníctvo/Predsedstvo/Puheenjohtajisto/Presidiet (*) |
| Erminia Mazzoni (1,2), Ágnes Hankiss (1,2), Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo (1,2), Chrysoula Paliadeli (2) |
| Erstenome/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendi liikmed/Μέλη/Members/Députés/Deputati/Deputāti/Nariai/Képviselők/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputaţi/Jäsenet/Ledamöter |
| Margrete Auken (1,2), Elena Băsescu (1), Heinz K. Becker (1,2), Victor Boştinaru (1,2), Simon Busuttil (1), Philippe Boulland (1,2), Bairbre de Brún (1), Giles Chichester (1), Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg (2), Roger Helmer (2), Peter Jahr (1,2), Lena Kolarska-Bobinska (2), Edward McMillan-Scott (1), Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez (1), Judith A. Merkies (1), Willy Meyer (1,2), Mariya Nedelcheva (1), Ilia Malinova Iotova (2), Jaroslav Leszek Wałęsa (1,2), Diana Wallis (1), Rainer Wieland (1), Angelika Werthmann (1,2), Tatjana Ždanoka (1,2) |
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| Zoltán Bagó (1), Daniel Caspary (2), Gerald Hafner (1,2), Marian Harkin (1,2), Keith Taylor (1), Ioannis A. Tsokelas (2) |

| 187 (2) |
| Marco Scurria (1) |

| 193 (3) |
| Inés Ayala Sender (1), Piotr Borys (2), Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio (2) |

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