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*	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)

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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
INDU	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
REGI	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	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	Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left
UEN	Union for a Europe of Nations Group
EDD	Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities
TDI	Technical Group of Independent Members
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Monday 13 September 1999

I*(Information)***EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

1999-2000 SESSION

Sittings of 13 to 17 September 1999
LOUISE WEISS BUILDING — STRASBOURG

(2000/C 54/01)

MINUTES**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING**

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

*President***1. Resumption of session**

The President opened the sitting at 17.05.

The President informed the House that she had extended, on behalf of Parliament, her condolences to the nations of Greece and Turkey which had been hit by earthquakes.

Parliament observed a minute's silence in memory of the victims.

The President also referred to the tragic deaths of two young Guineans and a young Senegalese who had stowed away inside the landing gear of European aeroplanes.

The President recalled the commitment she had made at the July part-session regarding the shortcomings and facilities of the new Parliament building and pointed out that she had spent a whole day assessing the improvements to be made and the difficulties still to be addressed. The President added that she intended to hold a question time, at 9.00 on Friday, when Members would have the chance to ask questions and air their views concerning problems encountered in the course of the week.

Mr Barón Crespo, chairman of the PSE Group, pointed out that this would entail amending the agenda and asked for this to be put to the vote (the President said it would be).

The following spoke:

- Mr Howitt, who urged the President to reply, before Friday, to the letter that he and a number of other Members had addressed to her regarding access to the Parliament building for the disabled (the President agreed to do so);
- Mrs Plooij-van Gorsel, who asked for a Dutch television channel to be reinstalled in Members' offices, as had been the case in the previous building (the President felt this type of question ought to wait until question time on Friday);

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- Mr Nogueira Román, who suggested that Parliament also hold a minute's silence for the victims of repression in East Timor (the President pointed out that this issue was on the agenda and that this was why she had not referred to the situation in East Timor);
- Mrs Lynne, who insisted that non-smoking areas be respected in the building (the President felt this was a valid request and promised to take action);
- Mr Knörr Borràs, who supported Mr Nogueira Román's comments and urged Parliament to back all those working for peace and all initiatives promoting dialogue, *inter alia* in the Basque country and in Northern Ireland.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mrs Ainardi had informed the Chair that she had been present at the sitting of Friday 23 July 1999 but that she had forgotten to sign the attendance register.

Mr Posselt who referred back to what he had said on 23 July (*Part I, Item 2 of the Minutes*) and pointed out that, pursuant to its Rules of Procedure, Parliament decides on the membership of the Bureaux of inter-parliamentary delegations but that joint parliamentary committees were entitled to elect their own Bureaux, just like other parliamentary committees did. He added that the appointments listed in the minutes (*Annex II of the minutes of 22 July*), should therefore only be taken as proposals upon which the joint parliamentary committees would still have to give an opinion when they were set up.

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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Mr Perry asked for the Members bearing 'SOS Timor' banners to be reminded of the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The President invited the Members concerned to withdraw the offending banners, so as not to set dangerous precedents. Once her instructions had been carried out, the House observed, at the President's request, a minute's silence for the victims in East Timor.

3. Membership of Parliament

The President informed Parliament that Mr Goerens had been made a member of the Government of Luxembourg.

She congratulated him on his appointment.

She went on to announce that the Luxembourg authorities had informed her that Mr Goerens had been replaced by Mrs Colette Flesch as of 7 August 1999 and that Mrs Viviane Reding would take the sixth seat for Luxembourg, which had still to be filled, as of 7 August 1999.

She welcomed these new colleagues and reminded the House of the provisions of Rule 7(5).

4. Bureaux of interparliamentary delegations and joint parliamentary committees

The President announced that the PSE Group had forwarded the following corrections with respect to appointments to the Bureaux of interparliamentary delegations and joint parliamentary committees as they had been detailed in Annex II of the minutes of 22 July 1999:

- EU-Bulgaria Joint Parliamentary Committee:
2nd vice-chairman: Mr Baltas to replace Mrs Karamanou
- Delegation for relations with Israel:
1st vice-chairman: Mr Zimeray to replace Mr Caudron

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- Delegation for relations with Southern Asia:
1st vice-chairman: Mr Fruteau to replace Mr Zimeray
- Delegation for relations with Kazakstan, etc.:
2nd vice-chairman: Mr Koukiadis to replace Mr Efthymiou

The ELDR Group wished to make the following changes, which Parliament approved:

- EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee:
chairman: Mrs Thors to replace Mr Goerens, who had resigned
- EU-Latvia Joint Parliamentary Committee:
2nd vice-chairman: Mrs Flesch to replace Mrs Thors

5. Membership of committees

At the request of the PPE, ELDR and UEN Groups and the non-attached Members, Parliament agreed to the following appointments to committees:

- CONT: Mr Khanbhai to replace Mr Sumberg
- LIBE: Baroness Ludford
- INDU: Mr Harbour to replace Mr Khanbhai
Mrs Flesch to replace Mrs Ludford
- EMPL: Mr Lombardo to replace Mr Casini
Mr Nobila to replace Mr Fini
Mr Provan resigned his membership
- ENVI: Mr Fini to replace Mr Formentini
- PECH: Mr Nicholson to replace Mr Chichester
- CULT: Mr Formentini to replace Mr Nobila
- DEVE: Mr Casini to replace Mr Lombardo
- PETI: Mr Fitzsimons

6. Documents received

The President had received the following texts:

(a) *from the Council:*

(aa) *requests for opinions on:*

- Proposal for a Council Decision approving the text of a 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, prior to the signature of the Convention by the Commission and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (COM(99)0334 — C5-0059/99 — 1999/0143(CNS))
referred to responsible: DEVE
opinion: AFET, BUDG
legal basis: Art. 181, 300(3)(1) EC
- Draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement — Draft common position of the Community (SEC(99)0780 — C5-0060/99 — 1999/0807(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
- Draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement — Draft common position of the Community (SEC(99)0781 — C5-0061/99 — 1999/0808(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU

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- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) 1628/96 relating to aid for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in particular through the setting-up of the European Agency for Reconstruction (COM(99)0312 – C5-0062/99 – 1999/0132(CNS))
referred to responsible: AFET
 opinion: BUDG, CONT, INDU
legal basis: Art. 308 EC
- Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles ('Parallel Agreement') (10167/99 – C5-0073/99 – 1999/0011(AVC))
referred to responsible: INDU
 opinion: ENVI, REGI
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- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 1696/71 on the common organisation of the market in hops (COM(99)0302 – C5-0081/99 – 1999/0128(CNS))
referred to responsible: AGRI
 opinion: BUDG
legal basis: Art. 36, 37 EC
- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of the fingerprints of applicants for asylum and certain other aliens (COM(99)0260 – C5-0082/99 – 1999/0116(CNS))
referred to responsible: LIBE
 opinion: JURI
legal basis: Art. 63(1) EC
- Proposal for a Council Decision concluding the Agreement on co-operation for science and technology between the European Community and the government of the Russian Federation (COM(99)0324 – C5-0083/99 – 1999/0133(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
 opinion: AFET, BUDG
legal basis: Art. 170, 300(2)(1), 300(3)(1) EC
- Proposal for a Council Decision amending the Council Act of 3 December 1998 laying down the staff regulations applicable to Europol employees, with regard to the establishment of remuneration, pensions and other financial entitlements in euro (10098/99 – C5-0089/99 – 1999/0811(CNS))
referred to responsible: LIBE
 opinion: BUDG
- Proposal for a Council Decision adjusting the remuneration and allowances applicable to Europol employees (10097/99 – C5-0090/99 – 1999/0810(CNS))
referred to responsible: LIBE
 opinion: BUDG
- Draft Council Act establishing the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union (9636/99 – C5-0091/99 – 1999/0809(CNS))
referred to responsible: LIBE
 opinion: JURI
legal basis: Art. 34(2) EU
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the system of the European Union's own resources (COM(99)0333 – C5-0092/99 – 1999/0139(CNS))
referred to responsible: BUDG
 opinion: CONT
legal basis: Art. 269 EC

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- Proposal for a Council Decision providing further macro-financial assistance to Bulgaria (COM(99)0403 – C5-0098/99 – 1999/0165(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: AFET, BUDG
legal basis: Art. 308 EC
- Proposal for a Council Decision providing supplementary macro-financial assistance to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (COM(99)0404 – C5-0099/99 – 1999/0166(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: AFET, BUDG
legal basis: Art. 308 EC
- Draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex I (Veterinary and Phytosanitary Matters) to the EEA Agreement (SEC(99)0986 – C5-0100/99 – 1999/0812(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: PECH
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referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: PECH
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referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: ENVI, AGRI
- Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 91/666/EEC establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines (COM(99)0290 – C5-0126/99 – 1999/0121(CNS))
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- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 1911/91 on the application of the provisions of Community law to the Canary Islands (COM(99)0226 – C5-0127/99 – 1999/0111(CNS))
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legal basis: Art. 37 EC
- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on the Community Design (COM(99)0310 – C5-0129/99 – 1993/0463(CNS))
referred to responsible: JURI
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legal basis: Art. 308 EC

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

- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 37/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part B – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (C5-0002/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 39/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part B – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (C5-0078/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

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- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 40/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part A – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (C5-0079/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 42/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part A – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (C5-0080/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

(ac) the following texts:

- Draft supplementary and amending budget 3/99 for the financial year 1999 – Section IV – Court of Justice – Section VI – Committee of the Regions (10212/99 – C5-0074/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

*(b) from the Commission:**(ba) proposals and/or communications:*

- Amended proposal for a a European Parliament and Council Regulation on development cooperation with South Africa (COM(99)0335 – C5-0064/99 – 1999/0070(COD))
referred to responsible: DEVE
opinion: AFET, BUDG, CONT, INDU
legal basis: Art. 179 EC
- Amended proposal for a a European Parliament and Council Directive relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (codified version) (COM(99)0109 – C5-0067/99 – 1997/0357(COD))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: ECON
legal basis: Art. 47(2) EC
- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (COM(99)0329 – C5-0068/99 – 1999/0158(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: INDU
legal basis: Art. 95 EC
- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive concerning the distance marketing of consumer financial services and amending Directives 97/7/EC and 98/27/EC (COM(99)0385 – C5-0075/99 – 1998/0245(COD))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: ECON, ENVI
legal basis: Art. 95, 47(2), 55 EC
- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 3528/86 on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution (COM(99)0379 – C5-0076/99 – 1999/0159(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, AGRI
legal basis: Art. 175 EC
- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 2158/92 on the protection of the Community's forests against fire (COM(99)0379 – C5-0077/99 – 1999/0160(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, AGRI
legal basis: Art. 175 EC

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- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on action to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants by engines intended to power agricultural or forestry tractors and amending Council Directive 74/150/EEC (COM(99)0386 – C5-0086/99 – 1998/0247(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: AGRI
legal basis: Art. 95 EC
- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 78/548/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to heating systems for the passenger compartment of motor vehicles (COM(99)0370 – C5-0087/99 – 1998/0277(COD))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: REGI, INDU
legal basis: Art. 95 EC
- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on certain legal aspects of electronic commerce in the Internal Market (COM(99)0427 – C5-0088/99 – 1998/0325(COD))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: INDU, ENVI, CULT
legal basis: Art. 47(2), 55, 95 EC
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a European Union Action Plan to Combat Drugs (2000-2004) (COM(99)0239 – C5-0093/99)
referred to responsible: LIBE
opinion: AFET, BUDG, INDU, EMPL, DEVE
- Communication from the Commission: Countering racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the candidate countries (COM(99)0256 – C5-0094/99)
referred to responsible: LIBE
opinion: AFET, BUDG, JURI, EMPL
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of measures to combat child sex tourism (COM(99)0262 – C5-0096/99)
referred to responsible: LIBE
opinion: JURI, CULT, FEMM
- Proposal for a Council Decision providing supplementary macro-financial assistance to Romania (COM(99)0405 – C5-0097/99 – 1999/0167(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: AFET, BUDG
- Communication from the Commission: 'Women and science' – Mobilising women to enrich European research (COM(99)0076 – C5-0103/99)
referred to responsible: FEMM
opinion: INDU
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The European Airline Industry: from Single Market to World-wide Challenges (COM(99)0182 – C5-0110/99)
referred to responsible: REGI
opinion: INDU
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on a Community Action Plan for the Reconstruction of Central America (COM(99)0201 – C5-0111/99)
referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: BUDG, INDU, DEVE

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- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Enhancing Tourism's Potential for Employment – Follow-up to the conclusions and recommendations of the High Level Group on Tourism and Employment (COM(99)0205 – C5-0112/99)
referred to responsible: REGI
 opinion: EMPL, FEMM
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: 'Preparing for Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol' (COM(99)0230 – C5-0113/99)
referred to responsible: ENVI
- Communication from the Commission: Implementing the framework for financial markets: Action Plan (COM(99)0232 – C5-0114/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
 opinion: JURI, INDU, ENVI
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: The European Union's relations with the South Caucasus, under the partnership and cooperation agreements (COM(99)0272 – C5-0116/99)
referred to responsible: AFET
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee: Crime Victims in the European Union – Reflections on standards and action (COM(99)0349 – C5-0119/99)
referred to responsible: LIBE
 opinion: JURI, CULT, FEMM
- Communication from the Commission: The structural funds and their coordination with the cohesion fund – Guidelines for programmes in the period 2000-2006 (COM(99)0344 – C5-0122/99)
referred to responsible: REGI
 opinion: ECON, INDU, EMPL, AGRI, PECH
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: For further actions in the fight against trafficking in women (COM(98)0726 – C5-0123/99)
referred to responsible: FEMM
 opinion: LIBE, DEVE

(bb) proposals for transfers of appropriations

- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 43/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part B – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1266 – C5-0066/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 39/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part B – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1140 – C5-0070/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 40/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part A – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1141 – C5-0071/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 42/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part A – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1143 – C5-0072/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 41/99 between Chapters in Section III – Commission – Part B – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1142 – C5-0084/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

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- Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 44/99 between Chapters in Section VI – Economic and Social Committee – Committee of the Regions – of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1999 (SEC(99)1299 – C5-0085/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

(bc) *the following texts:*

- Opinion of the Commission on the European Parliament's amendment to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the second phase of the Community action programme in the field of education 'Socrates' – Amending the proposal of the Commission (COM(99)0293 – C5-0063/99 – 1998/0195(COD))
referred to responsible: CULT
legal basis: Art. 149, 150 EC
- Commission opinion on the request by the United Kingdom to take part in certain provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (SEC(99)1198 – C5-0095/99)
referred to responsible: LIBE
- Commission Report on the implementation in 1998 of Commission Decision No 2496/96/ECSC of 18 December 1996 establishing Community rules for State aid to the steel industry (Steel Aid Code) (COM(99)0094 – C5-0104/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
- Commission of the European Communities: White Paper on modernisation of the Rules implementing Articles 85 and 86 of the EC Treaty (COM(99)0101 – C5-0105/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
- Annual report from the Commission: Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union – 1998 – (COM(99)0106 – C5-0106/99)
referred to responsible: FEMM
 opinion: EMPL
- Commission of the European Communities: Seventh Survey on State aid in the European Union in the manufacturing and certain other sectors (COM(99)0148 – C5-0107/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
- Report from the Commission to the Council: Duration of the transitional period related to the introduction of the Euro (COM(99)0174 – C5-0108/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
- Annual Report to the Council and to the European Parliament on the results of the multi-annual guidance programmes for the fishing fleets at the end of 1997 (COM(99)0175 – C5-0109/99)
referred to responsible: PECH
- Report from the Commission: Annual report of the MEDA Programme (1998) (COM(99)0291 – C5-0117/99)
referred to responsible: AFET
 opinion: BUDG, CONT, INDU, REGI, DEVE
- Report from the Commission on the feasibility of negotiating a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (COM(99)0300 – C5-0118/99)
referred to responsible: AFET
 opinion: JURI, INDU
- Commission of the European Communities: Regional Policy and Cohesion – Sixth Periodic Report on the Social and Economic Situation and Development of the Regions of the European Union (SEC(99)0066 – C5-0120/99)
referred to responsible: REGI
 opinion: all committees concerned
- Commission of the European Communities: XXVIIIth Report on Competition Policy (1998) (SEC(99)0743 – C5-0121/99)
referred to responsible: ECON
 opinion: JURI
- European Commission: Preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 4/99 – Section III – Commission (SEC(99)1391 – C5-0130/99)
referred to responsible: BUDG

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- ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council recommendation providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States (COM(98)0772 – C4-0073/99 – 1998/0358(COD)) – Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
Rapporteur: Mrs Jackson
(A5-0002/99)
- ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision setting up a Community framework for cooperation in the field of accidental marine pollution (COM(98)0769 – C4-0075/99 – 1998/0350(COD)) – Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
Rapporteur: Mrs McKenna
(A5-0003/99)
- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures pending as at 1 May 1999 in the field of the environment, public health and consumer policy – Confirmation of first readings (SEC(99)0581 – C4-0219/99) – Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy
Rapporteur: Mrs Jackson
(A5-0004/99)
- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures as at 1 May 1999 in the field of regional policy, transport and tourism – Confirmation of first readings (SEC(99)0581 – C4-0219/99) – Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
Rapporteur: Mr Hatzidakis
(A5-0005/99)
- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures (as at 1 May 1999) in the field of employment and social affairs – Confirmation of first reading (SEC(99)0581 – C4-0219/99) – Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Rapporteur: Mr Rocard
(A5-0006/99)
- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on current legislative procedures in progress as at 1 May 1999 in the sphere of women's rights and equal opportunities – Confirmation of first readings (SEC(99)0581 – C4-0219/99) – Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities
Rapporteur: Mrs Theorin
(A5-0007/99)
- Report on draft supplementary and amending budgets 1, 3 and 4 to the budget of the European Communities for the 1999 financial year (C5-0021/99, C5-0074/99 and C5-0130/99) – Committee on Budgets
Rapporteurs: Mrs Dührkop Dührkop and Mr Fabra Vallés
(A5-0009/99)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council Decision approving the text of a 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, prior to the signature of the Convention by the Commission and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (COM(99)0334 – C5-0059/99 – 1999/0143(CNS)) – Committee on Development and Cooperation
Rapporteur: Mrs Morgantini
(A5-0010/99)

*(d) from Members:**(da) oral questions for Question Time (B5-0029/99) (Rule 43):*

- Díez González, Gahrton, Cederschiöld, Sjöstedt, Dupuis, Collins, Hyland, Gallagher, Andrews, Crowley, Fitzsimons, Alavanos, Posselt, Titley, Turco, Theonas, Nogueira Román, Medina Ortega, Korakas, Alyssandrakis, Miguélez Ramos, Candal, Aparicio Sánchez, Pérez Royo, Sepänen, Howitt, David W. Martin, Jackson, Scallon, Sjöstedt, Della Vedova, Pannella, Cappato,

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Schörling, Collins, Hyland, Gallagher, Andrews, Crowley, Fitzsimons, Alavanos, Berenguer Fuster, Papayannakis, Izquierdo Collado, Valdivielso de Cué, Hatzidakis, Korakas, Purvis, Nogueira Román, Medina Ortega, McCartin, Alyssandrakis, Doyle, Theonas, Miguélez Ramos, Candal, Aparicio Sánchez, Pérez Royo

(db) *proposals to amend the Rules of Procedure (Rule 181):*

- by the following Members: Bonino, Cappato, Dell'Alba, Della Vedova, Dupuis, Pannella and Turco, on Rule 30 (B5-0059/99).
referred to responsible: AFCO
- by the following Members: Bonino, Cappato, Dell'Alba, Della Vedova, Dupuis, Pannella and Turco, on a horizontal amendment to the Rules of Procedure (B5-0060/99).
referred to responsible: AFCO

7. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

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

- Protocol on the adaptation of the institutional aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union;
- Protocol on the adaptation of the institutional aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union;
- Protocol on the adaptation of the institutional aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union;
- Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*;
- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines;
- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and Romania on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas as for certain wines.

8. Referral to committees

The following changes had been made:

- (a) the AFET committee had been asked for an opinion on
 - the proposal for a Council Decision on concluding the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Argentine Republic (responsible: INDU; already asked for an opinion: BUDG; COM(99)0292 — C5-0040/99 — 1999/0125(CNS))
- (b) the AFCO committee was committee responsible for
 - proposal for a Council Decision drawing up a charter of fundamental rights for the European Union (SNI 150/99 — C5-0058/99 — 992064)
(originally responsible: LIBE)
Asked for an opinion: LIBE, AFET, EMPL and JURI

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- (c) the ECON committee was committee responsible for
- the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (COM(98)0449 — C4-0464/98 — 98/0243(COD))
(originally responsible: JURI)
Asked for an opinion: JURI
 - the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) with a view to regulating management companies and simplified prospectuses (COM(98)0451 — C4-0465/98 — 98/0242(COD))
(originally responsible: JURI)
Asked for an opinion: JURI
- (d) the JURI committee was responsible committee for:
- the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 92/61/EEC relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheel motor vehicles (COM(99)0276 final — C5-0012/99 — 99/0117(COD))
(originally responsible: INDU)
Asked for an opinion: INDU and REGI.

9. Interpretation of the Rules of Procedure

The President informed Parliament of the conclusion reached concerning Rule 29(1) by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, which had been asked for an opinion on the application of the following measure:

‘The declaration concerning the constitution of the ‘Technical group for Non-attached Members — mixed group’ (TDI) contravened Rule 29(1). Specifically, this group’s declaration, and particularly annex II of the letter of notification to the President of Parliament, make it clear there is no political affiliation. It gives the various signatories complete political independence within the group.’

She then read out the following interpretation of Rule 29(1) by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs:

‘The creation of a group which openly rejects any political character and all political affiliation between its Members is not acceptable within the meaning of this Rule.’

If this interpretation was not opposed by a political group or by at least 32 Members (Rule 180(4)) before the Minutes of the current sitting were adopted it would be deemed to have been adopted. Otherwise, there would be a vote.

Mr Dell’Alba stated there and then, on behalf of the TDI Group, that he opposed this interpretation and that he would ask for a vote.

10. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The President reminded the House that the final draft agenda for the September 1999 sittings (PE 279.928 DPO)) had been distributed and that the following amendments had been proposed (Rule 111):

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- Unchanged

Tuesday 14 September

- Unchanged

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Wednesday 15 September

- Mr Chichester pointed out that the Westendorp y Cabeza report (A5-0008/99) which had been scheduled without debate and had been entered on the voting list for 12 noon, had not been voted on in committee and should therefore be withdrawn from the agenda (the President replied that this matter would be dealt with);
- Mrs Halonen, President-in-Office of the Council, would make her statement on East Timor at 11.45, as she would not be available in the afternoon, although the debate would take place as scheduled in the afternoon, with Mr Sasi representing the Council.

Thursday 16 September

- Topical and urgent debate: three requests for amendments had been presented:
 - from the PSE, ELDR and Verts/ALE Groups seeking to insert in item 3 (human rights) a sub-point 'Human rights situation in Iran'.
Parliament approved the request.
 - from the ELDR Group seeking to insert in item 3 (human rights) a sub-point 'Togo'.
Parliament approved the request.
 - from the PSE Group seeking to delete item 5 (situation in Venezuela).
Parliament approved the request.

Friday 17 September

- The President proposed holding a question time to the President on the overall outcome of the week with respect to the state of the Parliament building.
Parliament approved this proposal.

11. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 35/99 (SEC(99)1094 — C5-0046/99) concerning compulsory expenditure at its meeting of 27/28 July 1999.

It decided to authorise, pursuant to Article 26(5)(c) of the Financial Regulation, the transfer of part of the reserve as follows:

From:		
Chapter B0-40 (Provisions), in respect of line B7-8000	CA	- € 1 987 000
To:		
Line B7-8000 (International fisheries agreements)	CA	€ 1 987 000
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The Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 37/99 (SEC(99)1093 — C5-0043/99) concerning non-compulsory expenditure at its meeting of 27/28 July 1999.

It decided to authorise the following transfer pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation:

From:		
Chapter B7-70 (European initiative for democracy and the protection of human rights), for:		
— Item B7-7020	PA	- € 2 000 000
— Item B7-7021	PA	- € 1 000 000
— Article B7-703	PA	- € 1 500 000
To:		
Chapter B8-01 (Common Foreign and Security Policy)		
Article B8-013 (Prevention of conflicts and support for peace processes)	PA	€ 4 500 000
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After having taken note of the Council's opinion, the Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 39/99 (SEC(99)1140 — C5-0070/99) concerning non-compulsory expenditure at its meeting of 27/28 July 1999.

It decided to authorise the following transfer, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation:

Appropriations from:

Chapter B7-54 (Cooperation with the Balkan countries), lines:

— B7-541	CA	— € 15 000 000
	PA	— € 7 500 000
— B7-543	PA	— € 7 500 000

Appropriations to:

Chapter B7-53 (Other Community measures in favour of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States)

Line B7-5320 (Macroeconomic assistance for Bosnia-Herzegovina)	CA	€ 15 000 000
	PA	€ 15 000 000

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After having taken note of the Council's opinion, the Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 40/99 (SEC(99)1141 — C5-0071/99) concerning non-compulsory expenditure at its meeting of 27/28 July 1999.

It decided to authorise the following transfer, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation:

Appropriations from:

Line A-1100 (Basic salaries)	NDA	— € 3 850 000
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Appropriations to:

Lines:

— A-6000 (Salaries, allowances and reimbursement of expenses for officials and temporary staff)	NDA	€ 937 000
— A-6001 (Remuneration of other staff)	NDA	€ 175 000
— A-6004 (Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service)	NDA	€ 658 000
— A-6006 (Mission expenses)	NDA	€ 56 000
— A-6009 (Appropriation to cover any adjustments to remuneration)	NDA	€ 11 000
— A-6010 (Rent and other charges on building)	NDA	€ 607 000
— A-6012 (Office furniture and equipment)	NDA	€ 575 000
— A-6013 (Vehicles)	NDA	€ 313 000
— A-6015 (Stationery and office supplies)	NDA	€ 16 000
— A-6017 (Furniture and fittings for residential accommodation)	NDA	€ 455 000
— A-6018 (Postage, diplomatic bag and telecommunications charges)	NDA	€ 47 000

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After acknowledging the Council's opinion, the Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 42/99 (SEC(99)1143 — C5-0072/99).

It decided to authorise, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, the transfer of part of the reserve as follows:

Appropriations from:

Chapter A-100 (Provisional appropriations)	NDA	— € 5 072 000
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Appropriations to:

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| — A-7003 (National and international civil servants and private sector staff temporarily assigned to services of the institution) | NDA | € 3 497 000 |
| — A-701 (Mission expenses, travel expenses and incidental expenditure) | NDA | € 1 575 000 |

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After acknowledging the Council's opinion, the Committee on Budgets considered proposal for transfer of appropriations No 43/99 (SEC(99)1266 final — C5-0066/99).

It decided to authorise the following transfer, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation:

Appropriations from:

Chapter B7-50 (Cooperation with the countries of Eastern and Central Europe), line B7-502	CA	— € 7 000 000
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Appropriations to:

Chapter B7-53 (Other Community interventions in favour of the countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the New Independent States)		
Line B7-537 (Special action in favour of the Baltic Sea region)	CA	€ 7 000 000

12. Speaking time

Speaking time scheduled for the debates entered on the agenda for the part-session from 13-17 September 1999 was allocated in accordance with Rule 120 (see 'Agenda' PE 279.928 OJ).

13. Second report of the Committee of Independent Experts (statement with debate)

Mr Marín, Vice-President of the Commission, acting as President, made a statement on the follow-up to the second report of the Committee of Independent Experts.

The following spoke: Poettering, on behalf of the PPE Group, Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mulder, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Berthu, on behalf of the UEN Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PROVAN

Vice-President

The following spoke: Farage, on behalf of the EDD Group, Dell'Alba, TDI, Kinnock, Member of the Commission, Theato, chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Van den Berg, Van der Laan, Lagendijk, Herman Schmid, Van Dam, Heger, Elles, Colom i Naval, Laguiller, Bigliardo, Pomés Ruiz, Schori, Bøge, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Medina Ortega, Morgan and Kinnock.

The President closed the debate.

14. Budgetary calendar (SAB 1, 3 and 4)

The President announced that the following deadlines has been set for draft supplementary and amending budgets 1, 3 and 4:

- draft amendments and motions for rejection of SAB: Tuesday 14 September 1999, 10.00
- amendments to the motion for resolution contained in the report by the Committee on Budgets: Wednesday 15 September 1999, 12.00

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- retabling of budgetary amendments on which the Committee on Budgets had not given a favourable opinion: Wednesday 15 September, 12.00.
- vote: Thursday 16 September, 12.00.

15. Accidental marine pollution *I (debate)**

Mrs McKenna introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing a Community cooperation framework in the field of accidental marine pollution (COM(1998)0769 – C4-0075/99 – 1998/0350(COD) (A5-0003/99)). Mrs McKenna also lamented the absence of the Commissioner responsible for this matter.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Gerhard SCHMID

Vice-President

The following spoke: Lund, on behalf of the PSE Group, De Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Fitzsimons, on behalf of the UEN Group, and Marín, Vice-President of the Commission, acting as President.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 16.9.1999, Part I, Item 16.

16. Environmental inspections *I (debate)**

Mrs Jackson introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Recommendation providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States (COM(1998)0772 – C4-0073/99 – 1998/0358(COD)) (A5-0002/99).

The following spoke: Lienemann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Davies, on behalf of the ELDR Group, De Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Papayannakis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Blokland, on behalf of the EDD Group, Marín, Vice-President of the Commission, and acting President, Jackson, rapporteur, and Marín.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 16.9.1999, Part I, Item 17.

17. Agenda for next sitting

The President referred Members to the document 'Agenda' (PE 279.928/OJMA).

18. Closure of sitting

The President closed the sitting at 20.50.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Nicole Fontaine
President

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Ainardi, Alyssandrakis, Andreasen, Andrews, Aparicio Sánchez, Arvidsson, Atkins, Attwooll, Auroi, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Bakopoulos, Balfe, Balta, Banotti, Bayrou, Beazley, Belder, Berend, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Bernié, Berthu, Bertinotti, Bigliardo, Blak, Blokland, Bodrato, Bösch, von Bötticher, Bonde, Bordes, van den Bos, Boudjenah, Boumediene-Thiery, Bourlanges, Bouwman, Bowis, Bradbourn, Breyer, Brunetta, Buitenweg, Bullmann, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Butel, Buttiglione, Callanan, Campos, Camre, Candal, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Cashman, Caudron, Caullery, Cauquil, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Ceyhun, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Collins, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Corrie, Cossutta, Costa Neves, Couteaux, Cox, Crowley, Cunha, Cushnahan, van Dam, Damião, Darras, Daul, Davies, De Clercq, Dell'Alba, Dell'Utri, De Mita, De Palacio Vallelersundi, Deprez, de Sarnez, de Veyrac, Díez González, Di Lello Finuoli, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnelly, Dover, Doyle, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duhamel, Dupuis, Dybkjær, Echerer, Eriksson, Esclopé, Ettl, Evans Jillian, Evans Robert J.E., Fabra Vallés, Färm, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Ferber, Ferrer, Fiebigger, Figueiredo, Fiori, Fitto, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Fleisch, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Foster, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frahm, Fraise, Frassoni, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyo Tormo, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gawronski, Ghilardotti, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gill, Glante, Glase, Goebels, Goepel, Görlach, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Graça Moura, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Guyquint, Haarder, Hänsch, Hager, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Helmer, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hoff, Hollande, Howitt, Hudghton, Hughes, van Hulten, Hyland, Iivari, Ilgenfritz, Imbeni, Inglewood, Isler Béguin, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jensen, Jöns, Jové Peres, Karamanou, Karas, Karoutchi, Katiforis, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Knörr Borrás, Knolle, Konrad, Korakas, Korhola, Koulourianos, Kratsa, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Krivine, Kronberger, Kuhne, van der Laan, Lage, Legendijk, Laguiller, Lalumière, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lang, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Lavarra, Lechner, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lucas, Ludford, Lüttge, Lund, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCartin, MacCormick, McKenna, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maes, Maij-Weggen, Malliori, Malmström, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marchiani, Marinho, Marinos, Markov, Marques, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Martins Casaca, Mastella, Mastorakis, Mathieu, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Menrad, Miguelez Ramos, Miller, Modrow, Moreira Da Silva, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Müller Rosemarie, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, Nobilia, Nogueira Roman, Obiols i Germa, Ojeda Sanz, Okking, Olsson, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Ortuondo Larrea, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Pacheco Pereira, Paciotti, Pack, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Papayannakis, Paulsen, Peijs, Perez Alvarez, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pesälä, Piecyk, Pittella, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Podestà, Poettering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Pomés Ruiz, Poos, Posselt, Prets, Procacci, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, Queiro, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Randzio-Plath, Raymond, Read, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Ripoll i Martínez Bedoya, Rod, Rodriguez Ramos, de Roo, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Rovsing, Rübig, Rühle, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saifi, Saint-Josse, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Sanders-ten Holte, Santer, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmid Gerhard, Schmid Herman, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schori, Schröder Ilka, Schröder Jürgen, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seguro, Seppänen, Sichrovsky, Simpson, Sjöstedt, Smet, Soares, Sörensen, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Speroni, Staes, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Swiebel, Swoboda, Sylla, Tajani, Taylor, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thielemans, Thomas-Mauro, Thors, Thyssen, Titley, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trentin, Tsatsos, Turmes, Uca, Vachetta, Väyrynen, Vairinhos, Valdivielso de Cué, Vander Taelen, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vattimo, Veltroni, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Vinci, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Volcic, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wieland, Wijkman, Wurtz, Wyn, Wynn, Zabell Lucas, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener

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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

1. Opening of sitting

The President opened the sitting at 9.10.

Mr Andrews criticised the demonstration organised in the chamber the day before by the Verts/ALE Group in protest at the situation in East Timor (see the Minutes of that sitting, Item 2).

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The President informed Parliament that the minutes of the previous sitting had not yet been distributed to all Members, as a result of technical problems. Consequently, she proposed postponing the approval of the minutes until the following day's sitting, also putting off until then the vote on a query pertaining to the interpretation of the Rules of Procedure contained therein (Item 9 of the previous day's Minutes).

The following spoke on this proposal:

- Mr Dell'Alba, who agreed to this;
- Mr Barón Crespo, President of the PSE Group who asked that, since postponing the vote on this question of interpretation until the following day would have consequences of a political and financial nature, the minutes in question be approved at 12.00 that day;
- Mr Pannella, who urged the President to support this request.

The President, having been assured by the services concerned that the minutes would be available beforehand, consulted Parliament as to whether they should be approved at 12.00 that day.

Parliament voted in favour by EV (195 in favour, 119 against, 13 abstentions) (*see Item 8*).

2. Documents received

The President had received:

(a) *from the Council, the following document:*

- Draft supplementary and amending budget No 4/99 — Section III — Commission — drawn up by the Council on 13 September 1999 (10876 — C5-0136/99)
responsible: BUDG

(b) *from committees:*

- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — consequences of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on legislation procedures pending on 1 May 1999 in the field of agricultural and rural development — Confirmation of first readings (SEC(1999)0581 — C4-0219/1999) — Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Rapporteur: Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf
(A5-0011/99)
- ***I Report on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — consequences of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on legislation procedures pending on 1 May 1999 in the field of citizens' freedoms and rights, justice and home affairs — Confirmation of first reading (SEC(1999)0581 — C4-0219/1999) — Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs
Rapporteur: Mrs Frahm
(A5-0012/99)

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3. Topical and urgent debate (motions for resolutions tabled)

The President had received from the following Members or political groups requests for the inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance of motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 50:

I. Earthquakes in Turkey and Greece

Turkey

- Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the earthquake of 17 August 1999 in Turkey (B5-0072/99);
- Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the recent earthquake in Turkey (B5-0077/99);
- Papayannakis, Korakas, Bakopoulos, Vinci, Alavanos, Marset Campos, Miranda and Ainardi, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the earthquake in Turkey (B5-0087/99);
- Van Orden, Wijkman, McCartin, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Cushnahan and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the earthquake in Turkey (B5-0088/99);
- Cohn-Bendit and Ceyhun, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the earthquake on 17 August 1999 in Turkey (B5-0104/99);
- Duff, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Turkey (B5-0109/99);

Greece

- Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the earthquake of 7 September 1999 in Athens (B5-0074/99);
- Baltas, Efthymiou, Karamanou, Katiforis, Koukiadis, Malliori, Mastorakis, Souladakis and Tsatsos, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the earthquake in Athens (B5-0076/99);
- Korakas, Papayannakis, Bakopoulos, Koulourianos, Alavanos, Miranda and Marset Campos on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the earthquake in Athens (B5-0086/99);
- Giannakou-Koutsikou, Zacharakis, Trakatelli, Marinos, Dimitrakopoulos, Hatzidakis, Folias, Kratsa, Averoff and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the tragic earthquake of 7 September 1999 in Athens (B5-0089/99);
- Hautala, Lannoye and Ceyhun, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the earthquake on 7 September 1999 in Greece (B5-0102/99);

II. Dagestan

- Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the situation in Dagestan (B5-0071/99);
- Sakellariou, Krehl, Wiersma and Jöns, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in the Russian Republic of Dagestan (B5-0078/99);
- Alavanos and Vinci, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Dagestan (B5-0085/99);
- Lehne, Schleicher, Posselt and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the conflict in the autonomous Russian republic of Dagestan (B5-0090/99);
- Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on Dagestan (B5-0095/99);
- Schroedter, Lambert, Isler Béguin and Voggenhuber, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the armed conflict in the Russian Republic of Dagestan (B5-0103/99);

III. Human rights

Jailed Kosovo citizens

- Schori and Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Kosovo (B5-0080/99);
- Pack and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on jailed Kosovo citizens (B5-0092/99);
- Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation of prisoners and missing persons in Kosovo and Serbia (B5-0100/99);
- Staes, Wuori, Lagendijk and Rühle, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on jailed citizens of Kosovo (B5-0105/99);

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Burma

- Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the situation in Burma (B5-0073/99);
- Veltroni, on behalf of the PSE Group, on human rights and democracy in Myanmar (B5-0081/99);
- Maij-Weggen, Van Hecke and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the lamentable state of human rights and democracy in Myanmar (B5-0091/99);
- Nicholson of Winterbourne and Van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on Myanmar (B5-0096/99);
- McKenna and De Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on human rights and democracy in Myanmar (B5-0108/99);

Situation in Iran

- Berès, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation of prisoners accused of spying in Iran (B5-0079/99);
- Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Dimitrakopoulos and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation of prisoners accused of spying in Iran (B5-0093/99);
- Malmström, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the death sentence passed on four demonstrators in Iran (B5-0098/99);
- Gahrton, Cohn-Bendit and Wuori, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the situation of prisoners accused of spying in Iran (B5-0107/99);

Togo

- Nicholson of Winterbourne and Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on human rights violations in Togo (B5-0069/99) (withdrawn);
- Schwaiger, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the human rights situation in Togo (B5-0083/99);
- Watson and Van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on human rights violations in Togo (B5-0097/99);
- Rod, Maes, Schörling, Lucas, Boumediene-Thiery, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Togo (B5-0106/99);

IV. Lusaka peace agreement

- Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the Lusaka peace agreements (B5-0070/99);
- Van Hecke and Corrie, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the Lusaka cease-fire (B5-0082/99);
- Miranda and Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the Lusaka agreements on the future of the Great Lakes region of Africa (B5-0084/99);
- Van Hecke, Corrie and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the Lusaka cease-fire agreement (B5-0094/99);
- Van den Bos and Nicholson of Winterbourne, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the Lusaka cease-fire agreement (B5-0099/99);
- Maes, Rod, Schörling, Lucas and Boumediene-Thiery, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the Lusaka peace agreement concerning the Great Lakes region (B5-0101/99);

4. Action taken on unfinished business (Rule 185)

The Council had consulted Parliament once again on the legislative procedures shown in the annex and which, pursuant to Rule 185, had been deemed to have lapsed (C5-0056/99) (*Annex I*).

5. Membership of the European Parliament delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Assembly

The President announced that she had received, the day before, from the Conference of Presidents, the membership list for the European Parliament delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Assembly.

The list is annexed to these Minutes (*Annex II*).

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6. Communication from the Committee on the Environment

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection recommended that Parliament register a formal objection to the following proposed implementing measures:

- Draft Commission Decision concerning the placing on the market of genetically modified fodder beet (*Beta vulgaris* L. ssp *vulgaris* line A5/15) pursuant to Council Directive 90/220/EEC (PMC 1801)
- Draft Commission Decision concerning the placing on the market of genetically modified swede-rape (*Brassica napus* L. *oleifera* Metzg. MS8, RF3) pursuant to Council Directive 90/220/EEC (PMC 1802)
- Draft Commission Decision concerning the placing on the market of genetically modified swede-rape (*Brassica napus* L. *oleifera* line Falcon GS 40/90) pursuant to Council Directive 90/220/EEC (PMC 1803)

The Committee's recommendation was based on its decision of principle taken at its meeting of 13 October 1998 asking the Commission to apply a moratorium on new authorisations of genetically modified organisms for commercial purposes pursuant to Council Directive 90/220/EEC, and on the fact that the proposed implementing measures had been drawn up pursuant to the same Directive.

The recommendation also took into account the declarations made by Member States at the Environment Council of 24-25 June 99 regarding new marketing authorisations for genetically modified organisms.

7. Election of the European Commission (statement with debate)

Mr Prodi, President-designate of the European Commission, presented the College of Commissioners and their programme, in the presence of the Council.

The following spoke: Poettering, on behalf of the PPE Group, Barón Crespo, on behalf of the PSE Group, Cox, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Hautala, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group, Bonde, on behalf of the EDD Group, Speroni, non-attached Member, and Galeote Quecedo.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

The following spoke: Swoboda, Paolo Costa, Lannoye, Frahm, Berthu, Saint-Josse, Raschhofer, Nassauer, Napoletano, Clegg, Maes, Bertinotti, Muscardini, Blokland, Martinez, McMillan-Scott, Simpson, Esteve, Voggenhuber, Korakas, Camre, Holmes, Vanhecke, Tajani, Garot, Thors, Jonckheer, Laguiller, Karoutchi, Miguez Ramos, Flautre, Alavanos, Friedrich and Roth-Behrendt.

At it was now time to approve the Minutes of the previous day's sitting, the debate was suspended at this point, to be resumed after approval of the minutes and the vote on the interpretation of the Rules of Procedure (*Item 10*).

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

8. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mr Purvis and Mr Ford had informed the Chair that they had been present at the previous day's sitting but that their names were not shown on the attendance register.

The following spoke:

- Napolitano, Chairman of the Constitutional Committee, who spoke on the item entitled 'Interpretation of the Rules of Procedure' (*Item 9*),
- Gollnisch, who stated his opposition to this interpretation, giving grounds for his contestation;
- Dell'Alba, on behalf of the TDI group.

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- Pannella, who highlighted the fact that the vote to be held only covered the approval of the minutes and not its consequences (the President agreed and added that after the vote on the approval of the minutes she would move to the vote on the interpretation of the Rules of Procedure);
- Knörr Borràs, who thanked the President for allowing him to speak at the opening of the sitting to celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of the peace process in the Basque country;
- Posselt, who referred back to what he had said the previous day (*Item 2*).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved with the changes requested.

9. Interpretation of the Rules of Procedure

The President announced that she had received from the TDI Group, pursuant to Rule 180(4), a motion contesting the interpretation made by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of Rule 29(1).

She put the interpretation of this rule to Parliament's vote.

Parliament adopted the interpretation by RCV (TDI).

Mrs Echerer informed the Chair that she had been present during the vote but had not participated in it.

Mr Bourlanges said that he had intended to vote in favour.

10. Election of the European Commission (continuation of debate)

Mr Bodrato spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PODESTÀ

Vice-President

The following Members spoke: McNally, Maij-Weggen, to request that all the Commissioners-designate be present for the debate, Bayrou, Cashman, on Mrs Maij-Weggen's comments, Walter, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Hughes, Maij-Weggen, Goebbels, Pacheco Pereira, Sakellariou, Stenzel, O'Toole, Carlsson, Gebhardt and Thyssen.

(The sitting was suspended at 13.05 and resumed at 15.00)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr FRIEDRICH

Vice-President

The following spoke: Myller, Pannella, Katiforis, on a technical point, Krarup, Suominen, Soares, Doyle, Corbett, Van Velzen, Gröner, Elles, Morgan, Cashman, Theato, chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Donnelly, Palacio Vallelersundi and Berès.

The President announced that he had received the following motions for resolutions, pursuant to Rule 37(2):

- Souchet, on behalf of the UEN Group, to wind up the debate on the statement by Mr Romano Prodi, President-designate of the Commission (B5-0061/99);
- Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the investiture of the Prodi Commission (B5-0062/99);
- Blokland, Holmes and Saint-Josse, on behalf of the EDD Group, on the College of Commissioners and their programme (B5-0063/99);
- Barón Crespo, Swoboda and Napolitano, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the approval of the Commission (B5-0065/99);
- Cox, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the investiture of the Commission for the next millennium (B5-0066/99);
- Poettering and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the Romano Prodi Commission (B5-0068/99);
- Hautala, Lannoye and Maes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the investiture of the Commission (B5-0075/99).

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He announced that he had also received from the Conference of Presidents a draft decision, tabled pursuant to Rules 32(2) and 33(4), electing the nominee Commission (B5-0064/99).

Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr ONESTA

Vice-President

The following spoke: Katiforis, von Wogau, van den Berg, Chichester, Martelli, Jarzembowski, De Rossa, Pronk, Pomés Ruiz, Goepel, Méndez de Vigo and Grosch.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

The following spoke: Sumberg, Liese, Fatuzzo, Prodi, Alavanos and Prodi.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 15.9.99, Part I, Item 11.

(The sitting was suspended at 16.45 and resumed at 17.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Gerhard SCHMID

Vice-President

11. Draft general budget – Budget 2000 (Presentation)

Mrs Siimes, President-in-Office of the Council, presented the draft general budget for the 2000 financial year.

The following spoke: Nogueira Román, on a point of order, Liikanen, Member of the Commission, Wynn, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Bourlanges, co-rapporteur, Virrankoski, co-rapporteur, Siimes, Rübzig, on a point of order, and Siimes.

The President closed the debate.

12. Agenda

The President announced that the Westendorp y Cabeza report on industry, external trade, research and energy, which was scheduled, under the procedure without debate, to be put to the vote the following day, had not yet been adopted in committee and was therefore withdrawn from the agenda.

13. Agenda for next sitting

The President referred Members to the document 'Agenda' (PE 279.928/OJME).

14. Closure of sitting

The President closed the sitting at 17.55.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Nicole Fontaine
President

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ANNEX I

ACTION TAKEN ON LEGISLATION PENDING

- Proposals from the Commission to the Council for I. a directive on a common system of withholding tax on interest income; II. a directive amending Directive 77/799/EEC concerning mutual assistance by the competent authorities of the Member States in the field of direct taxation and value added tax (COM(89)0060 – C3-0065/89 – 1989/1103(CNS))
referred to responsible: ECON
legal basis: Art. 094 EC
- Proposal for a Directive introducing a tax on carbon dioxide emissions and energy (COM(92)0226 – C3-0327/92 – 1992/1019(CNS))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: INDU, REGI
legal basis: Art. 93 EC, Art. 175(2) EC
- Proposal for a Decision on the implementation by the Member States of measures concerning radio frequencies (COM(93)0382 – C3-0334/93 – 1993/1214(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: BUDG
- Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Belarus, of the other part (7804/95 – C4-0343/95 – 1995/0057(AVC))
referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: INDU, REGI
- Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Belarus, of the other part (5671/96 – C4-0248/96 – 1996/0053(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: AFET
legal basis: Art. 133 EC, Art. 300(2) 1st subparagraph EC
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1626/94 laying down certain technical measures for the Conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean (COM(96)0128 – C4-0316/96 – 1996/0091(CNS))
referred to responsible: PECH
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) implementing Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom on the system of the Communities' own resources (codified version) (COM(97)0652 – C4-0018/98 – 1997/0352(CNS))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: BUDG, CONT
legal basis: Art. 279 EC, Art. 183 Euratom
- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) 823/87 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (COM(98)0086 – C4-0141/98 – 1998/0053(CNS))
referred to responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
- Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part (5606/98 – C4-0371/98 – 1998/0031(AVC))
referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: BUDG, INDU

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- Proposal for a Council Regulation regarding the implementation of measures to intensify the EC-Turkey Customs Union (COM(98)0600 — C4-0669/98 — 1998/0299(CNS))
referred to responsible: AFET
opinion: BUDG, INDU
legal basis: Art. 308 EC
 - Proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) concerning the provision of assistance to economic reform and recovery in the New Independent States and Mongolia (COM(98)0753 — C4-0038/99 — 1998/0368(CNS))
referred to responsible: INDU
opinion: AFET, BUDG
legal basis: Art. 308 EC, Art. 203 Euratom
 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (COM(99)0055 — C4-0141/99 — 1999/0047(CNS))
referred to responsible: PECH
opinion: BUDG
legal basis: Art. 28 EC, Art. 36 EC, Art. 37 EC
 - Proposal for Council Decision concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the amendments to the Annexes to the Convention on the protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki Convention) (COM(99)0128 — C4-0218/99 — 1999/0077(CNS))
referred to responsible: ENVI
opinion: AGRI, REGI
legal basis: Art. 174(4) EC, Art. 300(2), 1st subparagraph EC, Art. 300(3), 1st subparagraph EC
 - Proposal for Council Regulation amending for the third time Regulation (EC) 850/98 of 30 March 1998 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms (COM(99)0141 — C4-0224/99 — 1999/0081(CNS))
referred to responsible: PECH
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
 - Proposal for Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 723/97 on the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure (COM(99)0169 — C4-0225/99 — 1999/0091(CNS))
referred to responsible: CONT
opinion: BUDG, AGRI
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
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ANNEX II

**List of Members of the European Parliament Delegation
to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

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Chairman

Corrie (PPE)

Vice-Presidents

Junker (PSE)
 Van Hecke (PPE)
 Schwaiger (PPE)
 Kinnock (PSE)
 Mauro (PPE)
 Carlotti (PSE)
 Novelli (PPE)
 Dybkjær (ELDR)
 Lucas (Verts/ALE)
 Decourrière (PPE)
 Mendiluce Pereiro (PSE)
 Sylla (GUE/NGL)

Members

PPE (21)	PSE (17)	Verts/ALE (4)
Berend	Bullman	Maes
Bodrato	Darras	Lannoye
Callanan	David W. Martin	Rod
Cunha	Díez González	Schörling
Deva	Fruteau	
Fernández Martín	Ghilardotti	GUE/NGL (4)
Ferrer	Goebbels	Miranda
Foster	Gröner	Sjöstedt
Gawronski	Howitt	Vinci
Glase	Imbeni	Wurtz
Keppelhoff-Wiechert	Jöns	
Khanbhai	Martínez Martínez	UEN (3)
Lisi	Rocard	Andrews
Majj-Weggen	Sauquillo Pérez del Arco	Musumeci
Rack	Scheele	Souchet
Redondo Jiménez	Soares	
Schmit	Van den Berg	EDD (1)
Schnellhardt		Sandbæk
Sudre	ELDR (5)	
Wieland	Busk	NI (3)
Wijkman	Nicholson of Winterbourne	Bonino
	Rutelli	Gollnisch
	Van den Bos	Raschhofer
	Wiebenga	

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The following signed:

Abitbol, Agag Longo, Ainardi, Alavanos, Almeida Garrett, Alyssandrakis, Andersson, Andreasen, Angelilli, Aparicio Sánchez, Arvidsson, Atkins, Attwooll, Auroi, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Bakopoulos, Balfe, Balta, Banotti, Barón Crespo, Bautista Ojeda, Bayrou, Beazley, Belder, Berend, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Berlusconi, Bernié, Berthu, Bertinotti, Beysen, Bigliardo, Blak, Blokland, Bodrato, Böge, Bösch, von Boetticher, Bonde, Bordes, van den Bos, Boselli, Boudjenah, Boumediene-Thiery, Bourlanges, Bouwman, Bowis, Bradbourn, Breyer, Brok, Brunetta, Buitenweg, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Buttiglione, Cacciari, Callanan, Campos, Camre, Candal, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Casini, Caudron, Caullery, Cauquil, Cederschiöld, Celli, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Cesaro, Ceyhun, Chichester, Clegg, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Collins, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Cornillet, Cossutta, Costa Paolo, Costa Raffaele, Costa Neves, Coûteaux, Cox, Crowley, Cunha, Cushnahan, van Dam, Damião, Darras, Dary, Daul, Davies, De Clercq, Dell'Alba, Della Vedova, Dell'Utri, De Mita, De Palacio Vallelersundi, Deprez, De Rossa, de Sarnez, Désir, Deva, De Veyrac, Díez González, Di Lello Finuoli, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Di Pietro, Donnelly, Dover, Doyle, Ducarme, Duff, Duhamel, Dupuis, Dybkjær, Echerer, Efthymiou, Elles, Eriksson, Esclopé, Esteve, Ettl, Evans Jillian, Evans Jonathan, Evans Robert J.E., Fabra Vallés, Färm, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Fini, Fiori, Fitto, Fitzsimons, Flautre, Flemming, Fleisch, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Foster, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frahm, Fraisse, Frassoni, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, Garaud, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gemelli, Ghilardotti, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Glase, Gobbo, Goebbels, Goepel, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Goodwill, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graça Moura, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Guy-Quint, Haarder, Hänsch, Hager, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hazan, Heaton-Harris, Hedkvist Petersen, Helmer, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Hoff, Holmes, Howitt, Hudghton, Hughes, Huhne, van Hulten, Hyland, Iivari, Ilgenfritz, Imbeni, Inglewood, Isler Béguin, Izquierdo Collado, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Jensen, Jöns, Jonckherr, Jové Peres, Junker, Karamanou, Karas, Karoutchi, Katiforis, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kessler, Khanbhai, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Knörr Borràs, Knolle, Koch, Konrad, Korakas, Korhola, Koukiadis, Koulourianos, Krarup, Kratsa, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Krivine, Kronberger, Kuhne, van der Laan, Lage, Lagendijk, Laguiller, Lalumière, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lang, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, La Perriere, Laschet, Lavarra, Lechner, Lehne, Leinen, Lienemann, Liese, Linkohr, Lipietz, Lisi, Lucas, Ludford, Lüttge, Lund, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McCartin, MacCormick, McKenna, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Madelin, Maes, Maij-Weggen, Malliori, Malmström, Manders, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marchiani, Marinho, Marini, Marinos, Markov, Marques, Martelli, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martin Hugues, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Mastella, Mastorakis, Mathieu, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Mennea, Menrad, Messner, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Modrow, Montfort, Moreira da Silva, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Müller Rosemarie, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Musotto, Musumeci, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, Nisticò, Nobilia, Nogueira Román, Novelli, Obiols i Germa, Ojeda Sanz, Okking, Olsson, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Ortuondo Larrea, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Pacheco Pereira, Paciotti, Pack, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pannella, Papayannakis, Parish, Patrie, Paulsen, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pesälä, Piecyk, Piétrasanta, Pirker, Pisicchio, Pittella, Plooij-van Gorsel, Podestà, Poettering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Poli, Pomés Ruiz, Poos, Posselt, Prets, Procacci, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Raymond, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rocard, Rod, Rodríguez Ramos, de Roo, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Roure, Rovsing, Rübige, Rühle, Ruffolo, Rutelli, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Saint-Josse, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Sanders-ten Holte, Santer, Sarkozy, Sartori, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Sbarbati, Scallon, Scapagnini, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmid Gerhard, Schmid Herman, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schori, Schröder Ilka, Schröder Jürgen, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Segni, Seguro, Seppänen, Sgarbi, Sichrovsky, Simpson, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smet, Soares, Sörensen, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Speroni, Staes, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Swiebel, Swoboda, Sylla, Tajani, Tannock, Taylor, Terrón i Cusi, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thielemans, Thomas-Mauro, Thorning-Schmidt, Thors, Thyssen, Titford, Titley, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trentin, Tsatsos, Turchi, Turmes, Uca, Vachetta, Väyrynen, Vairinhos, Valdivielso de Cué, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vander Taelen, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, Vattimo, Veltroni, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Vinci, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Volcic, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Wuori, Wurtz, Wyn, Wynn, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimeray, Zimmerling, Zissener

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RESULT OF ROLL-CALL VOTES**Interpretation of the Rules of Procedure****For: 412****EDD:** Esclopé

ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Olsson, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Schmidt, Sterckx, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Boudjenah, Cossutta, Eriksson, Figueiredo, Fraisse, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Koulourianos, Manisco, Meijer, Papayannakis, Puerta, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Wurtz

PPE: Arvidsson, Atkins, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Bayrou, Beazley, Berend, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bowis, Bradbourn, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Callanan, Carlsson, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deva, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Evans Jonathan, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferrer, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Foster, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Goodwill, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaf, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa, Langen, Langenhagen, Lechner, Lehne, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mastella, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Niebler, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pirker, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Pronk, Provan, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Riduejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rovsing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Scallon, Schierhuber, Schmitt, Schröder Jürgen, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevenson, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Suominen, Tannock, Theato, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Wieland, Wijkman, Zacharakis, Zimmerling, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Blak, Bösch, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Cashman, Caudron, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Ettl, Evans Robert J.E., Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Gröner, Guyquint, Hänsch, Haug, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Krehl, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martelli, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Napolitano, Obiols i Germa, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Pérez Royo, Pittella, Poignant, Poos, Prets, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Simpson, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swibel, Swoboda, Taylor, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thielemans, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Vairinhos, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Veltroni, Volcic, Walter, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Gahrton, Hautala, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lannoye, MacCormick, Maes, Nogueira Román, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Schörling, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Voggenhuber, Wyn

Against: 56**EDD:** Belder, Blokland, van Dam, Mathieu, Raymond, Saint-Josse**GUE/NGL:** Di Lello Finuoli, Fiebiger

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NI: Bigliardo, Dell'Alba, Della Vedova, Dillen, Dupuis, Garaud, de Gaulle, Gobbo, Gollnisch, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Pannella, Speroni, Vanhecke

PPE: Bourlanges, Cocilovo, Coelho, Helmer, Novelli, Posselt, Sgarbi, Zabel

PSE: Casaca

UEN: Abitbol, Angelilli, Berlato, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Fini, Gallagher, Hyland, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Muscardini, Nobilia, Poli, Queiro, Segni, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Schröder Ilka

Abstention: 36

EDD: Bernié, Bonde, Farage, Okking, Sandbæk, Titford

ELDR: Davies, Thors

GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Bordes, Cauquil, Frahm, Krivine, Laguiller, Markov, Modrow, Morgantini, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Theonas, Uca, Vinci

PPE: Casini, Costa Raffaele, Ebner, Ferber, Fourtou, Madelin

UEN: Collins, Crowley

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, McKenna, Rühle

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(2000/C 54/03)

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

1. Opening of sitting

The President opened the sitting at 9.05.

2. In Memoriam

On behalf of Parliament, the President paid tribute to the memory of the Greek Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Kranidiotis, who had been a Member of the European Parliament between 1995 and 1997, and who had died, together with five other people, including his son, in an aeroplane accident.

Parliament observed a minute's silence in memory of the victims.

3. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mrs Zabel indicated that she had intended to vote for the interpretation of Rule 29(1) (Item 9).

The following spoke:

- Barón Crespo, on a personal matter under Rule 122 regarding the remarks made on the previous day by Mr Galeote Quecedo during the debate on Mr Prodi's statement (*see Item 7*);
- Bourlanges, on his own vote when the interpretation of Rule 29(1) was voted on (*see Item 9*);
- Palacio Vallelersundi, who stated that she had intended to vote in favour for the above-mentioned vote;
- Posselt and Rack (*see Item 8*);

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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Mr Sichrovsky reminded the House that the current week would bring the 55th anniversary of the liberation of the Natzweiler-Struthof Nazi concentration camp, near Strasbourg, and requested that the occasion be marked by Parliament by means of a commemorative plaque and that a delegation may be sent to attend the forthcoming memorial ceremony (the President advised him to submit his request in writing, so that an assessment may be made as to any action to be taken).

4. Documents received

The President had received from a parliamentary committee the following report:

- * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation 1628/96 relating to aid for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in particular through the setting-up of the European Agency for Reconstruction (COM(99)0312 — C5-0062/99 — 1999/0132(CNS)) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy
Rapporteur: Mrs Pack
(A5-0013/99)

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5. Area of freedom, security and justice (statements followed by debate)

The President-in-Office of the Council, Tarja Halonen, and the acting President of the European Commission, Manuel Marín, made statements on the preparatory work for the European Council meeting in Tampere on 15/16 October.

The following spoke: Pirker, on behalf of the PPE Group, Myller, on behalf of the PSE Group, Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Wuori, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, Blokland, on behalf of the EDD Group, de Gaulle, Non-attached Member, Dimitrakopoulos, Schulz, Wiebenga and Ceyhun.

6. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the Legal Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament led by its chairman, Mr Henrik Lax, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs LIENEMANN

Vice-President

7. Area of freedom, security and justice (continuation of debate)

The following spoke: Di Lello Finuoli, Angelilli, Krarup, Dupuis, Brok, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy, Paciotti, Ludford, Boumediene-Thiery, Sjöstedt, Berthu, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Napolitano, chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Sylla, Voggenhuber, and Andrews.

8. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed the Bureau of the delegation from the Turkish Grand National Assembly to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, led by Professor Kursat Eser, who had taken their seats in the official gallery. On behalf of Parliament, she expressed her sympathy in the wake of the latest earthquake which had once again hit north-west Turkey the previous Monday.

9. Area of freedom, security and justice (continuation of debate)

The following spoke: Cederschiöld, Robert Evans, MacCormick, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Hans-Peter Martin, Posselt, Marinho, Coelho, Leinen, Hernández Mollar, Karamanou, who referred back to the aeroplane accident in which the Greek Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister had lost his life (*see Item 1 of the Minutes*), Kauppi, Carnero González and Giannakou-Koutsikou.

The President had received motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 37(2) from the following Members:

- Watson, on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs on the Extraordinary European Council meeting on the area of freedom, security and justice (Tampere, 15/16 October 1999) (B5-0116/99).
- Napolitano, on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, and Watson, on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on the drawing up of the Charter of Fundamental Rights (B5-0110/99).

Mrs Halonen, President-in-Office of the Council, spoke.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 16.9.1999, Part I, Item 19.

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10. Situation in East Timor (statement with debate)

The President reminded the House that the debate on this statement would take place that afternoon after the debate on the Dührkop Dührkop-Fabra Vallés report (A5-0009/99).

Mrs Halonen, President-in-Office of the Council, made a statement on the situation in East Timor.

(Continuation of debate: Part I, Item 12).

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

VOTING TIME

11. Election of the European Commission (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0061, 0062, 0063, 0065, 0066, 0068 and 0075/99 and draft decision B5-0064/99
(Simple majority required)

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION B5-0061/99:

The Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION B5-0062/99:

The Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION B5-0063/99:

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

Mr Pannella indicated his opposition to the decision taken on the previous day, following approval of the interpretation of Rule 29(1), to annul the TDI Group, and stated that, by way of a protest, the Members from the 'lista Bonino' who had belonged to this group would not be taking part in the votes.

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0065, 0066, 0068 and 0075/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Poettering and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Barón Crespo, Hänsch, Swoboda and Napoletano, on behalf of the PSE Group
Cox and Paolo Costa, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Hautala, Lannoye and Maes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendments rejected: 1 and 2

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE) (*Part II, Item (a)*).

The following spoke: Prodi, President-designate of the Commission, Poettering, on behalf of the PPE Group, Barón Crespo, on behalf of the PSE Group, Cox, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Lannoye, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group, Bonde, on behalf of the EDD Group, and Bonino, non-attached Member.

DRAFT DECISION B5-0064/99

Separate votes: paras 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted successively by RCV (Rule 33(4)).

Parliament adopted the decision by RCV (Rule 33(4)) (*Part II, Item (b)*).

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The President congratulated Mr Prodi and all the members of the Commission on their appointment.

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The remaining votes scheduled on the agenda were postponed to voting time the following day at 12 noon.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

Election of the Commission:

- Joint resolution
 - *orally*: Goebbels
 - *in writing*: Cossutta
- Decision
 - *orally*: Hautala; Berthu; Paisley; Meijer; Ortuondo Larrea; MacCormick; Raschhofer; Konrad; Bourlanges; Breyer; Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso
 - *in writing*: Lukas; Souchet; Cossutta; Hudgton; Inglewood; Caudron; David W. Martin; Lienemann; Frahm, Sjöstedt, Eriksson, Herman Schmid; Désir; Ferrer; Schroeder; Carlotti; Maes; Posselt; Gahrton; Schörling; Fruteau; Thomas Mann; Figueiredo

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Corrections to votes — Members present but not voting

Election of the Commission:

- Joint resolution
 - Intended to vote against: Lipietz
 - Intended to abstain: McKenna
 - Present but did not vote: Fitzsimons
- Decision
 - para. 4
 - Intended to vote for: McNally

text as a whole

Intended to vote for: Malliori and McNally
Present but did not vote: Nicholson; Fitzsimons

END OF VOTING TIME

(The sitting was suspended at 13.35 and resumed at 15.00)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr COLOM I NAVAL

Vice-President

12. Supplementary and amending budgets (SAB) 1/99, 3/99 and 4/99 (debate)

Mrs Dührkop Dührkop introduced the report that she and Mr Fabra Vallés had drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the draft supplementary and amending budgets 1, 3 and 4 to the budget of the European Communities for the 1999 financial year (C5-0021 to 0074 and 0136/99) (A5-0009/99).

The following spoke: Böge, on behalf of the PPE Group, Wynn, President of the Committee on Budgets, who spoke on behalf of the PSE Group and who bemoaned the absence of the Conseil, Virrankoski, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Buitenweg, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Alavanos, on behalf of the

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GUE/NGL Group, who said that the report was not available in all languages (the President assured him that it would be before the vote), Van Dam, on behalf of the EDD Group, Ilgenfritz, Non-attached Member, on the lack of support for new Members.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 16.9.1999, Part I, Item 9.

13. Situation in East Timor (continuation of debate)

The following spoke: Costa Neves, on behalf of the PPE Group, Soares, on behalf of the PSE Group, Maaten, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Hautala, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Figueiredo, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Portas, on behalf of the UEN Group, Belder, on behalf of the EDD Group, Speroni, Non-attached Member, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Nair, Lynne, Knörr Borràs, Manisco, Sichrovsky, Pacheco Pereira, Schori and McKenna.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA

Vice-President

The following spoke: Krivine, Dell'Alba, Jarzembowski, Candal, Nogueira Román, Van Orden, van den Berg, Deva, Ford, Majj-Weggen, Fava, Cushnahan, Seguro, Mauro, De Rossa, Banotti, Tannock, Stevenson, Doyle, Liikanen, Member of the Commission, and Sasi, President-in-Office of the Conseil.

The President had received motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 37(2) from the following Members:

- Maaten, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on East Timor (B5-0067/99);
- Hautala, McKenna, Knörr Borràs and de Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on East Timor (B5-0111/99);
- Barón Crespo, Seguro, Swoboda, Schori, Van Den Berg, Soares, Marinho and Candal, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in East Timor (B5-0112/99);
- Queiro, Collins, Muscardini, Camre, Andrews, Berthu, Hyland, Nobilia and Souchet, on behalf of the UEN Group, on East Timor (B5-0113/99);
- Figueiredo, Miranda, Ainardi, Maset Campos, Sjöstedt, Morgantini, Theonas, Alavanos, Papayannakis and Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in East Timor (B5-0114/99);
- Costa Neves, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Van Velzen, Majj-Weggen, Doyle, Pacheco Pereira, Nassauer, Van Orden, Oomen-Ruijten, Stevenson, Cushnahan and Scallon, on behalf of the PPE Group, on East Timor (B5-0115/99).

Mr Seguro informed Parliament that a joint motion for a resolution had been tabled.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 16.9.1999, Part I, Item 20.

Mr Portas lamented the absence of the Commissioner responsible during such an important debate.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PUERTA

Vice-President

14. Question Time (questions to the Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B5-0029/99).

The President reminded the House of the provisions made in the Rules of Procedure on Question Time.

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Question 1 by Mrs Díez González: Death of a five-year-old boy following the eviction by police of 100 Romanian Gypsy families from the Madrid suburb of Malmea (Spain)

Mr Sasi, President-in-Office of the Council, said that he had insufficient information to answer this question which essentially concerned the Spanish Government.

The following spoke: Díez González who was not satisfied by this answer and further elaborated her question, Sasi, who repeated his previous reply, Hernández Mollar, on Mrs Díez González's remarks and who asked a further question which Sasi answered, Díez González, who again demanded an answer, Sasi, who confined himself to reiterating his previously given answer, and Carnero González on Mr Hernández Mollar's remarks.

Mr Korakas said that he had been informed that question 19, tabled by him, would be dealt with at the same time as question 18, whereas these two questions dealt with two different subjects (the President cut him off and said that he would offer explanations when the two questions were put).

Question 2 by Mr Gahrton: Common EU defence policy

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Gahrton, Mr Schori and Mr Rübzig.

Question 3 by Mrs Cederschiöld: UN Convention on combating organised crime

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Cederschiöld and Mr Seppänen.

Question 4 by Mr Sjöstedt: Access to Schengen documents

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Sjöstedt and Mr Newton Dunn.

Question 5 by Mr Dupuis: Establishment of a universal moratorium on capital punishment

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Dupuis, Mr González Álvarez and Mr Theonas.

Question 6 by Mr Collins: EU support for Ireland's maritime services

Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Gallagher.

Question 7 by Mr Hyland: Cheaper mortgages

Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Hyland.

Question 8 by Mr Gallagher: Stopping the practice of multi-use trial contact lenses

Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Gallagher.

Question 9 by Mr Andrews fell as the author was absent.

Question 10 by Mr Crowley: Youth crime, drugs and the Tampere European Council

Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Crowley.

Question 11 by Mr Fitzsimons fell as the author was absent.

Question 12 by Mr Alavanos: Reciprocal abolition of visa requirement between EU and other countries

Mr Alavanos said that the question was badly printed, at least in the Greek version. He clarified his question.

Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Alavanos.

Question 13 by Mr Posselt: Land acquisition in applicant countries

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Mr Sasi answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Posselt.

Question 14 by Mr Titley: WTO Millennium Round

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Skinner, deputising for the author, Mr MacCormick and Mr Skinner.

Question 15 by Mr Turco: Situation in North Korea

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Dupuis, deputising for the author, Mr Alyssandrakis and Mr Dupuis.

Question 16 by Mr Theonas: Situation in Kosovo

Mr Sasi answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Theonas and Mr Korakas.

Question 17 by Mr Nogueira Román had been withdrawn by the author.

Question 18 by Mr Medina Ortega: Construction of a nuclear power station in southern Morocco and **Question 19** by Mr Korakas: Stopping the construction of a nuclear power plant in the highly earthquake-prone region of Akkuyu, Turkey

The President reminded the House that Mr Korakas would like these two questions to be dealt with separately. Mr Sasi preferred to take them together despite this.

Mr Sasi answered the questions and supplementaries by Mr Medina Ortega and Mr Korakas.

The President announced that questions which had not been answered would be answered in writing.

He closed Question Time.

15. Agenda for next sitting

The President referred Members to the document 'Agenda' (PE 279.928/OJJE).

16. Closure of sitting

The President closed the sitting at 19.10.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Luís Marinho
Vice-President

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Abitbol, Agag Longo, Ainardi, Alavanos, Almeida Garrett, Alyssandrakis, Andersson, Andreasen, Andrews, Angelilli, Aparicio Sánchez, Arvidsson, Atkins, Attwooll, Auroi, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Bakopoulos, Balfe, Balta, Banotti, Barón Crespo, Bautista Ojeda, Bayrou, Beazley, Belder, Berend, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Berlusconi, Bernié, Berthu, Bethell, Beysen, Bigliardo, Blak, Blokland, Bodrato, Böge, Bösch, von Boetticher, Bonde, Bonino, Bordes, van den Bos, Boselli, Boudjenah, Boumediene-Thiery, Bourlanges, Bouwman, Bowe, Bowis, Bradbourn, Breyer, Brok, Brunetta, Buitenweg, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Buttiglione, Cacciari, Callanan, Campos, Camre, Candal, Cappato, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Casini, Caudron, Caullery, Cauquil, Cederschiöld, Celli, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Cesaro, Ceyhun, Chichester, Clegg, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Collins, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Cornillet, Corrie, Cossutta, Costa Paolo, Costa Raffaele, Costa Neves, Coûteaux, Cox, Crowley, Cunha, Cushnahan, van Dam, Damião, Darras, Dary, Daul, Davies, De Clercq, Decourrière, Dell'Alba, Della Vedova, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, De Rossa, de Sarnez, Désir, Deva, De Veyrac, Díez González, Di Lello Finuoli, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Di Pietro, Donnelly, Dover, Doyle, Ducarme, Dührkop, Dührkop, Duff, Duhamel, Dupuis, Dybkjær, Ebner, Echerer, Efthymiou, Elles, Eriksson, Esclopé, Esteve, Ettl, Evans Jillian, Evans Jonathan, Evans Robert J.E., Fabra Vallés, Färm, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Fini, Fiori, Fitto, Fitzsimons, Flautre, Fleisch, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Foster, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frahm, Fraise, Frassoni, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, Garaud, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gill, Gillig, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Gobbo, Goebbels, Goepel, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Goodwill, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graça Moura, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Guyquint, Haarder, Hänsch, Hager, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hazan, Heaton-Harris, Hedkvist Petersen, Helmer, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Hoff, Hollande, Holmes, Howitt, Hudghton, Hue, Hughes, Huhne, van Hulten, Hulthén, Hyland, Iivari, Ilgenfritz, Imbeni, Inglewood, Isler Béguin, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Jensen, Jöns, Jonckherr, Jové Peres, Junker, Karamanou, Karas, Karoutchi, Katiforis, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Keßler, Khanbhai, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Kläß, Knörr Borräs, Knolle, Koch, Konrad, Korakas, Korhola, Koukiadis, Koulourianos, Krarup, Kratsa, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Krivine, Kronberger, Kuhne, Kuntz, van der Laan, Lage, Lagendijk, Laguiller, Lalumière, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lang, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, La Perriere, Laschet, Lavarra, Lechner, Lehne, Leinen, Le Pen, Liese, Linkohr, Lipietz, Lisi, Lombardo, Lucas, Ludford, Lüttge, Lund, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McCarthy, McCartin, McCormick, McKenna, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Madelin, Maes, Maij-Weggen, Malliori, Malmström, Manders, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marchiani, Marinho, Marini, Marinos, Markov, Marques, Martelli, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martin Hugues, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Mastella, Mastorakis, Mathieu, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Mennea, Menrad, Messner, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Miranda, Modrow, Mombaur, Montfort, Moraes, Moreira Da Silva, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Müller Rosemarie, Mulder, Murphy, Musotto, Musumeci, Myller, Nair, Napolitano, Napolitano, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, Nisticò, Nobilia, Nogueira Román, Novelli, Obiols i Germa, Ojeda Sanz, Okking, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Ortuondo Larrea, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Pacheco Pereira, Paciotti, Pack, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pannella, Papayannakis, Parish, Pasqua, Patrie, Paulsen, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pesälä, Piecyk, Piétrasanta, Pirker, Pisicchio, Pittella, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Podestà, Poettering, Pohjamo, Poignant, Poli, Pomés Ruiz, Poos, Portas, Posselt, Prets, Procacci, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, Purvis, Queiro, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Raymond, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rocard, Rod, Rodríguez Ramos, de Roo, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Rovsing, Rübige, Rühle, Ruffolo, Rutelli, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Saint-Josse, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Sanders-ten Holte, Santer, Sartori, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Sbarbati, Scallon, Scapagnini, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmid Gerhard, Schmid Herman, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schori, Schröder Jürgen, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Segni, Seguro, Seppänen, Sgarbi, Sichrovsky, Simpson, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smet, Soares, Sörensen, Sommer, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Speroni, Staes, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Swiebel, Swoboda, Sylla, Tajani, Tannock, Taylor, Terrón i Cusí, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thielemans, Thomas-Mauro, Thorning-Schmidt, Thors, Thyssen, Titford, Titley, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trentin, Tsatsos, Turchi, Turco, Turmes, Uca, Vachetta, Väyrynen, Vairinhos, Valdivielso de Cué, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vander Taelen, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, Vattimo, Veltroni, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Vinci, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Volcic,

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Wallis, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Wuori, Wurtz, Wyn, Wynn, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimeray, Zimmerling, Zissener

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RESULT OF ROLL-CALL VOTES

Joint resolution – Election of the European Commission

For: 510

EDD: Belder, Blokland, van Dam**ELDR:** Andreassen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga**GUE/NGL:** Cossutta, Eriksson, Frahm, Fraise, Meijer, Schmid Herman, Sjøstedt**NI:** Formentini, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Raschhofer, Sichrovsky**PPE:** Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Atkins, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Beazley, Berend, Berlusconi, Bethell, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bowis, Bradbourn, Brok, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Buttiglione, Callanan, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Corrie, Costa Raffaele, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deva, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Ebner, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Foster, Fournou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Goodwill, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klauf, Knolle, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Lombardo, Maat, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Madelin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mastella, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Niebler, Nisticò, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Parish, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rovsing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Sartori, Scallon, Scapagnini, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevenson, Stockton, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Tajani, Tannock, Theato, Thyssen, Valdivielso de Cué, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wurmeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener**PSE:** Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Bösch, Boselli, Bowe, Bullmann, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Caudron, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, Dary, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Evans Robert J.E., Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Görlach, Green, Gröner, Guyquint, Hänsch, Haug, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Hollande, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulst, Hulthén, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Krehl, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martelli, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, Obiols i Germa, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Patrie, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poignant, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Simpson, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Terrón i Cusi, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Veltroni, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn, Zimeray**UEN:** Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Crowley, Gallagher, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Poli, Segni, Turchi

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Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lannoye, Lipietz, Lucas, MacCormick, McKenna, Maes, Messner, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Rühle, Schörling, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 51

EDD: Bernié, Bonde, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

GUE/NGL: Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Bordes, Cauquil, Di Lello Finuoli, Figueiredo, Korakas, Koulourianos, Krivine, Laguiller, Miranda, Theonas, Vachetta, Vinci

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, de Gaulle, Gobbo, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Speroni, Vanhecke

PPE: Konrad

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coüteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, de Villiers

Abstention: 28

ELDR: Lynne

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Boudjenah, Fiebiger, González Álvarez, Hue, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Manisco, Markov, Modrow, Morgantini, Papayannakis, Puerta, Seppänen, Sylla, Uca, Wurtz

NI: Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso

PPE: Bourlanges, Hannan

PSE: Blak, Goebbels

UEN: Queiro

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Knörr Borràs, Nogueira Román

**B5-0064/99 – Decision electing the European Commission
paragraph 1**

For: 446

ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Formentini

PPE: Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berend, Berlusconi, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Costa Raffaele, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gähler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klamt, Klauf, Knolle, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Lombardo, Maat, McCartin, Madelin, Maj-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mastella, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk,

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Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Roving, Rübige, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Sartori, Scallon, Scapagnini, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sudre, Suominen, Tajani, Theato, Thyssen, Valdivielso de Cué, Van Hecke, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Boselli, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Caudron, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, Dary, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Evans Robert J.E., Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Green, Guyquint, Hänsch, Haug, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Hollande, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Hulthén, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kefler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Krehl, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martelli, Martin David W., Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Nair, Napolitano, Napolitano, Obiols i Germa, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Patrie, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poignant, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Simpson, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swibel, Swoboda, Taylor, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Veltroni, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn, Zimeray

UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Crowley, Fini, Gallagher, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Poli, Segni, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lannoye, Messner, Onesta, Piétrasanta, de Roo, Rühle, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 123

EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alyssandrakis, Bordes, Boudjenah, Cauquil, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, González Álvarez, Hue, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Vachetta, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, de Gaulle, Gobbo, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Raschhofer, Sichrovsky, Speroni, Vanhecke

PPE: Atkins, Beazley, Bethell, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Chichester, Corrie, Deva, Dover, Evans Jonathan, Foster, Goodwill, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Inglewood, Jackson, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Konrad, McMillan-Scott, Newton Dunn, Parish, Perry, Provan, Purvis, Sgarbi, Stevenson, Stockton, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Villiers, Zimmerling

PSE: Blak, Bösch

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, de Villiers

Verts/ALE: Boumediene-Thiery, Lambert, McKenna, Nogueira Román, Rod, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen

Abstention: 23

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Bakopoulos, Cossutta, Fraise, Koulourianos, Manisco, Morgantini, Papayannakis

NI: Garaud

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PSE: Gröner, Martin Hans-Peter, Roth-Behrendt

UEN: Portas, Queiro

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Gahrton, Hudghton, Lipietz, Lucas, MacCormick, Maes, Ortuondo Larrea, Schörling

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ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Formentini, Gobbo, Speroni

PPE: Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berend, Berlusconi, Bodrato, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Costa Raffaele, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klamt, Klaß, Knolle, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Lisi, Lombardo, Maat, McCartin, Madelin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mastella, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Musotto, Nassauer, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Rosing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Sartori, Scallon, Scapagnini, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Sommer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sudre, Suominen, Tajani, Theato, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Boselli, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Caudron, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, Dary, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Evans Robert J.E., Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Green, Gröner, Guyquint, Hänsch, Haug, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Hollande, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Hulthén, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Krehl, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martelli, Martin David W., Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Napolitano, Obiols i Germa, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Patrie, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poignant, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Simpson, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Veltroni, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn, Zimeray

UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Crowley, Fini, Gallagher, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Poli, Segni, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Isler Béguin, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lannoye, Messner, Onesta, Piétrasanta, de Roo, Rühle, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

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Against: 138

EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

ELDR: Lynne

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alyssandrakis, Bordes, Boudjenah, Cauquil, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, González Álvarez, Hue, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Schmid Herman, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Vachetta, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, de Gaulle, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Raschhofer, Sichrovsky, Vanhecke

PPE: Atkins, Beazley, Bethell, von Boetticher, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Chichester, Corrie, Deva, Dover, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Ferber, Foster, Friedrich, Gomolka, Goodwill, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Konrad, Liese, McMillan-Scott, Müller Emilia Franziska, Newton Dunn, Niebler, Nisticò, Parish, Perry, Posselt, Provan, Purvis, Radwan, Schleicher, Schmitt, Stauner, Stevenson, Stockton, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Villiers, Wuermeling, Zimmerling

PSE: Bösch

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, de Villiers

Verts/ALE: Boumediene-Thiery, Jonckherr, Lipietz, Lucas, McKenna, Nogueira Román, Rod, Sørensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen

Abstention: 29

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Bakopoulos, Cossutta, Fraisse, Koulourianos, Manisco, Morgantini, Papayannakis, Seppänen

PPE: Mombaur, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Sgarbi, Smet, Thyssen, Van Hecke

PSE: Blak, Martin Hans-Peter, Nair

UEN: Portas, Queiro

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Gahrton, Hudghton, Knörr Borràs, MacCormick, Maes, Ortuondo Larrea, Schörling

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For: 426

ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Formentini

PPE: Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berend, Berlusconi, Bodrato, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Costa Raffaele, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klamt, Klaß, Knolle, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Lombardo, Maat, McCartin, Madelin, Maij-Weggen, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues,

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Mastella, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, Nisticò, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Røvsing, Rübiger, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Sartori, Scallan, Scapagnini, Schierhuber, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Smet, Sommer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sudre, Suominen, Tajani, Theato, Thyssen, Valdivielso de Cué, Van Hecke, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Boselli, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Caudron, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, Dary, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Evans Robert J.E., Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Green, Guyquint, Hänsch, Haug, Hazan, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Hollande, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Hulthén, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kefler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Krehl, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martelli, Martin David W., Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Napolitano, Obiols i Germa, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Patrie, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poignant, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Rothe, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Simpson, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Veltroni, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn, Zimeray

UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Crowley, Fini, Gallagher, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Poli, Segni, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Jonckhert, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Messner, Piétrasanta, de Roo, Rühle, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wuori

Against: 134

EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alyssandrakis, Bordes, Boudjenah, Cauquil, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, González Álvarez, Hue, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Vachetta, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, de Galle, Gobbo, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Raschhofer, Sichrovsky, Speroni, Vanhecke

PPE: Atkins, Beazley, Bethell, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Chichester, Corrie, Deva, Dover, Evans Jonathan, Foster, Goodwill, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Inglewood, Jackson, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Konrad, McMillan-Scott, Müller Emilia Franziska, Newton Dunn, Parish, Perry, Provan, Purvis, Radwan, Schleicher, Sgarbi, Stevenson, Stockton, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Villiers, Zimmerling

PSE: Blak, Bösch

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, de Villiers

Verts/ALE: Boumediene-Thiery, Flautre, Gahrton, Lambert, Lannoye, Lipietz, Lucas, McKenna, Nogueira Román, Rod, Schörling, Schröder Ilka, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen

Abstention: 32

ELDR: Lynne

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Bakopoulos, Cossutta, Fraisse, Koulourianos, Manisco, Morgantini, Papayannakis

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PPE: von Boetticher, Gomolka, Mann Thomas, Mombaur, Posselt, Schwaiger, Stauner

PSE: Gröner, Martin Hans-Peter, Nair, Roth-Behrendt

UEN: Portas, Queiro

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Evans Jillian, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Knörr Borràs, MacCormick, Maes, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Wyn

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ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Formentini, Gobbo, Speroni

PPE: Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berlusconi, Bodrato, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Jean-Pierre, Jeggler, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Klamt, Klafß, Knolle, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Lisi, Lombardo, Maat, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mastella, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Musotto, Nassauer, Nisticò, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pérez Álvarez, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Pronk, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya, Røvsing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Sartori, Scallon, Scapagnini, Schierhuber, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sudre, Suominen, Tajani, Theato, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Wijkman, von Wogau, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà

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Verts/ALE: Auroi, Bautista Ojeda, Bouwman, Buitenweg, Celli, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Messner, Piétrasanta, de Roo, Rühle, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wuori

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EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

ELDR: Lynne

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alyssandrakis, Bordes, Boudjenah, Cauquil, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, González Álvarez, Hue, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Morgantini, Schmid Herman, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Vachetta, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, de Gaulle, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Paisley, Raschhofer, Sichrovsky, Vanhecke

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PSE: Bösch

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, de Villiers

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Abstention: 37

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Bakopoulos, Cossutta, Fraise, Koulourianos, Manisco, Papayannakis, Seppänen

PPE: Berend, Costa Raffaele, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Koch, Madelin, Mombaur, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Schnellhardt, Sgarbi, Smet, Thyssen, Van Hecke, Zissener

PSE: Blak, Martin Hans-Peter, Näir

UEN: Portas, Queiro

Verts/ALE: Breyer, Evans Jillian, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Knörr Borràs, Lambert, MacCormick, Maes, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Wyn

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ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cacciari, Clegg, Costa Paolo, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Esteve, Fleisch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rutelli, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Formentini

PPE: Agag Longo, Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berend, Berlusconi, Bodrato, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Buttiglione, Carlsson, Casini, Cederschiöld, Cesaro, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cornillet, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, Dell'Utri, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Flemming, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gawronski, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Goepel, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klamt, Klauf, Knolle, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen,

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PPE: Costa Raffaele, Friedrich, Hieronymi, Jarzembowski, Mombaur, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Thyssen, Van Hecke, Wurmeling

PSE: Blak, Martin Hans-Peter, Nair

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ADOPTED TEXTS**Election of the Commission**(a) **B5-0065, 0066, 0068 and 0075/1999****Resolution on the 'Prodi Commission'***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 5 May 1999 ⁽¹⁾ stating its approval of the nomination of Mr Prodi as President of the Commission for the remainder of the Santer term,
 - having regard to the statements made to Parliament by the nominee for President of the Commission in May and July 1999,
 - having regard to the written and oral statements made by each of the nominee Commissioners in the context of their hearings by Parliament's committees, and the assessments of these candidates as presented by the committees' chairpersons following the hearings,
 - having regard to the statement made by the nominee for President of the Commission before the Conference of Presidents on 7 September 1999, confirming that the Prodi Commission:
 - (a) will ensure, as a general rule, that the Commissioner responsible is present whenever requested by Parliament either at plenary sittings or committee meetings for agenda items falling under his or her responsibility and is ready to respond substantively on important Commission proposals,
 - (b) will take the utmost account of any requests made pursuant to Article 192 of the EC Treaty by Parliament to the Commission to submit legislative proposals, and undertakes to provide a prompt and sufficiently detailed response to any such request within the relevant parliamentary committee and, if necessary, at a plenary sitting of Parliament,
 - (c) accepts that, where Parliament expresses lack of confidence in a Member of the Commission (subject to the substantive and representative nature of the political support for such a view), the President of the Commission will examine seriously whether he should request that Member to resign,
 - (d) attaches particular importance to constructive dialogue with Parliament in the process of administrative reform of the Commission, and will ensure that appropriate mechanisms are established to consult and inform Parliament on a regular basis on progress in this field,
 - (e) is committed to a substantial agenda of institutional reform, over and above the three issues already identified, in the next Intergovernmental Conference, which is seen as an essential prerequisite to enlargement, and also intends, within the Commission's possibilities, to ensure that Parliament is kept informed and is fully associated with the preparation and the conduct of the IGC,
 - having regard to Article 214 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rules 32 and 33 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Calls on the Commission to undertake, in cooperation with Parliament, to operate more citizen-friendly policies, given that interinstitutional relations are merely one of the elements in a global approach to European integration;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit, as soon as possible, its political programme containing all its proposed guidelines for the period up to the end of 2004, and to establish a dialogue with Parliament;

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 1.

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3. Urges the nominee for President to commit the Commission to exploring jointly with Parliament the question of individual responsibility of Commissioners in the IGC;
 4. Asks the Commission to begin consultations with Parliament, before the Helsinki European Council, on the content of the Treaty revision, and considers that it needs to ensure that Parliament is directly involved in preparing and deciding on revision of the Treaty;
 5. Welcomes the substantive dialogue which has been started between the nominee Commission and Parliament and wishes to see this dialogue continued during the full term of this Parliament and Commission;
 6. Calls for the early establishment of an Interinstitutional Agreement between the Commission and Parliament as a framework for a new Code of Conduct, starting from the commitments entered into for the Prodi Commission by the nominee for President on 7 September 1999;
 - 7 Requests that in addition the following be included in such an agreement:
 - (a) where a serious criminal charge, especially one involving corruption, is brought against a Member of the Commission, involving the Member concerned in a court case, the Member will be suspended from office immediately and consideration will be given to his/her resignation;
 - (b) the Commission, when giving its opinion on Parliament's legislative amendments to the Council under Article 251 of the EC Treaty, shall as a general rule support those amendments which have secured a broad consensus in Parliament; exceptions shall be duly justified;
 - (c) the presence of Commissioners at plenary sittings or committee meetings shall also allow for early and full briefing and consultation of Parliament, within the Commission's possibilities, on the preparation, conduct and conclusion of international negotiations, and in particular the Millennium Round; the Commission shall make full use of its power of initiative and improve consultation of Parliament in the fields of the CFSP and the third pillar;
 - (d) Parliament has access, without undue delay, to all documents from the Commission, in particular all documents relating to the legislative process and all documents relating to the discharge procedure (Article 276 of the EC Treaty). A clear definition is necessary for those documents which Parliament would not have an automatic right to see; internal documents on fraud will be at the disposal of the chairman of the Budgetary Control Committee on request;
 - (e) the Commission shall adopt regulations to protect officials who pass on information which was wrongfully concealed from those entitled to it by the direct or indirect hierarchical authority;
 - (f) the President of the Commission shall notify Parliament of any decision concerning the allocation of responsibilities to any of the Members of the Commission on a request from Parliament or on the Commission's own initiative;
 - (g) the codes of conduct for Commissioners and in particular for high-level officials must be sent to the Parliament for its views to be taken into account before being implemented;
 - (h) Commission decisions are announced in Parliament or at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents immediately after the Commission's meeting; specific provision will be made for confidential information;
 8. Will establish, through its appropriate committee, the urgently needed procedure for Parliament to express its lack of confidence in a particular Commissioner and to request the President of the Commission to call on that Commissioner to resign;
 9. Demands that, on the basis of Article 255 of the EC Treaty, the Commission present swiftly a proposal for a Decision on public access to documents;
 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.
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(b) B5-0064/1999**Decision electing the nominee Commission***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 214(2), third subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, Article 10(2), third subparagraph, of the ECSC Treaty and Article 127(2), third subparagraph, of the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard to Rules 32(2) and 33(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the nomination by the governments of the Member States, on 24 March 1999, of Mr Romano Prodi as Commission President,
 - having regard to the decision of 19 July 1999 of the representatives of the governments of the Member States, by common accord with the nominee for Commission President, nominating persons whom they intend to appoint as Members of the Commission (C5-0050/1999),
 - having regard to the statement by Mr Prodi, the nominee for Commission President, of 21 July 1999 on the occasion of the presentation of the nominee Commissioners,
 - having regard to the hearings of the nominee Commissioners by the competent committees of Parliament,
 - having regard to the discussions which took place on 7 September 1999 between the Conference of Political Group Chairmen and Mr Prodi, the nominee for Commission President,
 - having regard to the programme of the nominee Commission submitted on 14 September 1999 by the nominee for Commission President,
1. Confirms its approval of the appointment of Mr Romano Prodi as Commission President for the remainder of the term of office which expires on 22 January 2000;
 2. Approves the appointment of the Commission for the remainder of the term of office which expires on 22 January 2000;
 3. Approves the appointment of Mr Romano Prodi as Commission President for the term of office running from 23 January 2000 to 22 January 2005;
 4. Approves the appointment of the Commission for the term of office running from 23 January 2000 to 22 January 2005;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the governments of the Member States.
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(2000/C 54/04)

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Mr MARINHO

Vice-President

1. Opening of sitting

The President opened the sitting at 10.00.

Mrs Maes, who inquired as to whether or not Parliament would cover organisational and interpreting costs for the meetings of the non-profit making organisation 'Pensions fund' (the President admitted he was unable to provide a reply at that moment and pointed out that questions of this nature were the responsibility of the Bureau as a whole).

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mr Galeote Quecedo referred to the remarks made by Mr Barón Crespo on a personal matter at the beginning of the previous day's sitting (*see Part I, Item 3*) and offered to provide clarification.

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Membership of Parliament

As the Conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States had, the previous day, appointed the President and members of the European Commission, the President, under Article 6 of the Act governing election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, declared that the position as Members of the European Parliament of Mr Busquin, Mrs Loyola de Palacio Valleler-sundi and Mrs Reding was incompatible with their role as members of the Commission.

The President accordingly announced vacancies for these Members' seats.

The President went on to inform the House that:

- the competent authorities of Luxembourg had notified him as to the replacement of Mrs Reding by Mrs Astride Lulling to take effect from 16 September 1999,
- the competent Belgian authorities had made it known that Mr Busquin would be replaced by Mr Jean-Maurice Dehousse, also from 16 September 1999.

The President welcomed these new colleagues and recalled the provisions of Rule 7(5).

4. Texts of agreement forwarded by the Council

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

- agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products;
- agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, on the free movement of people;
- agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on certain aspects of government procurement;
- agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Communities and the Swiss Confederation;
- agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment.

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5. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had considered the proposal for transfer of appropriations number 41/99 (SEC(99)1142 – C5-0084/99).

It decided, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, to authorise the transfer of credits in accordance with the following breakdown:

From:

Chapter B7-41 (MEDA) Article B7-410 MEDA (measures to accompany the reforms to the economic and social structures in the Mediterranean non-member countries)	PA	– € 30 000 000
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To:

Chapter B7-52 (Cooperation with the New Independent States and Mongolia) Article B7-520 (Assistance to economic reform and recovery in the New Independent States and Mongolia)	PA	€ 15 000 000
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Chapter B7-54 (Cooperation with the Republics formerly part of Yugoslavia) Article B7-541 (Measures for the reconstruction of the Republics formerly part of Yugoslavia)	PA	€ 15 000 000
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6. European Reconstruction Agency * – Situation in Kosovo (debate)

The next item was the joint debate on a report and a Commission statement.

Mrs Pack introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1628/96 relating to aid for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in particular through the setting-up of the European Agency for Reconstruction (COM(99)0312 – C5-0062/1999 – 1999/0132(CNS) (A5-0013/99).

MrKinnock, Vice-President of the Commission, made a statement on Kosovo.

The following spoke: Bourlanges, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgets, Van der Laan, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Oostlander, on behalf of the PPE Group, Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Theonas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Nobilia, on behalf of the UEN Group, Belder, on behalf of the EDD Group, Sichrovsky, non-attached Member, Fitto and Wiersma.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr COLOM i NAVAL

Vice-President

The following spoke: Papayannakis, Gollnisch, who said that he spoke as a Member of the TDI Group (the President replied that this group no longer existed), and who objected that this decision, resulting from the adoption of the interpretation of Rule 29(1) (*Item 9 of the minutes of 14.9.1999*) had not been published officially (the President replied that the approval of the Minutes counted as official notification) and who then spoke in the debate, Böge, Efthymiou, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Pittella, Paasilinna, Sakellariou, Mr Kinnock, Staes, on the representation of the Council, and Sakellariou, who put a question to the Commission, which Mr Kinnock answered.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 21.

7. Tenth EC-UNRWA Convention (1999-2001) * (debate)

Mrs Morgantini introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal for a Council Decision approving the text of a 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, prior to the signature of the Convention by the Commission and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (COM(99)0334 – C5-0059/99 – 1999/0143(CNS) (A5-0010/99).

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The following spoke: Khanbhai, on behalf of the PPE Group, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, on behalf of the PSE Group, Van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Ilka Schröder, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Mr Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission, Morgantini, rapporteur, and Ilka Schröder.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Part I, Item 22.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr David W. MARTIN

Vice-President

8. Communication of common positions of the Council

Pursuant to Rule 74(1), the President announced that she had received from the Council, in accordance with Article 251 of the EC Treaty, the following common positions, together with the reasons which had led to their adoption, and the Commission's positions, on:

- the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (C5-0034/99 — 1998/0228(COD))
referred: responsible: ENVI
legal basis: Art. 175(1) EC
- the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme to monitor the average specific emissions of CO₂ from new passenger cars (C5-0041/99 — 1998/0202(COD))
referred: responsible: ENVI
(forwarded to the competent committees for 1st reading opinions: ECON, JURI)
legal basis: Art. 175(1) EC
- the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive combating late payment in commercial transactions (C5-0125/99 — 1998/0099(COD))
referred: responsible: INDU
(forwarded to the competent committees for 1st reading opinions: ECON, JURI)
legal basis: Art. 95 EC

The three-month period available to Parliament to deliver its opinion would therefore begin the following day, Friday 17 September 1999.

VOTING TIME

The President reminded the House that the Westendorp y Cabeza report, which was the second item to be voted on under the procedure without debate, had not been adopted in committee and had therefore been withdrawn from the agenda.

9. SAB 1/99, 3/99 and 4/99 (vote)

Dührkop Dührkop — Fabra Vallés report — A5-0009/1999
(*Simple majority*)

Am. 1 to SAB 3 had been withdrawn.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1, 2

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE) (*Part II, Item 1*).

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10. Citizens' freedoms and rights, justice and home affairs *I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs on the current legislative procedures in the field of citizens' freedoms and rights, justice and home affairs (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/99) (A5-0012/1999)) (confirmation of first readings) (rapporteur: Mrs Frahm).
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 2*).**11. Employment and social affairs ***I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs on the current legislative procedures in the field of employment and social affairs (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty — (SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/1999)) (A5-0006/99) (confirmation of first reading) (rapporteur: Mr Rocard)
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 3*).**12. Environment, public health and consumer policy ***I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy on current legislative procedures in the field of the environment, public health and consumer protection (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty — SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/1999) (A5-0004/99)) (confirmation of first reading) (rapporteur: Mrs Jackson)
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

The President informed Parliament that, due to technical problems, paragraph 1(f) 2nd part and paragraph 2(d) would have to be deleted.

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 4*).**13. Agriculture and rural development ***I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development current legislative procedures in the sphere of agriculture and rural development (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty — (SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/1999)) (A5-0011/99) (confirmation of first reading) (rapporteur: Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf)
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 5*).

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14. Regional policy, transport and tourism *I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism on current legislative procedures in the field of regional policy, transport and tourism (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty — (SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/1999)) (A5-0005/99) (confirmation of first reading) (rapporteur: Mr Hatzidakis)
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by RCV (PPE) (*Part II, Item 6*).

15. Women's rights and equal opportunities *I** (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities on current legislative procedures in the field of women's rights and equal opportunities (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty — (SEC(99)0581 — C4-0219/1999)) (A5-0007/99) (confirmation of first reading) (rapporteur: Mrs Theorin)
(Simple majority)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 7*).

16. Accidental marine pollution *I** (vote)

McKenna report — A5-0003/99
(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(98)0769 — C4-0075/1999 — 1998/0350(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 6, 8 and 9, 12 to 14, 16, 19 to 23 and 26 to 29 collectively; 7 by EV (295 for, 199 against, 11 abstentions); 10; 11; 15 by split vote (2nd part by EV (297 for, 192 against, 11 abstentions)); 17; 18; 24; 25

Separate votes: ams 7 (PPE); 10, 11, 17, 18 (UEN); 24, 25 (PPE)

Split votes:

am. 15 (PPE)

1st part: 1st subparagraph

2nd part: 2nd subparagraph

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 8*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by RCV (Verts/ALE) (*Part II, Item 8*).

17. Environmental inspections *I** (vote)

Jackson report — A5-0002/99
(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION COM(98)0772 — C4-0073/1999 — 1998/0358(COD):

Amendments adopted: 21, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 15 to 20 collectively; 23 (1st part) by EV (343 for, 156 against, 13 abstentions) (covered by am. 21); 24

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Amendments rejected: 22 by EV (214 for, 277 against, 16 abstentions); 23 (2nd part)

Amendments cancelled: 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14 (covered by am. 21)

Split votes:

am. 23 (PPE)

1st part: text without the words 'and at least once a year'

2nd part: these words

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 9*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 9*).

18. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed Mr Carlos Roberto Reina, President of the Central American Parliament, and his wife, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

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Mrs Sandbæk spoke on a technical point.

19. Area of freedom, security and justice (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0110 and 0116/99

(*Simple majority*)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B5-0110/1999:

Amendment withdrawn: 1

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 10(a)*).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B5-0116/99:

Mr Schulz made a comment on the voting procedure.

Amendments adopted: 3; 5 by split vote (2nd part by EV (266 for, 238 against, 10 abstentions)); 2/rev. (1st part); 4

Amendments rejected: 1 by RCV (PPE); 2/rev. (2nd part) by EV (170 for, 322 against, 22 abstentions)

Parts adopted by separate vote: paras. 5 (UEN); 12 by EV (271 for, 210 against, 40 abstentions), 18 and 19 collectively (Verts/ALE)

Parts of text rejected: 1st part of para. 6 by EV (232 for, 242 against, 41 abstentions) (the 2nd part of this paragraph fell)

Split votes:

am. 5 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'tolerance'

2nd part: remainder

para. 6 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'future enlargement'

2nd part: remainder

para. 7 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'AFSJ be adopted;'

2nd part: remainder

para. 13 (Verts/ALE):

1st part: up to 'migration policy has been drawn up'

2nd part: remainder

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am. 2/rev. (PPE): 1st part: text without deleting 13 words
2nd part: this deletion

para. 21 (UEN): 1st part: text without point (d)
2nd part: point (d)

The following spoke:

— Mr Watson spoke on the split vote on am. 2/rev.

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE) (*Part II, Item 10b*).

20. Situation in East Timor (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0067, 0111, 0112, 0113, 0114 and 0115/99

The following spoke: Hautala who, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, withdrew am. 1, and Costa Neves, to request a RCV (the President replied that the deadline for making such a request had expired).

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0067, 0111, 0112, 0113, 0114 and 0115/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Pacheco Pereira, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Oostlander and Costa Neves, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Soares, Barón Crespo, Seguro and Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Maaten and Lynne, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Hautala, McKenna, Knörr Borràs and de Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group,
Figueiredo, Miranda and Ainardi, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Portas, Queiró, Collins and Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group
- seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Amendment withdrawn: 1

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 11*).

21. European Reconstruction Agency * (vote)

Pack report — A5-0013/99
(*Simple majority*)

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(99)0312 — C5-0062/99 — 1999/0132(CNS):

The following spoke: Van der Laan who, on behalf of the ELDR Group, withdrew am. 32 and asked for split votes on various other amendments (the President replied that the deadline for such a request had expired), Pack, rapporteur, and Cohn-Bendit, regarding Mrs Van der Laan's request.

Amendments adopted: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 17, 21, 23 to 26 and 28 collectively; 2, 6, 12, 19 and 22 collectively; 3; 9; 15; 16; 27

Amendments rejected: 30; 31; 33; 34; 29

Amendments cancelled: 13 (identical to am. 12); 20 (covered in the text of am. 19)

Amendment withdrawn: 32

Separate votes: ams. 2, 6, 12, 19 and 22 (UEN)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 12*).

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DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

The following spoke: Pack, rapporteur, who asked for the vote on the draft legislative resolution to be postponed, and Swoboda who, on behalf of the PSE Group, asked for this vote to be put off until the following part-session.

Parliament agreed to this request.

22. Tenth EC-UNRWA Convention (1999-2001) * (vote)

Morgantini report — A5-0010/99
(Simple majority)

DRAFT DECISION COM(1999)0334 — C5-0059/99 — 1999/0143(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1, 2

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 13*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 13*).

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Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

McKenna report (A5-0003/99)

- *orally:* MacCormick
- *in writing:* Souchet

Jackson report (A5-0002/99)

- *in writing:* Thomas-Mauro

Area of freedom, security and justice

- *orally:* Berthu; Corbett
- *in writing:* Laguiller; Theonas; Färm, Andersson, Schori, Hedkvist Petersen; Theorin; Blak, Lund, Thorning-Schmidt

Charter of fundamental rights

- *in writing:* Hager; Berthu

East Timor

- *in writing:* Souchet

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Corrections to votes — Members present but not voting

Dührkop Dührkop — Fabra Vallés report (A5-0009/99)

- Final vote
Intended to vote for: Oomen-Ruijten
Intended to abstain: Fitzsimons

Hatzidakis report (A5-0005/99)

- Final vote
Intended to abstain: Fitzsimons

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McKenna report (A5-0003/99)

- Final vote
Intended to vote for: Oomen-Ruijten, Fitzsimons

Area of freedom, security and justice

- Am. 1
Intended to abstain: Fitzsimons
- Final vote
Intended to vote for: Désir
Intended to abstain: Crowley; Fitzsimons

END OF VOTING TIME

(The sitting was suspended at 12.45 and resumed at 15.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr WIEBENGA

Vice-President

23. Financial crisis in Russia (statement with debate)

Mr Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission, made a statement on the financial crisis in Russia.

The following spoke: Swoboda, who regretted the lack of attendance in the Chamber and asked the President to consult the Bureau on this problem (the President agreed to do this), Provan, on behalf of the PPE Group, Paasilinna, on behalf of the PSE Group, Väyrynen, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Lambert, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Turchi, on behalf of the UEN Group, Belder, on behalf of the EDD Group, Titley and Schroedter.

The President closed the debate.

TOPICAL AND URGENT DEBATE

The next item was the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance (*for titles and authors of motions see Minutes of Tuesday 14 September 1999, Item 3*).

24. Earthquakes in Turkey and Greece (debate)

The next item was the debate on 11 motions for resolutions (B5-0072, 0077, 0087, 0088, 0104, 0109, 0074, 0076, 0086, 0089 and 0102/99).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Van Orden, Swoboda, Ceyhun, Duff, Karamanou, Papayannakis, Korakas, Marinos and Ceyhun.

The following spoke: Uca, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 28

IN THE CHAIR: Mr FRIEDRICH

Vice-President

Mr Papayannakis protested at the fact the topical and urgent debate had begun before 16.00 (the President replied that this debate had been scheduled to begin immediately after the conclusion of the preceding item).

25. Dagestan (debate)

The next item was the debate on six motions for resolutions (B5-0071, 0078, 0085, 0090, 0095 and 0103/99).

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The following introduced motions for resolutions: Wiersma, Schleicher, Haarder and Schroedter.

The following spoke: Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission and Posselt.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 29.

26. Human rights (debate)

The next item was the debate on 17 motions for resolutions (B5-0080, 0092, 0100, 0105, 0073, 0081, 0091, 0096, 0108, 0079, 0093, 0098, 0107, 0069, 0083, 0097 and 0106/99)

Jailed citizens of Kosovo

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Wiersma, Pack and Staes.

Mr Dupuis spoke in the debate.

Burma

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Ghilardotti, Majj-Weggen, Knörr Borràs.

Situation in Iran

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Zimeray, Morillon, Malmström and Wuori.

Mr Belder spoke on behalf of the EDD Group.

Togo

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Watson, Schwaiger and Rod.

Mr Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission, spoke in the debate.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 30.

27. Lusaka agreement (debate)

The next item was the joint debate on six motions for resolution (B5-0070, 0082, 0084, 0094, 0099 and 0101/99).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Van Hecke, Ducarme and Maes.

The following spoke in the debate: Ries and Kinnock, Vice-President of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

vote: Part I, Item 31

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

VOTE

(Simple majority required)

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28. Earthquakes in Turkey and Greece (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0072, 0077, 0087, 0088, 0104, 0109, 0074, 0076, 0086, 0089 and 0102/99:

Turkey

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0072, 0077, 0087, 0088, 0104, 0109/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Van Orden, Oostlander and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group
Duff, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Ceyhun and Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Papayannakis, Korakas, Bakopoulos, Alavanos and Ainardi, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group

seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Split votes:

- para. 3 (PPE):
- 1st part: text without the words 'the creation of a European Research Institute for' (adopted)
 - 2nd part: these words (adopted by EV (95 for, 67 against, 2 abstentions))

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 14(a)*).

Greece

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0074, 0076, 0086, 0089 and 0102/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Giannakou-Koutsikou, Oostlander, Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Katiforis, on behalf of the PSE Group
Duff, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Hautala, Lannoye, Ceyhun, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Korakas, Papayannakis, Bakopoulos, Koulourianos, Alavanos, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group

seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Amendments adopted: 1 by EV (100 for, 98 against, 1 abstention)

Split votes:

- para. 4 (PPE):
- 1st part: text without the words 'the creation of a European Research Institute for' (adopted)
 - 2nd part: these words (adopted by EV (104 for, 84 against, 1 abstention))

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 14(b)*).

29. Dagestan (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0071, 0078, 0085, 0090, 0095 and 0103/99

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0071, 0078, 0085, 0090, 0095 and 0103/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Lehne, Posselt and Sjöstedt, on behalf of the PPE Group
Krehl, Sakellariou, Wiersma and Jöns, on behalf of the PSE Group
Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Schroedter, Lambert, Isler Béguin and Voggenhuber, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Alavanos and Vinci, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group

seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 15*).

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30. Human rights (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0080, 0092, 0100, 0105, 0073, 0081, 0091, 0096, 0108, 0079, 0093, 0098, 0107, 0069, 0083, 0097 and 0106/99

Jailed citizens of Kosovo

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0080, 0092, 0100 and 0105/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Pack and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Schori and Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group
Haarder, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Staes and Wuori, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 16(a)*).

Burma

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B5-0073/99

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0081, 0091, 0096, 0108/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Maij-Weggen, Van Hecke and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Veltroni, on behalf of the PSE Group
Nicholson of Winterbourne and Van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group
McKenna and De Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Vinci, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 16(b)*).

Situation in Iran

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0079, 0093, 0098, 0107/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Morillon and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Berès, on behalf of the PSE Group
Malmström and Ries, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Gahrton, Cohn-Bendit, Wuori, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Alavanos, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Amendment adopted: 1

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 16(c)*).

Togo

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0083, 0097 and 0106/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Schwaiger, Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, on behalf of the PSE Group
Watson, Van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Rod, Maes, Schörling, Lucas, Boumediene-Thiery, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 16(d)*).

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31. Lusaka agreement (vote)

Motions for resolutions B5-0070, 0082, 0084, 0094, 0099 and 0101/99
(Motion for a resolution B5-0082 had been withdrawn)

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B5-0070, 0084, 0094, 0099 and 0101/99:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Van Hecke and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group
Sauquillo, on behalf of the PSE Group
Ducarme, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Van den Bos and Ries, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Muscardini, on behalf of UEN Group
- seeking to replace these motions for resolutions by a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 17*).

END OF TOPICAL AND URGENT DEBATE

32. Membership of committees

At the request of the PSE Group, Parliament ratified the appointments of Mr Watts, Mr Bösch, Mr Wiersma and Mr Iivari as members of the Committee on Petitions.

33. Agenda for next sitting

The President referred Members to the document 'Agenda' (PE 279.928/OJVE).

34. Closure of sitting

The President closed the sitting at 17.40.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Nicole Fontaine
President

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Abitbol, Ainardi, Alavanos, Almeida Garrett, Alyssandrakis, Andersson, Andreasen, Andrews, Angelilli, Aparicio Sánchez, Arvidsson, Atkins, Attwooll, Auroi, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Bakopoulos, Balfe, Balta, Banotti, Barón Crespo, Bautista Ojeda, Bayrou, Beazley, Belder, Berend, Berenguer Fuster, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Bernié, Berthu, Bethell, Beysen, Bigliardo, Blak, Blokland, Bodrato, Böge, Bösch, von Boetticher, Bordes, van den Bos, Bossu, Boudjenah, Boumediene-Thiery, Bourlanges, Bouwman, Bowe, Bowis, Bradbourn, Breyer, Brok, Brunetta, Buitenweg, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Callanan, Campos, Camre, Candal, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrillo, Casaca, Cashman, Caudron, Caullery, Cauquil, Cederschiöld, Celli, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Cesaro, Ceyhun, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Collins, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Corrie, Cossutta, Costa Raffaele, Costa Neves, Coûteaux, Cox, Crowley, Cunha, Cushnahan, van Dam, Damião, Darras, Daul, Davies, De Clercq, Decourrière, Dell'Alba, De Mita, Deprez, De Rossa, de Sarnez, Désir, Deva, De Veyrac, Díez González, Di Lello Finuoli, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Di Pietro, Donnelly, Dover, Doyle, Ducarme, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duhamel, Dupuis, Dybkjær, Ebner, Echerer, Efthymiou, Elles, Eriksson, Esclopé, Ettl, Evans Jillian, Evans Jonathan, Evans Robert J.E., Fabra Vallés, Färm, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiebigler, Figueiredo, Fini, Fiori, Fitto, Fitzsimons, Flautre, Fleisch, Florenz, Folias, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Foster, Fourtoul, Fraga Estévez, Frahm, Fraisse, Frassoni, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, Garaud, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasòliba i Böhm, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gill, Gillig, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glante, Glase, Gobbo, Goebbels, Goepel, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Goodwill, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graça Moura, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Haarder, Hänsch, Hager, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Heaton-Harris, Hedkvist Petersen, Helmer, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Hoff, Holmes, Howitt, Hudghton, Hughes, Huhne, van Hulten, Hyland, Iivari, Ilgenfritz, Imbeni, Inglewood, Isler Béguin, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggler, Jensen, Jöns, Jonckhert, Jové Peres, Junker, Karamanou, Karas, Karoutchi, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kefler, Khanbhai, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klauf, Knörr Borràs, Knolle, Konrad, Korakas, Korhola, Koukiadis, Koulourianos, Krarup, Kratsa, Kreissl-Dörfler, Krivine, Kronberger, Kuhne, Kuntz, van der Laan, Lage, Lagendijk, Laguiller, Lalumière, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lang, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, La Perriere, Laschet, Lavarra, Lechner, Lehne, Leinen, Le Pen, Lienemann, Liese, Linkohr, Lipietz, Lisi, Lucas, Ludford, Lüttge, Lulling, Lund, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCartin, MacCormick, McKenna, McNally, Maes, Majj-Weggen, Malliori, Malmström, Manders, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marchiani, Marinho, Marini, Marinos, Markov, Marques, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martin Hugues, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Mathieu, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Mennea, Menrad, Messner, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Miranda, Modrow, Mombaur, Montfort, Moreira Da Silva, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Müller Rosemarie, Mulder, Murphy, Musotto, Musumeci, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, Nobilia, Nogueira Román, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Okking, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Ortuondo Larrea, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Pacheco Pereira, Paciotti, Pack, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Papayannakis, Pasqua, Patrie, Paulsen, Pérez Álvarez, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pesälä, Piecyk, Piétrasanta, Pirker, Pisicchio, Pittella, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Podestà, Poettering, Pohjamo, Poli, Pomés Ruiz, Poos, Posselt, Procacci, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, Purvis, Queiro, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Raymond, Read, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rocard, Rod, Rodríguez Ramos, de Roo, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roure, Rovsing, Rübiger, Rühle, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Saint-Josse, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sánchez García, Sandbæk, Sanders-ten Holte, Santer, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Savary, Sbarbati, Scallon, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmid Gerhard, Schmid Herman, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schori, Schröder Ilka, Schröder Jürgen, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Segni, Seguro, Seppänen, Sichrovsky, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smet, Soares, Sörensen, Sommer, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Speroni, Staes, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Swiebel, Swoboda, Sylla, Tajani, Tannock, Taylor, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thielemans, Thomas-Mauro, Thorning-Schmidt, Thors, Thyssen, Titford, Tittley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Turchi, Turmes, Uca, Vachetta, Väyrynen, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vander Taelen, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, Vattimo, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, de Villiers, Villiers, Vinci, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Volcic, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Wuori, Wurtz, Wyn, Wynn, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimeray, Zimmerling, Zissener

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Abstention: 11**EDD:** Farage, Okking, Titford**GUE/NGL:** Alyssandrakis, Bordes, Cauquil, Laguiller, Vachetta**PPE:** Costa Raffaele, Giannakou-Koutsikou**PSE:** Campos**Hatzidakis report A5-0005/99****Legislative resolution****For: 469****EDD:** Belder, Blokland, van Dam**ELDR:** Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga**GUE/NGL:** Ainardi, Alavanos, Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Boudjenah, Cossutta, Di Lello Finuoli, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, Fraisse, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Korakas, Manisco, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Papayannakis, Puerta, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Vinci, Wurtz**NI:** Formentini, Gobbo, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Sichrovsky, Speroni**PPE:** Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Atkins, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Beazley, Berend, Bethell, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bourlanges, Bowis, Bradbourn, Brok, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Carlsson, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deva, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Ebner, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Florenz, Foliás, Foster, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Goodwill, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggler, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Knolle, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Maat, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Niebler, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pirker, Pisciocchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Rovsing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Scallan, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Tajani, Tannock, Theato, Thyssen, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Wijkman, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener**PSE:** Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, van den Berg, Berger, Blak, Bösch, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Görlach, Gröner, Hänsch, Haug, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Karamanou, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Kuhne, Lage, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poos, Prets, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn

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UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Queiro, Segni, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Breyer, Buitenweg, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Hudghton, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lucas, MacCormick, McKenna, Maes, Messner, Nogueira Román, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Rühle, Schörling, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 1

UEN: Coûteaux

Abstention: 27

EDD: Bernié, Bonde, Esclopé, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Mathieu, Okking, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk, Titford

GUE/NGL: Bordes, Cauquil, Eriksson, Krivine, Laguiller, Vachetta

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez

PPE: Costa Raffaele

UEN: Berthu

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EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Krarup, Mathieu, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk

ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Flesch, Gasóliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Boudjenah, Cossutta, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebigler, Figueiredo, Frahm, Fraisse, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Manisco, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Morgantini, Papayannakis, Puerta, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Formentini, Garaud, Gobbo, Gollnisch, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Sichrovsky, Speroni

PPE: Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Atkins, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Beazley, Berend, Bethell, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bourlanges, Bowis, Bradbourn, Brok, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Carlsson, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deva, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Ebner, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Florenz, Folia, Foster, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Goodwill, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggler, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaf, Knolle, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Maat, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Niebler, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pérez Álvarez, Perry, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Roving, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafrañca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Scallon, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner,

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Stenmarck, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Tajani, Tannock, Theato, Thyssen, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Wijkman, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, van den Berg, Berger, Blak, Bösch, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Cashman, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Gröner, Hänsch, Haug, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Kuhne, Lage, Lange, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Nair, Napolitano, Napolitano, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma

UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Berthu, Collins, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Segni, Turchi

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Breyer, Buitenweg, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lipietz, Lucas, MacCormick, McKenna, Maes, Messner, Nogueira Román, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Rühle, Schörling, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 9

UEN: Abitbol, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Montfort, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro

Abstention: 12

EDD: Farage, Holmes, Okking, Titford

GUE/NGL: Bordes, Cauquil, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller

PPE: Costa Raffaele

PSE: Wynn

UEN: Queiro

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Amendment 1

For: 224

ELDR: Haarder

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Boudjenah, Cossutta, Di Lello Finuoli, Eriksson, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Frahm, Fraisse, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Manisco, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Morgantini, Papayannakis, Puerta, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Sylla, Theonas, Uca, Wurtz

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, van den Berg, Berger, Blak, Bösch, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Morterero, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Corbey, Damião, Darras, De Rossa, Désir, Díez González, Donnelly, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gill, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Gröner, Hänsch, Haug, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, van Hulten, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Junker, Karamanou, Keßler, Kindermann, Kinnock, Koukiadis, Kuhne, Lage, Lange, Leinen,

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Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lund, McAvan, McCarthy, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Müller Rosemarie, Murphy, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, O'Toole, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Skinner, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Swiebel, Swoboda, Taylor, Theorin, Thielemans, Thorning-Schmidt, Titley, Torres Marques, Trentin, Tsatsos, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Volcic, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wynn, Zimeray

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Breyer, Buitenweg, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lipietz, Lucas, MacCormick, McKenna, Maes, Messner, Nogueira Román, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Rühle, Schörling, Schröder Ilka, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 275

EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, van Dam, Esclopé, Raymond

ELDR: Andreasen, Beysen, van den Bos, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mulder, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooi-jan Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Formentini, Garaud, Gobbo, Gollnisch, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez, Sichrovsky, Speroni

PPE: Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Atkins, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Beazley, Berend, Bethell, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bourlanges, Bowis, Bradbourn, Brok, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Carlsson, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Cocilovo, Coelho, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, Deva, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Ebner, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Florenz, Folia, Foster, Fournou, Fraga Estévez, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Garriga Polledo, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Goodwill, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Hannan, Hansenne, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Inglewood, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggel, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaf, Knolle, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Maat, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Niebler, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Perry, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Røvsing, Rübig, Sacrédeus, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Scallon, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner, Stenmarck, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Suominen, Tajani, Tannock, Theato, Thyssen, Van Hecke, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Villiers, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener

UEN: Abitbol, Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Collins, Coûteaux, Hyland, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Pasqua, Queiro, Segni, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro, Turchi

Abstention: 16

EDD: Bonde, Farage, Holmes, Krarup, Okking, Sandbæk, Titford

ELDR: Attwooll, Nicholson of Winterbourne

GUE/NGL: Bordes, Cauquil, Korakas, Krivine, Laguiller, Vachetta

PPE: Costa Raffaele

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ELDR: Andreasen, Attwooll, Beysen, van den Bos, Busk, Cox, Davies, De Clercq, Di Pietro, Ducarme, Duff, Dybkjær, Flesch, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Huhne, Jensen, van der Laan, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Mennea, Mulder, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Paulsen, Pesälä, Plooij-van Gorsel, Pohjamo, Procacci, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sánchez García, Sanders-ten Holte, Sbarbati, Schmidt, Sterckx, Thors, Väyrynen, Virrankoski, Wallis, Watson, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Boudjenah, Cossutta, Di Lello Finuoli, Fiebiger, Figueiredo, Fraisse, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Kaufmann, Manisco, Markov, Meijer, Miranda, Modrow, Morgantini, Papayannakis, Puerta, Sylla, Uca, Vinci, Wurtz

NI: Formentini, Gobbo, Hager, Ilgenfritz, Kronberger, Sichrovsky, Speroni

PPE: Almeida Garrett, Arvidsson, Averoff, Aviles Perea, Ayuso González, Banotti, Bayrou, Berend, Bethell, Bodrato, Böge, von Boetticher, Bourlanges, Brok, Brunetta, Carlsson, Cederschiöld, Cocilovo, Coelho, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, Daul, Decourrière, De Mita, Deprez, de Sarnez, De Veyrac, Dimitrakopoulos, Doyle, Ebner, Fabra Vallés, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Fiori, Fitto, Florenz, Folias, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Gahler, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Orcoyen Tormo, Garriga Polledo, Gemelli, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graça Moura, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez Cortines, Hansenne, Hatzidakis, Hernandez Mollar, Hieronymi, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jeggle, Karas, Karoutchi, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klamt, Klaß, Knolle, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa, Lamassoure, Langen, Langenhagen, Laschet, Lechner, Lehne, Liese, Lisi, Maat, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marini, Marinos, Marques, Martens, Martin Hugues, Mauro, Mayer Hans-Peter, Mayer Xaver, Menrad, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morillon, Müller Emilia Franziska, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, Novelli, Ojeda Sanz, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pacheco Pereira, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pérez Álvarez, Pirker, Pisicchio, Podestà, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Reis, Ridruejo, Røvsing, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Scallon, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Smet, Sommer, Stauner, Stenmarck, Sudre, Suominen, Tajani, Theato, Thyssen, Van Hecke, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vatanen, van Velzen, Viceconte, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Zabel, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener

PSE: Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Balfe, Balta, Barón Crespo, Berenguer Fuster, van den Berg, Berger, Bösch, Bowe, Bullmann, van den Burg, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carraro, Carrilho, Casaca, Cercas Alonso, Cerdeira Mortero, Colom i Naval, Corbey, Damião, Darras, De Rossa, Díez González, Dührkop Dührkop, Duhamel, Efthymiou, Ettl, Färm, Fava, Ford, Fruteau, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gillig, Glante, Görlach, Gröner, Hänsch, Haug, Hedkvist Petersen, Hoff, Hughes, van Hulten, Iivari, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Keßler, Kindermann, Koukiadis, Kuhne, Lage, Lange, Lavarra, Leinen, Lienemann, Linkohr, Lüttge, McNally, Malliori, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martin David W., Martin Hans-Peter, Martínez Martínez, Mastorakis, Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Müller Rosemarie, Myller, Nair, Napoletano, Napolitano, Paasilinna, Paciotti, Pérez Royo, Piecyk, Pittella, Poos, Prets, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Rocard, Rodríguez Ramos, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roure, Ruffolo, Sacconi, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scheele, Schmid Gerhard, Schori, Schulz, Seguro, Soares, Sornosa Martínez, Souladakis, Sousa Pinto, Swiebel, Swoboda, Thielemans, Torres Marques, Trentin, Vairinhos, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vattimo, Walter, Weiler, Westendorp y Cabeza, Wiersma, Zimeray

UEN: Segni

Verts/ALE: Auroi, Boumediene-Thiery, Bouwman, Breyer, Buitenweg, Ceyhun, Cohn-Bendit, Echerer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Hudghton, Isler Béguin, Jonckherr, Knörr Borràs, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lipietz, Lucas, MacCormick, Maes, Messner, Nogueira Román, Onesta, Ortuondo Larrea, Piétrasanta, Rod, de Roo, Rühle, Schroedter, Sörensen, Staes, Turmes, Vander Taelen, Voggenhuber, Wuori, Wyn

Against: 96

EDD: Belder, Bernié, Blokland, Bonde, van Dam, Esclopé, Krarup, Mathieu, Raymond, Saint-Josse, Sandbæk

GUE/NGL: Alyssandrakis, Bakopoulos, Bordes, Cauquil, Eriksson, Frahm, Krivine, Laguiller, Schmid Herman, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Theonas, Vachetta

NI: Bigliardo, Dillen, Garaud, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Pen, Martinez

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PPE: Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Callanan, Chichester, Corrie, Deva, Dover, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Foster, Goodwill, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Inglewood, Jackson, Khanbhai, Kirkhope, Nicholson, Perry, Provan, Purvis, Sacrédeus, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Villiers

PSE: Cashman, Donnelly, Gill, Howitt, Kinnock, McAvan, McCarthy, Miller, Moraes, Morgan, Murphy, Read, Skinner, Taylor, Titley, Volcic, Watts, Whitehead, Wynn

UEN: Abitbol, Berthu, Camre, Caullery, Coûteaux, Kuntz, La Perriere, Marchiani, Montfort, Pasqua, Queiro, Souchet, Thomas-Mauro

Abstention: 25

EDD: Farage, Holmes, Okking, Titford

GUE/NGL: Korakas, Koulourianos

PPE: Costa Raffaele

PSE: Blak, Corbett, Lund, O'Toole, Theorin, Thorning-Schmidt

UEN: Andrews, Angelilli, Berlato, Collins, Hyland, Muscardini, Musumeci, Nobilia, Turchi

Verts/ALE: McKenna, Schörling, Schröder Ilka

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ADOPTED TEXTS

1. SAB 1/99, 3/99 and 4/99**A5-0009/1999****Resolution on the draft supplementary and amending budgets 1, 3 and 4 to the budget of the European Union for the 1999 financial year (C5-0021/1999, C5-0074/1999 and C5-0136/1999)***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 272 thereof,
 - having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 234 thereof,
 - having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as last amended by Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 2779/98⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 1999, finally adopted on 17 December 1998⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/99 to the 1999 budget submitted by the Commission on 28 June 1999,
 - having regard to draft supplementary and amending budget 1/99 to the 1999 budget, established by the Council on 28 June 1999 (C5-0021/1999),
 - having regard to draft supplementary and amending budget 3/99, established by the Council on 16 July 1999 (C5-0074/1999),
 - having regard to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 4/99 to the 1999 budget, submitted by the Commission on 8 September 1999 (C5-0130/1999),
 - having regard to draft supplementary and amending budget 4/99 to the 1999 budget, established by the Council on 13 September 1999 (C5-0136/1999),
 - having regard to point 59 of Article 2 of the Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related acts⁽³⁾, repealing Protocol 16 of the Treaty on European Union of 1993 whereby a Joint Organisational Structure was created for the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions,
 - having regard the cooperation agreement between the two Committees of 3 June 1999,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A5-0009/1999),
- A. whereas draft supplementary and amending budget 1/99 deals with the balances of the budget of the year 1998,
- B. whereas draft supplementary and amending budget 3/99 deals with a request from the Court of Justice to install a new word-processing system, as well as a request from the Committee of the Regions to create posts for a financial controller and an accounting officer,
- C. whereas draft supplementary and amending budget 4/99 is intended to provide the financial resources required to set up the European Agency for the reconstruction of Kosovo, to provide macro-economic aid to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to provide humanitarian aid to Turkey, and moreover to provide the necessary payment appropriations for the PHARE and TACIS programmes and for the aforementioned actions,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 23.12.1998, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 39, 12.2.1999.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 340, 10.11.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

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1. Accepts the Council's draft supplementary and amending budget 1/99 of 28 June 1999 without amendment;
2. Accepts the Council's draft supplementary and amending budget 3/99 of 16 July 1999 without amendment;
3. Notes that the Council has accepted without modification preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 4/99;
4. Notes that draft supplementary and amending budget 4/99 contains the following elements:
 - (a) a reduction of € 200 million in the commitment and payment appropriations for agricultural expenditure;
 - (b) € 92 million in commitment appropriations for the setting up of the European Agency for the reconstruction of Kosovo;
 - (c) € 15 million in commitment appropriations for macro-financial aid to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
 - (d) € 30 million in commitment appropriations for humanitarian aid to Turkey;
 - (e) € 75 million in payment appropriations for the PHARE programme;
 - (f) € 75 million in payment appropriations for the programmes for the former Yugoslavia, excluding Kosovo;
 - (g) € 30 million in payment appropriations for aid to Kosovo;
 - (h) the creation of 15 posts, including 1 A1, for the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF),
5. Takes note of the opinion of the OLAF Supervisory Committee concerning their staff requirements from 1999 onwards; insists that the Commission include these proposals in preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 5/99 which has already been announced for October;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the institutions and advisory bodies concerned.

2. Citizens' freedoms and rights, justice and home affairs *I** (procedure without debate)**A5-0012/1999****Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the field of citizens' freedoms and rights, justice and home affairs (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999)**

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam requires a change of legal basis and/or procedure (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 – SEC(1999)0581 – C4-0219/1999),

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.

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- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs (A5-0012/1999),
1. Decides not to confirm, as a first reading under the codecision procedure, the text adopted on 13 April 1999⁽¹⁾ on the proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Community action programme to promote the integration of refugees (COM(1998) 731 — C4-0049/1999 — 1998/0356(COD) — former 1998/0356(CNS));
 2. Calls on the Commission to present a proposal for a European Refugee Fund, covering structural measures for refugees as regards their reception, their integration and their repatriation;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 79.

3. Employment and social affairs ***I (procedure without debate)

A5-0006/1999

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the field of employment and social affairs (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council — Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 — C4-0219/1999)

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty requires a change in legal basis and/or procedure (SEC(1999) 581 — C4-0021/1999),
 - having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 — SEC(1999) 581 — C4-0219/1999),
 - having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A5-0006/1999),
1. Confirms as first readings under the codecision procedure its texts adopted on;
 - (a) 20 November 1991⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on minimum requirements to improve the mobility and safe transport to work of workers with reduced mobility (COM(1990) 588 — C3-0167/1991 — 1990/0327(COD) — formerly 1990/0327(SYN));
 - (b) 14 July 1993⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for transport activities and workplaces on means of transport (individual directive within the meaning of Article 16 of Directive 89/0391/EEC) (COM(1992) 234 — C3-0477/1992 — 1992/0420(COD) — formerly 1992/0420(SYN));
 - (c) 20 April 1994⁽⁴⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (COM(1992) 560 — C3-0158/1993 — 1992/0449(COD) — formerly 1992/0449(SYN));

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 326, 16.12.1991, p. 83.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 255, 20.9.1993, p. 72.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 128, 9.5.1994, p. 146.

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- (d) 24 February 1994⁽¹⁾ on the proposal for a Council Decision adopting a medium-term action programme to combat exclusion and promote solidarity; a new programme to support and stimulate innovation (1994-1999) (COM(1993) 435 – C3-0522/1993 – 1993/0936(COD) – formerly 1993/0936(SYN));
- (e) 18 February 1997⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending, for the benefit of unemployed persons, Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community, and Regulation (EEC) 0574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 (COM(1995) 734 – C4-0166/1996 – 1996/0004(COD) – formerly 1996/0004(CNS));
- (f) 28 November 1996⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending, for the benefit of beneficiaries of pre-retirement benefits, Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to the members of their families moving within the Community, and Regulation (EEC) 0574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 (COM(1995) 735 – C4-0108/1996 – 1996/0001(COD) – formerly 1996/0001(CNS));
- (g) 6 October 1998⁽⁴⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 as regards its extension to nationals of third countries (COM(1997) 561 – C4-0012/1998 – 1997/0320(COD) – formerly 1997/0320(CNS));
- (h) 14 April 1999⁽⁵⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community (COM(1998) 612 – C4-0706/1998 – 1998/0315(COD) – formerly 1998/0315(SYN));

2. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 77, 14.3.1994, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 85, 17.3.1997, p. 25.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 380, 16.12.1996, p. 89.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 328, 26.10.1998, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 223.

4. Environment, public health and consumer policy ***I (procedure without debate)

A4-0004/1999

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the field of the environment, public health and consumer protection (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999)

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam requires a change of legal basis and/or procedure (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 – SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.

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- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (A5-0004/1999),
1. Confirms as first readings under the codecision procedure its texts adopted;
 - (a) on 17 December 1998⁽¹⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Decision establishing a scheme to monitor the average specific emissions of carbon dioxide from new passenger cars (COM(1998) 348 — C4-0425/1998 — 1998/0202(COD) — formerly 1998/0202(SYN));
 - (b) on 17 December 1998⁽²⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer (COM(1998) 398 — C4-0580/1998 — 1998/0228(COD) — formerly 1998/0228(SYN));
 - (c) on 20 October 1998⁽³⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (COM(1996) 511 — C4-0191/1997 — 1996/0304(COD) — formerly 1996/0304(SYN));
 - (d) on 11 February 1999⁽⁴⁾ concerning the proposal and the amended proposals for a Council Directive on establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (COM(1997) 49 — C4-0192/1997, COM(1997) 614 — C4-0120/1998 and COM(1998) 76 — C4-0121/1998 — 1997/67(COD) — formerly 1997/0067(SYN));
 - (e) on 14 April 1999⁽⁵⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 88/0609/EEC on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants (COM(1998) 415 — C4-0591/1998 — 1998/0225(COD) — formerly 1998/0225(SYN));
 - (f) on 19 July 1996⁽⁶⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 90/0539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs (COM(1995) 535 — C4-0027/1996 — 1995/0268(COD) — formerly 1995/0268(CNS)) and the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 91/0494/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultry meat (COM(1995) 535 — C4-0028/1996 — 1995/0269(COD) — formerly 1995/0269(CNS));
 - (g) on 15 February 1996⁽⁷⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 79/0409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds (COM(1994) 39 — C3-0197/1994 — 1994/0061(COD) — formerly 1994/0061(SYN));
 - (h) on 12 December 1996⁽⁸⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the quality of bathing water (COM(1994) 36 — 1994/0006(COD) — formerly 1994/0006(SYN));
 - (i) on 18 November 1994⁽⁹⁾ concerning the proposal for a Council Decision establishing rules for the recognition of third country health and veterinary inspection measures for fresh meat and meat products as equivalent to those applied to Community production, and for the conditions to be met for importation into the Community and amending Council Directive 72/0462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat and meat products (COM(1994) 394 — C4-0170/1994 — 1994/0208(COD) — formerly 1994/0208(CNS));
 - (j) on 18 May 1990⁽¹⁰⁾ concerning the proposal for a Decision safeguard measures in the veterinary field in the framework of the internal market (COM(1989) 493 — C3-0206/1989 — 1989/1040(COD) — formerly 1989/1040(CNS));
 - (k) on 16 June 1998⁽¹¹⁾ concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 64/0432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (COM(1998) 81 — C4-0123/1998 — 1998/0052(COD));

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 98, 9.4.1999, p. 240.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 98, 9.4.1999, p. 260.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 341, 9.11.1998, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 150, 28.5.1999, p. 388.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 243.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 261, 9.9.1996, p. 187.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 65, 4.3.1996, p. 151.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ C 20, 20.1.1997, p. 112.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ C 341, 5.12.1994, p. 206.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ C 149, 18.6.1990, p. 281.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ C 210, 6.7.1998, p. 30.

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- (l) on 16 December 1998 ⁽¹⁾ concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 79/0373/EEC on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs and Directive 96/0025/EC on the circulation of feed materials (COM(1998) 435 – C4-0459/1998 – 1998/0238(COD));
- (m) on 19 February 1998 ⁽²⁾ concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 93/0074/EEC on feedingstuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes and amending Directives 74/0063/EEC, 79/0373/EEC and 82/0471/EEC (COM(1997) 408 – C4-0409/1997 – 1997/0208(COD)) and the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 95/0069/EC laying down the conditions and arrangements for approving and registering certain establishments and intermediaries operating in the animal feed sector (COM(1997) 409 – C4-0408/1997 – 1997/0213(COD));
2. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 098, 9.4.1999, p. 150.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 080, 16.3.1998, pp. 217 and 220.

5. Agriculture and rural development ***I (procedure without debate)

A5-0011/1999

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the sphere of agriculture and rural development (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999)

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam requires a change of legal basis and/or procedure (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999 ⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 – SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A5-0011/1999),

1. Confirms as first readings under the codecision procedure its texts adopted on;
- (a) 13 January 1999 ⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Decision on the application of aerial-survey and remote-sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 1999-2003 (COM(1998) 601 – C4-0708/98 – 1998/0296(COD) – former 1998/0296(SYN)), and
- (b) 4 May 1999 ⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 76/0625/EEC concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees (COM(1999) 78 – C4-0181/1999 – 1999/0051(COD) – former 1999/0051(SYN)),
2. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 104, 14.4.1999, p. 43.

⁽³⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 8.

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6. Regional policy, transport and tourism *I** (procedure without debate)

A5-0005/1999

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the field of regional policy, transport and tourism (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999)

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam requires a change in legal basis and procedure (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
 - regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 – SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
 - having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism (A5-0005/1999),
1. Confirms as first readings under the codecision procedure its texts adopted;
 - (a) on 25 October 1996⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the development of the Community's railways (COM(1995) 337 – C4-0555/1995 – 1995/0205(COD) – formerly 1995/0205(SYN));
 - (b) on 10 March 1999⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the development of the Community's railways (COM(1998) 480 – C4-0561/1998 – 1998/0265(COD) – formerly 1998/0265(SYN));
 - (c) on 10 March 1999⁽⁴⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 95/0018/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings (COM(1998) 480 – C4-0562/1998 – 1998/0266(COD) – formerly 1998/0266(SYN));
 - (d) on 9 February 1999⁽⁵⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Community (COM(1998) 117 – C4-0346/1988 – 1988/0097 (COD) – formerly 1998/0097(SYN));
 - (e) on 29 February 1996⁽⁶⁾ on the draft Council regulation (EC) on statistical returns in respect of carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air (COM(1995) 353 – C4-0419/1995 – 1995/0232 (COD) – formerly 1995/0232(CNS));
 - (f) on 19 February 1998⁽⁷⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on safety requirements and attestation of professional competence for cabin crews in Civil Aviation (COM(1997) 382 – C4-0460/97 – 1997/0212(COD) – formerly 1997/0212(SYN));
 - (g) on 31 March 1998⁽⁸⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on airport charges (COM(1997) 154 – C4-0362/1997 – 1997/0127 (COD) – formerly 1997/0127 (SYN));

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.⁽²⁾ OJ C 347, 18.11.1996, p. 427.⁽³⁾ OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 115.⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 119.⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 150, 28.5.1999, p. 27.⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 178, 18.3.1996, p. 28. This proposal was not included in Annex 2 (list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999) of SEC(1999) 581, but is the subject of Annex 1 (under Point 19).⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 80, 16.3.98, p. 205.⁽⁸⁾ OJ C 138, 4.5.1998, p. 30.

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- (h) on 17 July 1998⁽¹⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) 0295/91 establishing common rules for a denied-boarding compensation system in scheduled air transport (COM(1998) 41 – C4-0106/1998 – 1998/0022(COD) – formerly 1998/0022(SYN));
- (i) on 18 September 1996⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) 3922/91, on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (COM(1996) 186 – C4-0336/1996 – 1996/0119(COD) – formerly 1996/0119(SYN));
- (j) on 23 March 1999⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) 3922/91 of 16 December 1991 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (COM(1998) 759 – C4-0136/1999 – 1998/0349(COD) – formerly 1998/0349(SYN));
- (k) on 18 December 1998⁽⁴⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by vessels on inland waterways (COM(1997) 367 – C4-0449/1997 – 1997/0193(COD) – formerly 1997/0193(SYN));
- (l) on 20 October 1998⁽⁵⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 82/0714/EEC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (COM(1997) 644 – C4-0066/1998 – 1997/0335(COD) – formerly 1997/0335(SYN));
- (m) on 20 April 1994⁽⁶⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the setting-up of a European vessel reporting system in the maritime zones of Community Member States (COM(1993) 647 – C3-0023/1994 – 0491(COD) – formerly 0491(SYN));
- (n) on 12 March 1999⁽⁷⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on manning of regular passenger and ferry services operating in and between Member States – Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) 3577/92 applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport within Member States (maritime cabotage) (COM(1998) 251 – C4-0423/1998 – 1998/0158(COD) – formerly 1998/0158(SYN)) – C4-0424/1998 – 1998/0159(COD) – formerly 1998/0159(SYN));
- (o) on 11 February 1999⁽⁸⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues – 98/0249(SYN) (COM(1998) 452 – C4-0484/1998 – 1998/0249(COD) – formerly 1998/0249(SYN));
- (p) on 20 October 1998⁽⁹⁾ on the amended proposal for a Council Directive on the harmonisation of examination requirements for safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail or inland waterways (COM(1998) 803 – C4-0242/1998 – 1998/0106(COD) – formerly 1998/0106(SYN));
- (q) on 12 February 1999⁽¹⁰⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 92/0106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States and on 15 April 1999⁽¹¹⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 96/0053/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(1998) 414 – C4-0485/1998 – 1998/0226(COD) – formerly 1998/0226(SYN) and C4-0486/1998 – 1998/0227 (COD) – formerly 1998/0227(SYN));

2. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 292, 21.9.1998, p. 209.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 320, 28.10.1996, p. 73.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 177, 22.6.1999, p. 20.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 98, 9.4.1999, p. 486.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 341, 9.11.1998, p. 32.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 128, 9.5.1994, p. 137.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 438.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ C 150, 28.5.1999, p. 432.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ C 341, 9.11.1998, p. 29.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ C 150, 28.5.1999, p. 614.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 414.

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7. Women's rights and equal opportunities *I** (procedure without debate)**A5-0007/1999****Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on current legislative procedures in the field of women's rights and equal opportunities (Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council – Effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty) (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999)**

(Codecision procedure; confirmation of first readings)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending as at 1 May 1999 for which the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam requires a change of legal basis and/or procedure (SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999⁽¹⁾ on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam) (C4-0134/1999 – SEC(1999) 581 – C4-0219/1999),
- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities (A5-0007/1999),

1. (a) Decides not to confirm, as its first reading under the codecision procedure, the text adopted on 16 September 1988⁽²⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive completing the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in statutory and occupational social security schemes (COM(1987) 494 – C2-0226/1987 – 1987/0849(COD) – former 1987/0849(CNS)); and (b) Calls on the Commission to present a revised proposal for a Directive to Parliament, taking into account the political commitments the Commission has entered into and developments in the areas concerned;

2. Confirms as first reading under the codecision procedure its text adopted on 9 March 1999⁽³⁾ on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 76/0207/EEC on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions (COM(1996) 93 – C4-0317/1996 – 1996/0095(COD) – former 1996/0095(CNS));

3. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 262, 10.10.1988, p. 174.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 67.

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8. Accidental marine pollution ***I

A5-0003/1999

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision setting up a Community framework for cooperation in the field of accidental marine pollution (COM(1998) 769 – C4-0075/1999 – 1998/0350(COD) (ex 1998/0350(SYN))

The proposal was amended as follows:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION⁽¹⁾

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Recital 2

Whereas the Community Information System has served the purpose of making available to the competent authorities in the Member States the data required for the control and reduction of pollution caused by the spillage of hydrocarbons and other harmful substances at sea in large quantities; whereas the Information System will be simplified by the use of a modern automatic data processing system; whereas the need for rapid and efficient exchange of information requires an appropriate linguistic regime;

Whereas the Community Information System has served the purpose of making available to the competent authorities in the Member States the data required for the control and reduction of pollution caused by the spillage of hydrocarbons, **radio-active substances** and other harmful substances at sea in large quantities; whereas the Information System will be simplified by the use of a modern automatic data processing system; whereas the need for rapid and efficient exchange of information requires an appropriate linguistic regime;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 4

Whereas the Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development presented by the Commission foresees that the Community's activities will be stepped up in particular in the field of environmental emergencies which includes accidental marine pollution;

Whereas the Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development presented by the Commission foresees that the Community's activities will be stepped up in particular in the field of environmental emergencies which includes accidental marine pollution **and operational spills**;

(Amendment 3)

Recital 4a (new)

Having regard, in that context, to the proposal for a Council Directive on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues⁽¹⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 271, 31.8.1998, p. 79.

(Amendment 4)

Recital 5a (new)

Whereas 'accidental marine pollution' should be defined to include, but not be limited to, all releases of harmful substances into the marine environment, whether civilian or military, either directly on or into the sea, or from the shoreline, or river estuaries, or through releases from materials previously dumped at sea;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 25, 30.1.1999, p. 20.

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TEXT PROPOSED
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BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 5)

Recital 5b (new)

Whereas 'harmful substances' should be defined to include but not be limited to all materials covered by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, all radioactive substances and releases from dumped munitions;

(Amendment 6)

Recital 5c (new)

Having regard to Decision 98/3 of the conference of the OSPAR Conventions in Sintra in July 1998;

(Amendment 7)

Recital 5d (new)

Having regard to the Persistent Organic Pollutants protocol signed in June 1998 by the UN, which covers hormone-mimicking substances;

(Amendment 8)

Recital 5e (new)

Having regard to the OSPAR Conventions and the Esbjerg Declaration on hazardous substances in the marine environment;

(Amendment 9)

Recital 5f (new)

Having regard to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment in the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki Convention);

(Amendment 10)

Recital 5g (new)

Whereas emergency situations caused by accidental marine pollution off neighbouring third countries affect the Member States and vice-versa; whereas actions are needed to improve cooperation with neighbouring coastal countries participating in the PHARE, TACIS and MEDA programmes;

(Amendment 11)

Recital 5h (new)

Whereas those countries should normally themselves meet the costs arising from their participation, but whereas the Community may, for specific cases, decide to supplement the national contribution of the country concerned in the framework of the PHARE, TACIS and MEDA programmes;

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(Amendment 12)

Recital 5i (new)

Whereas receipts from third countries are resources pre-allocated to the framework for cooperation and are entered in the corresponding expenditure item;

(Amendment 13)

Recital 6a (new)

Whereas particular attention should be given within that framework programme to the problem of deliberate or operational oil spills from vessels in the Baltic Sea area;

(Amendment 14)

Article 1(2)

2. The framework for co-operation is intended to support and supplement Member States' efforts at national, regional and local levels for the protection of the marine environment, human health and coastlines against the risks for accidental pollution at sea and operational spills.

2. The framework for co-operation is intended to support and supplement Member States' efforts at national, regional and local levels for the protection of the marine environment, human health and coastlines against the risks for accidental pollution at sea and operational spills, **including releases from dumped munitions.**

'Accidental marine pollution' includes, but is not limited to, all releases of harmful substances into the marine environment, whether civilian or military, either directly on or into the sea, or from the shoreline, or river estuaries, or through releases from materials previously dumped at sea.

(Amendment 15)

Article 1(3)

3. The aim of the framework for co-operation is to contribute to improve capabilities of the Member States for response in case of incidents involving spills or imminent threats of spills of oil or other harmful substances at sea and also to contribute to the prevention of the risks. The framework for co-operation is further intended to create the conditions for and facilitate efficient mutual assistance and co-operation between Member States in this field.

3. The aim of the framework for co-operation is to contribute to improve capabilities of the Member States for response in case of incidents involving spills or imminent threats of spills of oil, **radioactive substances** or other harmful substances at sea and also to contribute to the prevention of the risks. The framework for co-operation is further intended to create the conditions for and facilitate efficient mutual assistance and co-operation between Member States in this field. **Pursuant to the polluter-pays principle, Member States are invited to cooperate to ensure that the principle of economic responsibility is applied and that fines imposed at administrative level in the coastal state which suffers the accidental pollution are recognised.**

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TEXT PROPOSED
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(Amendment 16)

Article 1(4)

4. Within this framework for co-operation, a Community Information System with the purpose of exchanging data for the preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution, including operational spills, is established. The system will consist of at least the components set out in Annex I.

4. Within this framework for co-operation, a Community Information System with the purpose of exchanging data for the preparedness for and response to accidental marine pollution, including operational spills **and munitions dump zones**, is established. The system will consist of at least the components set out in Annex I.

(Amendment 17)

Article 1(4a) (new)

4a. Neighbouring coastal countries participating in the PHARE, TACIS and MEDA programmes may participate in the actions implemented under the framework for co-operation. Community co-financing may be provided under the relevant provisions of the PHARE, TACIS and MEDA Regulations.

(Amendment 18)

Article 1(4b) (new)

4b. The annual breakdown of appropriations dedicated to the co-financing of this framework for cooperation by these countries is published in section III, part B, annex IV of the general budget.

(Amendment 19)

Article 3(2)(b)

(b) contribution to improving techniques and methods of response and rehabilitation after emergencies;

(b) contribution to improving techniques and methods of response and rehabilitation after emergencies, **including exchange of information between port authorities;**

(Amendment 20)

Article 3(2)(ca) (new)

(ca) contribution to providing better public information to help clarify risks and relaying accident information;

(Amendment 21)

Article 3(2)(cb) (new)

(cb) contribution to strengthening the integration of risk prevention and response with other local agencies including habitat protection bodies.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
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(Amendment 22)

Article 4, 2nd to 5th paragraphs

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the individual actions to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time limit, which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee and shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

The Commission may also refer other matters relating to accidental marine pollution to the advisory committee.

One representative of the partner countries mentioned in Article 1(5) may attend proceedings for those parts which may concern them, at those countries' own expense.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the individual actions to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time limit, which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes **which shall be published on the internet**; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee and shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

The Commission may also refer other matters relating to accidental marine pollution to the advisory committee.

The committee shall meet in public. It shall publish agendas two weeks in advance of its meetings. It shall publish minutes of its meetings. It shall establish a public register of declarations of interest by its members.

(Amendment 23)

Article 5

The Commission shall evaluate the implementation of the framework for co-operation at mid term and before its end, and report by 30 September 2002 and 31 March 2004 to the Council and European Parliament.

The Commission shall evaluate the implementation of the framework for co-operation at mid term and before its end, and report by 30 September 2002 and 31 March 2004 to the Council and European Parliament. **In its final report, the Commission shall make proposals for new measures to continue this action.**

(Amendment 24)

Annex I(3)(a) and (b)

- (a) a concise view of national structures and of the links between national authorities in the field of accidental marine pollution,
- (b) the inventory of main means for emergency response and clean-up from public and private sectors. This inventory will contain data on;
- number and qualification of the specialist staff,
 - mechanical resources for recovering hydrocarbons discharged at sea and preventing or combating coastal pollution, as well as on the specialist staff that will utilise these resources,

- (a) a concise view of national structures and of the links between national authorities in the field of accidental marine pollution **and operational spills areas**,
- (b) the inventory of main means for emergency response and clean-up from public and private sectors. This inventory will contain data on;
- number and qualification of the specialist staff,
 - mechanical resources for recovering hydrocarbons discharged at sea and preventing or combating **sea or coastal pollution from spills of oil or of radioactive or other harmful substances**, as well as on the specialist staff that will utilise these resources,

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- chemical and biological resources for combating pollution at sea and cleaning up coasts, as well as on the specialist staff that utilise these resources,
- strike teams,
- ships and aircraft equipped for combating pollution,
- mobile resources for temporary storage of recovered hydrocarbons and other harmful substances,
- systems for lightening oil-tankers,

- chemical and biological resources for combating pollution at sea and cleaning up coasts, **remediation expertise**, as well as on the specialist staff that utilise these resources,
- strike teams,
- ships and aircraft equipped for combating pollution,
- mobile resources for temporary storage of recovered hydrocarbons and other harmful substances,
- systems for lightening oil-tankers,
- **an emergency number for public use,**

(ba) list of munitions dump sites,

(Amendment 25)

Annex II, Action (A)(2), 1st paragraph

Organisation of the secondment of experts to another Member State in order to allow the experts to gain experience or appraise different techniques used or to study the approaches taken within other emergency services or other relevant bodies.

Organisation of the secondment of experts to another Member State in order to allow the experts to gain experience or appraise different techniques used or to study the approaches taken within other emergency services or other relevant bodies **such as non-governmental organisations with specialist expertise in accidental marine pollution.**

(Amendment 26)

Annex II, Action (A)(4)

Development and maintenance of a modern computerised information system to help the national authorities dealing with accidental marine pollution by providing the information needed for emergency management.

Development and maintenance of a modern computerised information system to help the national authorities dealing with accidental marine pollution **and pollution from operational spills** by providing the information needed for emergency management.

(Amendment 27)

Annex II, Action (B)

Projects designed to increase the Member States' capacity for response and rehabilitation. These projects are aimed mainly at improving means, techniques and procedures. Their scope shall interest all or several Member States, and could include projects for the implementation of new technologies related to accidental marine pollution. Projects involving two or more Member States will be encouraged.

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(Amendment 28)

Annex II, Action (C)(1)

Actions to support surveys of the environmental effects after an incident and to largely disseminate their results and the experience acquired to the other Member States.

Actions to support surveys of the environmental effects after an incident **evaluate the preventive and remedial measures taken** and widely disseminate their results and the experience acquired to the other Member States.

(Amendment 29)

Annex II, (C)(4)

Publications, exhibition material and other information to the public on the Community co-operation in the field of accidental marine pollution.

Publications, exhibition material and other information to the public on the Community co-operation in the field of accidental marine pollution **and operational spills**.

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision setting up a Community framework for cooperation in the field of accidental marine pollution (COM(1998) 769 – C4-0075/1999 – 1998/0350(COD) (ex 1998/0350(SYN))

(Codecision procedure; first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(1998) 769)⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 251(2) and 175(1) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C4-0075/1999),
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A5-0003/1999),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Asks to be consulted again should the Commission intend to make substantial modifications to this proposal or replace it by a different text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 25, 30.1.1999, p. 20.

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9. Environmental inspections *I**

A5-0002/1999

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Recommendation providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States (COM(1998) 772 – C4-0073/1999 – 1998/0358(COD)(former 1998/0358(SYN))

The proposal was amended as follows:

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(Amendment 21)

Title

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council *Recommendation* providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council **Directive** providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States

(This amendment to apply throughout the text, together with the appropriate technical adjustments.)

(Amendment 1)

Recital 3a (new)

3a. Whereas the European Environment Agency can advise the Member States on developing, setting up and extending their systems for monitoring environmental provisions and whereas the European Environment Agency can assist the Commission and the Member States in monitoring environmental provisions by giving support in respect of the reporting process, so that reporting is coordinated;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 7a (new)

7a. Whereas the urgency of ensuring the even application of Community environmental legislation makes the option of a non-binding recommendation unsatisfactory; whereas a directive establishing minimum criteria for inspections is therefore preferred;

(Amendment 3)

Recital 7b (new)

7b. Whereas a precise timetable should be drawn up for the Member States to develop a format for authorisation systems, jointly and with support from the Commission, so that a distinction can be made between Community provisions and national provisions with which the Controlled Installations must comply;

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(Amendment 6)

Recital 16

16. Whereas, in accordance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles as set out in Article 3b of the Treaty, and given the differences in inspection systems and mechanisms in the Member States, the objectives of the proposed action can best be achieved by *guidance set out at a* Community level;

16. Whereas, in accordance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles as set out in Article 3b of the Treaty, and given the differences in inspection systems and mechanisms in the Member States, the objectives of the proposed action can best be achieved by **a directive setting out minimum criteria to be operated** at Community level;

(Amendment 7)

Introductory line for points

RECOMMENDS THAT:

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

(Amendment 10)

Point III(2)

2. Member States *should* assist each other administratively in the *carrying out of the guidelines* of this Recommendation by the exchange of relevant information and, where appropriate, inspecting officials.

2. Member States **shall** assist each other administratively in the **operation** of this **Directive** by the exchange of relevant information and, where appropriate, inspecting officials.

2a. To prevent illegal cross-border environmental practices, the Member States shall, in cooperation with IMPEL and the Commission, encourage the coordination of inspections and inspection services between the Member States.

(Amendment 13)

Point VI(1)

1. Member States *should* ensure that the inspecting authorities *draw up a report* after every site visit *containing* their findings as to compliance with EC Legal Requirements, an evaluation thereof and a conclusion on whether any further action should follow, such as enforcement proceedings, including sanctions, the issuing of a new or revised authorisation, permit or licence or follow-up inspection activities, including further site visits.

1. Member States **shall** ensure that the inspecting authorities after every site visit **process or store, in identifiable form and in data files, the inspection data** and their findings as to compliance with EC Legal Requirements, an evaluation thereof and a conclusion on whether any further action should follow, such as enforcement proceedings, including sanctions, the issuing of a new or revised authorisation, permit or licence or follow-up inspection activities, including further site visits.

(Amendment 24)

Point VI(2)

2. Member States *should* ensure that such reports are properly recorded in writing and maintained in a readily accessible database, are communicated to the operator of the Controlled Installation in question and are available to the public according to the provisions of Directive 90/0313/EEC on the freedom of access to information on the environment.

2. Member States **shall** ensure that such reports are properly recorded in writing and maintained in a readily accessible database, are communicated to the operator of the Controlled Installation in question and are available to the public according to the provisions of Directive 90/0313/EEC on the freedom of access to information on the environment. **Reports shall be publicly available within two months of the inspection taking place.**

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Point VIII(2)(d)

(d) the level of compliance by Controlled Installations with EC Legal Requirements, as appears from inspections carried out *and from any other information the competent authority may have, with reference to the location and type of Controlled Installations, to any particular EC legal requirement not complied with and the degree of such non-compliance;*

(d) **brief data on** the level of compliance by Controlled Installations with EC Legal Requirements, as appears from inspections carried out;

(Amendment 16)

*Article 8a (new)***Article 8a**

1. **The Commission shall as quickly as possible, and in cooperation with IMPEL, the European Environment Agency and other interested parties, draw up minimum criteria for the qualifications and accreditation of environmental inspectors who are authorised to carry out environmental inspections on behalf of competent bodies or on an individual basis.**

2. **Member States shall as quickly as possible, in cooperation with IMPEL and other interested parties and with the support of the Commission, develop training programmes so as to meet the demand for qualified environmental inspectors.**

(Amendment 17)

Point IX

The Commission *should* review the operation and effectiveness of this *Recommendation*, as soon as possible after the receipt of the Member States' reports mentioned in *Point VIII* above, with the intention of developing the minimum criteria further in their scope in the light of the experience gained from their application, and taking into account any further contributions from interested parties, including IMPEL.

The Commission **shall** review the operation and effectiveness of this **Directive**, as soon as possible after the receipt of the Member States' reports mentioned in **Article 8** above, with the intention of developing the minimum criteria further in their scope in the light of the experience gained from their application, and taking into account any further contributions from interested parties, including IMPEL **and the European Environment Agency.**

(Amendment 18)

*Article 9a (new)***Article 9a****Transposition**

1. **Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive no later than 18 months after its entry into force. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.**

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

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2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

(Amendment 19)

Point X

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Implementation

Member States are invited to implement this Recommendation at the latest 12 months after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities and forthwith inform the Commission thereof together with details of environmental inspections mechanisms already existing or foreseen.

Article 10

Implementation

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

(Amendment 20)

Article 10a (new)

Article 10a

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council recommendation providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in the Member States (COM(1998) 772 – C4-0073/1999 – 1998/0358(COD) (former 1998/0358(SYN))

(Codecision procedure; first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council, COM(1998) 772,
 - having regard to Articles 251(2) and 175(1) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C4-0073/1999),
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (A5-0002/1999),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Asks to be consulted again should the Commission intend to amend this proposal substantially or to replace it by a different text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.
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10. Area of freedom, security and justice

(a) B5-0110/1999

Resolution on the establishment of the Charter of Fundamental Rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the conclusions of the Cologne European Council,
 - having regard to its proposals contained in its resolutions on the Constitution of the European Union in particular, and in its other resolutions of a general nature on institutional matters adopted in the course of its 1994-1999 term of office⁽¹⁾,
1. Welcomes the decision taken at the Cologne European Council to proceed with drawing up a draft European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights in good time for the December 2000 European Council;
 2. Considers that the commitment to establishing that Charter represents one of its constitutional priorities and entails the joint responsibilities of the two Institutions on which the Union's legitimacy is founded, viz: the Council (as regards the Member States) and the European Parliament (as regards the peoples of Europe);
 3. Draws attention to the need for an open and innovative approach to shaping the Charter, the nature of the rights to be featured in it, and the part it will play and the status it will command in the constitutional development of the Union;
 4. Calls, as regards the membership of the drafting authority and the organisation of its work;
 - for the number of the Members of the European Parliament to be equal to the number of the representatives of Member-State Heads of State and Government, in order to confer an equally high public profile on each side and to provide for adequate representation of the different political tendencies and sensitivities represented in the European Parliament;
 - for the essential role and contribution of national parliaments to be ensured by the most effective means possible, to be determined in the light of appropriate consultations with speakers of national parliaments;
 - for the powers of the President and the Bureau to be determined by the drafting authority;
 - for the latter to be empowered to decide on the option of convening a drafting committee and working parties;
 - for appropriate steps to be taken to ensure transparency of activities; for contributions from NGOs and the general public also to be ensured, and for public hearings to be held;
 - for the authority's secretariat to be the responsibility of the participating bodies;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the other Community Institutions and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 120, 16.5.1989, p. 51; OJ C 324, 24.12.1990, p. 219 ; OJ C 61, 28.2.1994, p. 155.

(b) B5-0116/1999

Resolution on the extraordinary European Council meeting on the area of freedom, security and justice (Tampere, 15-16 October 1999)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the EU and EC Treaties, and in particular the provisions regarding the development of the Union as an area of freedom, security and justice (AFSJ),
- having regard to its previous resolutions on this subject⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, pp. 5 and 6; OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 4.

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- A. convinced that after the establishment of the internal market and the single currency, the launch of a European social policy and the appointment of the High Representative for the CFSP, the creation of the AFSJ presents one of the greatest challenges in this parliamentary term for the Heads of State or Government and for the European Parliament,
- B. convinced that the citizens of the Union are now tired of declarations and statements, are aware of the fact that individual Member States acting alone cannot guarantee them the protection they require against the threats posed by international crime, or the safeguarding of their civil liberties in other Member States of the Union, are disappointed by the shortcomings of intergovernmental cooperation and, after three revisions of the Treaties in the past ten years, expect the Union to respond to their concerns effectively,
- C. whereas among the fundamental rights recognised by the Treaty of Amsterdam are the citizens' right to security and justice, and whereas the credibility of the EU institutions and the Member States that have subscribed to the AFSJ objective is now at stake,
- D. noting the statements by the Council and Commission to Parliament on 15 September 1999 concerning the preparation of the forthcoming extraordinary European Council meeting on this matter to be held on 15-16 October 1999 in Tampere,
1. Is aware of the fact that the Amsterdam Treaty significantly increased the responsibility of the European Union institutions for safeguarding fundamental rights, which have now become the underlying principle of the European Union, and effectively combating all forms of discrimination, as envisaged in Article 13 of the EC Treaty, and all forms of racism and xenophobia;
 2. Believes that implementation of the AFSJ must seek not only to guarantee the security of persons, but also to foster individual rights, fundamental freedoms and democratic safeguards, displaying open-mindedness and a spirit of tolerance; calls, therefore, for particular emphasis to be laid on:
 - implementing Article 13 of the EC Treaty (action to combat discrimination),
 - implementing the AFSJ in such a way as to:
 - refrain from infringing the rights of the European Parliament,
 - recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice,
 - involve NGOs and civil society,
 - proceed in a spirit of transparency,
 - seek to foster the protection of democratic safeguards and privacy;
 3. Calls on the European Council to take full responsibility in Tampere for the creation of the AFSJ and to define its position with regard to the key aspects of such an undertaking, both in respect of the amendments to the treaties in preparation for enlargement and implementation of the provisions of the existing treaties; recommends, with a view to the above and to the forthcoming meeting in Helsinki, that the following strategies be adopted;

Simplifying and streamlining the institutional framework of the AFSJ

4. Calls on the European Council to propose at the next Intergovernmental Conference that police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (currently under the 'third pillar') be integrated into the Community 'pillar', in order to endow the treaties with legislative coherence, provide for proper democratic control and safeguards of citizens' freedoms, eliminate unnecessary complications, ensure that EU policies in the areas of freedom, security and justice are genuinely interdependent and, last but not least, make the rules more transparent for citizens;
5. Reminds the European Council that such consolidation need not necessarily involve a change in the current roles of Member States and the Union (since in the Community sphere it is also perfectly possible for certain areas to be under the jurisdiction of Member States alone and others to be shared between Member States and the Union or be exclusively under EU jurisdiction) and that the consolidation of the

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first and third pillar is also justified in that — unlike the second pillar — they concern policies that are primarily implemented within the Union;

6. Considers that the five years laid down in the Treaty of Amsterdam for the creation of an AFSJ must be seen as a firm deadline; points out that the Treaty allows only minimal involvement for the European Parliament in the decision-making for an AFSJ, and that this must be remedied at the next IGC;

Facilitating the EU decision-making process and making it more transparent

7. Considers it a top priority that a policy of genuine transparency for Union legal provisions concerning the AFSJ be adopted; now that the Treaty of Amsterdam has been in force for several months, deems it unacceptable that;

- (a) it is still unclear which legislation applies to the AFSJ sector and what the real obligations of Member States are in respect of the application of acts such as 'conclusions', 'resolutions', 'manuals' and other texts of a dubious nature which have been adopted by the Council in this sector;
- (b) the texts of the decisions adopted in the context of Schengen cooperation have not yet been published, despite the fact that since 20 May 1999 such decisions have been fully incorporated into EU and Community law; this begs the question of how EU citizens can seek redress from the Court of Justice or the judicial authorities of Member States in respect of provisions that are actually inaccessible;

8. Urges the European Council to call on the Council to rigorously respect the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality when choosing appropriate instruments and to ensure that there is close collaboration between Member States and the Commission as regards the monitoring of the measures adopted in the context of the AFSJ;

Ensuring freedom of movement for persons within the Union

9. Deems Member States' inertia in adopting legislation to implement Article 18 of the EC Treaty — granting European citizens the personal, direct right to move and reside freely within EU territory — to be unjustifiable;

10. Considers it urgent, in order to facilitate the integration of legally resident third-country nationals, for the European Union to address the principles governing the status of such persons;

11. Considers it essential that action be taken to foster common legal standards and a common sense of justice within the EU;

Framing a migration and asylum policy

12. Condemns the associations of ideas in which insecurity, organised crime and terrorism are linked to immigration;

13. Considers it inadmissible that, in view of the new Title IV of the EC Treaty, no European strategy on migration policy has been drawn up, despite the fact that there is widespread disquiet among EU citizens, that Commission proposals have been pending for over six years, that recent initiatives have been taken by the Council Presidency, that the European Parliament has adopted forceful resolutions on the matter and that it is clearly necessary for these requirements also to be taken into account in other Union policies (e.g. regional, social, education);

14. Considers it a matter of urgency that a European procedure for the processing of asylum applications be adopted and that it be linked to revision of the Dublin and Eurodac Conventions and calls on the Commission to propose strategies that are less gradualistic and cautious; calls, to that end, for the work of the high-level working party on asylum and immigration to be carried out transparently and in close cooperation with Parliament;

15. Believes that, since the Yugoslav crisis exposed the inadequacy of national and bilateral responses, Member States must endeavour to equip themselves with permanent instruments and adequate resources in order to present a united front to cope with any massive influx of refugees and to provide them with temporary protection;

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Successfully preventing crime at European level

16. Considers that the drawing-up and approval, in the form of a joint decision, of the 2000-2004 action plan to combat organised crime is urgent and that the plan should incorporate specific plans for combating and preventing serious forms of international crime including the following and likewise cover joint efforts to promote crime prevention measures:

- (a) trade in human beings;
- (b) crimes against children;
- (c) racism and xenophobia;
- (d) money laundering and other financial crimes, not least by removing the obstacles to justice posed by banking secrecy and tax havens;
- (e) terrorism;

17. Calls on the Finnish Presidency to draw up coherent proposals in this regard before the European Council meeting in Helsinki and plans to follow them up promptly; insists on being formally consulted on the proposed plan according to the letter and the spirit of the Treaty before the European Council of Helsinki states its position;

18. Deems it necessary to simplify police cooperation, as above, and to harmonise the provisions concerning all Member States, provisions within the Schengen framework and those within the Europol framework;

19. Confirms its suggestion that Europol should be developed further in accordance with the Treaty of Amsterdam and the necessary adjustments made to the Europol Convention with a view to providing Europol with means to act at the operational level;

20. Believes that the option of concluding agreements with non-member countries should be exercised first and foremost with a view to preventing and punishing trafficking in human beings and smuggling run by organised criminals, money laundering, and other financial crimes;

Creation of a European judicial area

21. Recalls its recent proposals on this subject and openly endorses the Avignon Declaration by the Ministers of France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and Spain proposing the creation of a genuine European judicial area in which;

- (a) citizens of a Member State who for any reason (victims or perpetrators of an offence, etc.) are brought before the civil or criminal judicial authorities of another Member State are given adequate guarantees and assistance (e.g. interpretation into their own language, free legal aid if they do not have the means to pay for it, and the right to be properly informed about and assisted in connection with the related application procedures), with a convention being established to allow provision for bail to be granted to allow the citizen to return to his/her home country while awaiting trial;
- (b) common legal standards are attained in order to encourage judicial authorities to recognise the judicial or extra-judicial acts adopted by the judicial authority of another Member State, without the need for an exequatur;
- (c) European writs of execution are established for the recovery of sums under a certain limit;
- (d) free circulation and automatic recognition of court rulings are guaranteed through the establishment of an independent judicial body (consisting of specialist judges) serving to protect the individual rights of European citizens to the extent required to compensate for the inevitable loss of the judicial review hitherto carried out by the authorities of a Member State requested to enforce a court ruling originating from another Member State;
- (e) special emphasis is laid on crime prevention, targeted more specifically at juvenile delinquency, a symptom of spreading urban violence, and justice is not merely synonymous with punishment, but above all opens the way to mediation and/or steps to make up for harm done, and educative measures effectively counter the risk that offenders might reoffend;

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22. Reiterates its urgent call to the governments and parliaments of the Member States of 6 May 1999 to make every possible effort to ratify as a matter of priority the Statute of the International Criminal Court, as an additional 60 countries must still ratify the Statute in order for it to have legal effect;

23. Considers that the Union should be committed to the principle of universal jurisdiction and no safe havens for the perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and torture;

24. Calls on the Member States to enact the necessary legislation to permit domestic prosecution of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and torture, regardless of where these crimes were committed;

Strengthening dialogue between EU institutions and those of the Member States

25. Confirms its determination to involve the national parliaments and representatives of civil society in the creation of the AFSJ whilst respecting the letter and the spirit of the treaties, particularly the protocol on the role of national parliaments in the European Union;

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26. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council and to liaise as appropriate with the presidents of the national parliaments and heads of governments with a view to the forthcoming meetings in Tampere and Helsinki, in order to ascertain any potential difficulties which might hinder the fulfilment of the aforementioned objectives.

11. Situation in East Timor

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Resolution on the situation in East Timor

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in East Timor,
- having regard to the New York Agreement on East Timor, signed between Portugal and Indonesia on 5 May 1999 under the aegis of the United Nations,
- A. welcoming the work by the UN mission (Unamet) during preparation and implementation of the referendum of the people of East Timor in full compliance with the New York Agreement,
- B. whereas 98,6% of the registered population participated in the referendum, in spite of threats and intimidation by the pro-integrationist militias,
- C. whereas Unamet and the international observers, including the European Parliament delegation and the Council delegation recognised the legality and validity of the referendum,
- D. whereas the result of the referendum clearly expresses the wish of the Timorese people for independence, with 78,5% voting in favour,
- E. whereas the results of the referendum were announced by the UN Secretary-General and validated by the United Nations, the President of Indonesia, Portugal and the international community,
- F. whereas after the referendum result was announced, pro-Indonesian militias, trained and armed by the Indonesian police and army, launched a campaign of terror in the country, killing defenceless citizens, burning down houses, splitting up families, deporting communities and attacking Unamet, the Red Cross, journalists and observers, as well as committing other serious violations of human rights,

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- G. whereas this climate of terror and barbarity is continuing and still impeding safety and public order in the country and whereas thousands of lives have been lost and there is such desperation that the survival of an entire people is in jeopardy,
- H. whereas Indonesia has clearly violated Article 3 of the New York Agreement, as it has failed to guarantee the maintenance of peace and security in the region, whether through inability or deliberate inaction,
- I. whereas 24 years ago Indonesia illegally occupied the territory of East Timor, over which it does not have sovereignty, as UN resolutions recognising Portugal as the administrative authority have confirmed,
- J. whereas on 12 September 1999 Indonesia finally recognised the need for the presence of an international peace-keeping force in East Timor,
1. Congratulates the people of East Timor for their exemplary conduct during the referendum process and for their high turnout in the referendum;
 2. Recognises the clear democratic wish expressed by the people of East Timor to return to independence and create a new country;
 3. Utterly condemns the massacres and criminal acts committed by the pro-Indonesian militias with the participation of the police and army of Indonesia against the people of East Timor, which have already brought about the deaths of an as yet indefinable number of people;
 4. Calls on the United Nations to exercise the responsibilities they have assumed under Article 7 of the New York Agreement and to maintain an appropriate presence in East Timor;
 5. Calls on the UN Security Council not to delay any further in sending an international force to preserve peace and security in East Timor, and calls on all the Member States to provide the greatest possible logistical and financial support, in order to speed up preparation for its deployment in the country;
 6. Welcomes the decision by the IMF and World Bank to suspend the payment of loans to Indonesia due in September and calls on the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the international community — particularly the United Nations — to ensure that, until the situation in East Timor returns to normal, they suspend or continue to suspend military cooperation, arms supplies and economic aid for Indonesia, except aid of a humanitarian nature or to support the transition to democracy;
 7. Calls on the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Commission, the governments of the Member States and the international community immediately to guarantee humanitarian aid for the people of East Timor and, in particular, to promote the return of displaced persons and refugees and the access of international observers, NGOs and journalists to the country;
 8. Urges the Council and the Member States of the European Union to recognise the State of East Timor and establish diplomatic relations as soon as possible;
 9. Calls on the United Nations to draw up an inventory of the atrocities committed in East Timor and begin identification of those responsible, and supports the proposal by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, to set up a special international tribunal for East Timor;
 10. Calls on the European Union to approve a programme of economic aid and a programme for the reconstruction of civil society in East Timor, in the form of a joint action;
 11. Intends to insert in the budget of the European Union for the year 2000 an appropriation for supporting reconstruction, economic activity and the constitutional process in East Timor;
 12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments of the Member States, the UN Secretary-General, the Government of Indonesia, ASEAN and the leader of the Timorese resistance movement, Xanana Gusmão.
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12. European Reconstruction Agency *

A5-0013/1999

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1628/1996 relating to aid for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in particular through the setting-up of the European Agency for Reconstruction (COM(1999) 312 – C5-0062/1999 – 1999/0132(CNS))

The proposal was amended as follows ⁽¹⁾:

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(Amendment 1)

Recital 10

The reconstruction effort in Kosovo, which will be coupled with the humanitarian aid effort, will require the rapid implementation of numerous small-scale projects, measures to support returning refugees and the assistance of large numbers of experts covering a wide range of fields.

The reconstruction effort in Kosovo, which will be coupled with the humanitarian aid effort, will require the rapid implementation of numerous small-scale projects, measures to support returning refugees and the assistance of large numbers of experts covering a wide range of fields. **This must also include support measures for the following sectors; democratic institutions and civil society, the legal system, the media, education and the social and health system.**

(Amendment 2)

Recital 10a (new)

The reconstruction efforts in Kosovo can only be effective if they are implemented in partnership with the people of Kosovo. The Kosovars have been running a parallel economic, political and social system for the last ten years and their experience should now be put to work rather than be wasted. They are keen to help rebuild their country and must therefore be helped to participate in and contribute to the EU's projects.

(Amendment 3)

Recital 16

The reconstruction programmes should be managed locally. *The Agency should therefore be established in Pristina and the way left open for it to have a presence for operational reasons in Skopje and other locations in the region.*

The reconstruction programmes should be managed locally. **The operational centre of the Agency, which should enjoy a considerable degree of management autonomy, should therefore be established in Pristina so that reconstruction work can begin in Kosovo.**

(Amendment 4)

Recital 18

The Commission should ensure that reconstruction assistance is coordinated with the European Investment Bank, the international financial institutions and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. In implementing the programme, the Agency must comply with decisions taken in the framework of coordination.

The Commission should ensure that reconstruction assistance is coordinated with the European Investment Bank, the international financial institutions, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees **and the relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**. In implementing the programme, the Agency must comply with decisions taken in the framework of coordination.

⁽¹⁾ The vote on the draft legislative resolution was then postponed pursuant to Rule 69(1).

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(Amendment 5)

Recital 18a (new)

Activities of the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) and the work of the Agency must not result in two different structures being maintained for the provision of Community aid. The Agency's development must therefore be accompanied by a gradual reduction in ECHO's activities.

(Amendment 6)

Recital 22

The Member States should be involved in the Agency's activities, their role in the governing board should be defined and procedures laid down under which they are to give opinions on project and programme decisions.

The Member States should be involved in the Agency's activities and give opinions on project **and** programme decisions **through their representatives in the advisory committee chaired by the Commission.**

(Amendment 7)

Recital 23a (new)

Provision must be made from the outset for comprehensive and effective measures to prevent fraud and corruption. The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) must be able to exercise its supervisory powers without any kind of restriction. This calls in particular for legislation concerning on-the-spot checks on the recipients of aid.

(Amendment 8)

Recital 26

Provision should be made for the countries covered by the PHARE and MEDA programmes to be involved in implementing the programmes provided for in Regulation (EC) 1628/96.

Provision should be made for the countries covered by the PHARE and MEDA programmes **and the countries of South-Eastern Europe** to be involved in implementing the programmes provided for in Regulation (EC) 1628/96.

(Amendment 9)

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 4(3), 2nd paragraph (new) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The programmes should be implemented as directly as possible in cooperation with the local people and in consultation with the UN Special Representative for the Civil Administration of Kosovo.

(Amendment 10)

ARTICLE 1(4)(a)

Article 9, first two paragraphs (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

Participation in invitations to tender and contracts shall be open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons in the Member States and States which receive benefits, or in countries benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes.

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(Amendment 11)

ARTICLE 1(4)(b)

Article 9, third paragraph (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The following shall be considered to be legal persons of a Member State, a recipient State or a State benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes; legal persons who are established in accordance with the legislation of a Member State, a recipient State or a State benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes, and who have their central administration or principal establishment in the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Community applies, in the recipient States or in the States benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes, or who have their registered office there, where their activity has an actual and continuous link with the economy of the said territories or States.

The following shall be considered to be legal persons of a Member State, a recipient State, a State benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes **or a South-East European State**; legal persons who are established in accordance with the legislation of a Member State a recipient State, a State benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes **or a South-East European State**, and who have their central administration or principal establishment in the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Community applies, in the recipient States, in the States benefiting under the PHARE or MEDA programmes **or in the South-East European countries**, or who have their registered office there, where their activity has an actual and continuous link with the economy of the said territories or States.

(Amendment 12)

ARTICLE 1(7)

Article 12(1), (2) and (3) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a *management* committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall act in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/.../EC [Comitology]. *The period provided for in paragraph 3 of that Article shall be at most one month.*

3. The Committee may examine any other question relating to the implementation of this Regulation which is put to it by its Chairman, *including at the request of the representative of a Member State, and in particular any question relating to programming of projects, their general implementation and co-financing.*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by **an advisory** committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall act in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision **1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999** ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

3. The Committee may examine any other question **of a general nature** relating to the implementation of this Regulation which is put to it by its Chairman.

(Amendment 14)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 14 (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The programmes for reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees will initially target Kosovo and when conditions are right may also target other parts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The Commission *may delegate* their implementation to an agency. *Such programmes shall be the subject of a Commission decision.*

A European Agency for Reconstruction, hereinafter referred to as the 'Agency', shall be set up to that end with the aim of providing technical assistance to the implementation of the programmes referred to in the first paragraph, namely for reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees.

The programmes for reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees will initially target Kosovo and when conditions are right may also target other parts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The Commission **shall manage** their implementation **through an agency on the ground. The agency shall implement such programmes under the guidance, executive powers and responsibility of the Commission.**

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(Amendment 15)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 14, third paragraph (new) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

Any decision on extending the work of the Agency to regions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia other than Kosovo and on arrangements for identifying the bodies referred to in Article 3 shall be taken by the Council acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission after consulting the European Parliament. In the light of such a decision, the Agency may establish additional operational centres.

(Amendment 16)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 15(2) to (5) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

2. The Agency shall gather, analyse and communicate information to the Commission on:

- (a) war damage, the requirements for reconstruction and the return of refugees and related initiatives by the government, local or regional authorities and international community;
- (b) the urgent requirements of the communities concerned, taking account of the various population displacements and possibilities for their return;
- (c) the priority sectors and geographical areas requiring urgent assistance from the international community.

Paragraph 3 unchanged.

4. The Agency shall implement the programmes for reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees approved by the Commission. To that end it may be made responsible by the Commission for all operations required to implement the programmes, and in particular for:

- (a) drawing up the terms of reference;
- (b) preparing and evaluating invitations to tender;
- (c) signing contracts;
- (d) concluding financing agreements;
- (e) awarding contracts, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation;
- (f) evaluating projects;
- (g) monitoring project implementation;
- (h) effecting payments.

5. In addition to the tasks set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Agency shall ensure implementation of such programmes of reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees as the Member States and other donors shall entrust to it in the framework of the coordination set up by the Commission with the World Bank, international financial institutions and the European Investment Bank.

2. The Agency, **under the responsibility of the Commission**, shall gather, analyse and communicate information on:

- (a) war damage, the requirements for reconstruction and the return of refugees and related initiatives by the government, local or regional authorities and international community;
- (b) the urgent requirements of the communities concerned, taking account of the various population displacements and possibilities for their return;
- (c) the priority sectors and geographical areas requiring urgent assistance from the international community.

Paragraph 3 unchanged.

4. The Agency, **under the responsibility of the Commission**, shall implement the approved programmes for reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees. To that end it **shall be** responsible for all operations required to implement the programmes, and in particular for:

- (a) drawing up the terms of reference;
- (b) preparing and evaluating invitations to tender;
- (c) signing contracts;
- (d) concluding financing agreements;
- (e) awarding contracts, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation;
- (f) evaluating projects;
- (g) monitoring project implementation;
- (h) effecting payments.

5. In addition to the tasks set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Agency shall ensure implementation of programmes of reconstruction and assistance to returning refugees **and shall ensure the coordination with** the Member States' and other **donors' programmes** in the framework of the coordination set up by the Commission with the World Bank, **the EBRD, other** financial institutions **to be specified** and the European

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(Amendment 17)

ARTICLE 1

Article 16, 1st paragraph (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The Agency shall have legal personality. In each of the Member States, it shall enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under their laws; it may, in particular, acquire or dispose of movable and immovable property and be a party to legal proceedings. The Agency shall be non-profit-making.

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(Amendment 18)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 16, 2nd paragraph (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The Agency shall establish itself in Pristina, *without prejudice to its having a presence in Skopje or in other locations in the region.*

The operational centre of the Agency, which shall enjoy a considerable degree of management autonomy, shall be established in Pristina so that reconstruction work can begin in Kosovo.

It shall be the operational component of the agency for reconstruction of the Western Balkan countries in connection with the Stability Pact, which is to be located in Thessaloniki and whose staff office shall also be located there.

(Amendment 19)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 17(1) to (7) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

1. The Agency shall have a governing board composed of *one representative from each Member State and three representatives of the Commission.*

1. The Agency shall have a governing board composed of **five independent representatives appointed by the Commission (after consultation of the Committee referred to in Article 12) and of two representatives of the Commission. The Commission shall have the power to dismiss the governing board after duly motivating its decision and after informing the European Parliament and the Council.**

2. The *Member States'* representatives shall be appointed by *the Member States concerned. Member States shall make the appointment with due regard to the experience and qualifications relevant to the Agency's activities.*

2. The **independent** representatives shall be appointed with due regard to the experience and qualifications relevant to the Agency's activities.

One of the three Commission representatives shall be a Member of the Commission.

3. The term of office of representatives shall be 30 months.

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4. The governing board shall be chaired by the Commission, usually a Member of the Commission. The Chair shall not vote.

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4a. The European Investment Bank and ECHO shall each appoint one representative, who shall not vote.

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5. The governing board shall adopt its rules of procedure.
6. The *Commission and Member State* representatives on the governing board shall each have one vote.
7. *The governing board shall determine the rules as to the languages of the Agency.*

5. The governing board shall adopt its rules of procedure.
6. The **independent** representatives on the governing board shall each have one vote.

(Amendment 21)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 17(10), introduction (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

10. The governing board shall *be closely involved in the implementation of the reconstruction programmes*. On a proposal by the director, it shall decide upon the main issues relating to the Agency's activities, and in particular:

10. The governing board shall, on a proposal by the director, decide upon the main issues relating to the Agency's activities, and in particular:

(Amendment 22)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 18(1), 1st subparagraph (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

1. The director of the Agency shall be appointed by *the governing board, on a proposal from* the Commission, for a term of office of 30 months. The term of office may be terminated by the same procedure.

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(Amendment 23)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 19(3), (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

3. The revenue of the Agency shall *comprise, without prejudice to other types of income*, a subsidy from the general budget of the European Communities payments made as remuneration for services performed, and funding from other sources.

3. The revenue of the Agency **shall be constituted by** a subsidy from the general budget of the European Communities **agreed by the budgetary authority within the annual budgetary procedure, independently from the appropriation allocated to the programme. The agency may also receive** payments made as remuneration for services performed, and funding from other sources.

(Amendment 24)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 20(4) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

4. The governing board, after receiving the opinion of the Commission, shall adopt the budget of the Agency together with the work programme at the beginning of each financial year, adjusting it to the various contributions granted to the Agency *and to funds from other sources*. The budget shall also specify the number, grade and categories of staff employed by the Agency during the financial year in question.

4. The governing board, after receiving the opinion of the Commission, shall adopt the budget of the Agency together with the work programme at the beginning of each financial year, adjusting it to the various contributions granted to the Agency **by the budgetary authority**.

- 4a. **For reasons of budgetary transparency, the funds received from sources other than the Community budget shall be presented separately in the Agency's revenue. The expenditure shall clearly distinguish between the programme's administrative and staffing costs on the one hand and the operational costs on the other.** The budget shall also specify the number, grade and categories of staff employed by the Agency during the financial year in question.

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(Amendment 25)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 21(2a) (new) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

2a. Financial decisions and any contracts or implementing instruments resulting therefrom shall provide for inspection by OLAF and the Court of Auditors to be carried out on the spot, if necessary, among the beneficiaries which receive funds from the Agency and among the intermediaries which distribute those funds.

(Amendment 26)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 22, 2nd paragraph (new) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The Agency shall be subject to investigations conducted by OLAF for the protection of the interests of the Community. Without prejudice to European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) 1074/1999 of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the governing board shall determine the conditions and modalities of these investigations within the Agency⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 24.

(Amendment 27)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 23, third paragraph (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

The Agency's staff shall consist of a strictly limited number of officials assigned or seconded by the Commission or Member States to carry out management duties. The remaining staff shall consist of other employees recruited by the Agency for a period strictly limited to its requirements.

The Agency's staff shall consist of officials assigned or seconded by the Commission or Member States to carry out management duties. The remaining staff shall consist of other employees recruited by the Agency for a period strictly limited to its requirements.

The Agency's establishment plan shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the annual budget.

(Amendment 28)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 25(2) (Regulation (EC) 1628/96)

2. Once the Commission considers that the Agency has fulfilled its mandate as described in Article 14, it shall put to the Council a proposal for the winding-up of the Agency.

2. After a period of 24 months the Commission shall submit to Parliament and the Council an evaluation report and a proposal either to wind up the Agency or to prolong its mandate, without prejudice to the budgetary authority's decision in the context of the annual procedure.

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13. Tenth EC-UNRWA Convention (1999-2001) *

A5-0010/1999

Proposal for a Council Decision approving the text of a 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, prior to the signature of the Convention by the Commission and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (COM(1999) 334 – C5-0059/1999 – 1999/0143(CNS))

The proposal was amended as follows:

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(Amendment 1)

Article 2a (new)

Article 2a

The Commission shall forward to the European Parliament and the Council the annual report referred to in Article 5(2) of the Convention,

(Amendment 2)

Article 3a (new)

Article 3a

The Commission shall ensure that the access of the representatives of the Community, as well as of the European Parliament or of the Council, to the sites of UNRWA operations is preceded by the provision of detailed and updated information on the aspects of their financing,

Legislative resolution of the European Parliament on the proposal for a Council decision approving the text of a 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, prior to the signature of the Convention by the Commission and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (COM(1999) 334 – C5-0059/1999 – 1999/0143(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(1999) 334),
- having regard to the 10th EC-UNRWA Convention covering the years 1999-2001, initialled by the Commission (COM(1999) 334),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 181, in conjunction with Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty (C5-0059/1999),
- having regard to Rule 97(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy and the Committee on Budgets (A5-0010/1999),

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1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
3. If the Council intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament;
4. Asks to be consulted again if the Council intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

14. Earthquakes in Turkey and Greece

(a) B5-0072, 0077, 0087, 0088, 0104 and 0109/1999

Resolution on the earthquake in Turkey

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in the early hours of 17 August 1999 a devastating earthquake, measuring 7,4 on the Richter scale, struck the densely populated and heavily industrialised north-western part of Turkey,
 - B. whereas this earthquake has resulted in more than 15 000 dead, 25 000 injured, widespread material destruction and many thousands of persons still missing,
 - C. whereas a lack of organisation during the days following the earthquake hampered the efforts of rescue workers,
 - D. whereas the EU is providing humanitarian aid to the areas most affected,
1. Expresses its sincere sympathy and solidarity with Turkey and with the relatives and friends of all those who have been killed or injured;
 2. Commends the efforts of the rescue teams from the Member States and calls on the Commission to explore ways of improving the effectiveness of relief organisation in major humanitarian disasters inside or outside the EU and to report to Parliament on its findings;
 3. Believes that urgent consideration should be given to the creation of a European Research Institute for the systematic study and application of new methods for early warning of seismic activity;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Government and Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

(b) B5-0074, 0076, 0086, 0089 and 0102/1999

Resolution on the catastrophic earthquake in Athens on 7 September 1999

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas a devastating earthquake, measuring 5,9 on the Richter scale, struck the Athens region on 7 September 1999,
- B. whereas over 100 people were killed and several hundred injured, several thousand buildings and houses were destroyed and hundreds of others were damaged, and over 60 000 people have been affected by the disaster,
- C. whereas considerable damage was caused to buildings in the city of Athens, including the historic monuments, the archaeological museum, churches and hospitals,

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1. Expresses its profound sympathy with the victims' families and everyone living in Attica;
 2. Commends the efforts of the rescue teams involved in the search for survivors;
 3. Calls on the Commission, the Council and other competent bodies to consider all possible ways of speedily helping the victims and rapidly repairing the damage;
 4. Believes that urgent consideration should be given to the creation of a European Research Institute for the systematic study and application of new methods for early warning of seismic activity;
 5. Calls on the Commission to explore ways of improving the effectiveness of relief organisation in major humanitarian disasters inside or outside the EU, such as the setting up of a civilian protection corps to coordinate rescue units and equipment of the Member States, and to report to the Parliament on its findings;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Greek Government and the authorities of the Attica region and the city of Athens.
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15. Dagestan**B5-0071, 0078, 0085, 0090, 0095 and 0103/1999****Resolution on the armed conflict in the Dagestan Republic of Russia***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its assent of 30 November 1995 to the conclusion of an Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, and its assent of 11 June 1997 to the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Russian Federation ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the EU's support to the continued development of cooperation within the Black Sea Council,
 - having regard to the Common Strategy of the European Union on Russia, adopted by the Council in June 1999,
 - having regard to the Declaration by the Presidency of the Council on behalf of the EU on the situation in the Dagestan Republic of Russia and the Statement by the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE on the Situation in Dagestan as of 13 August 1999,
- A. whereas the European Union is committed to strengthening the strategic partnership with Russia in terms of economic integration and of cooperation while maintaining stability and security in Europe and beyond,
- B. stressing the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation,
- C. whereas the Russian Federation is facing a serious economic, financial, social and institutional crisis,
- D. deeply concerned about the violent attacks on the territory of the Dagestan Republic of the Russian Federation perpetrated by extremist armed forces entering from Chechnya,
- E. worried about the escalation in the armed conflict between the extremist armed forces and the Russian military which is causing many victims and refugees among the civilian population in Dagestan and the Chechen Republic,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 339, 18.12.1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 200, 30.6.1997, p. 66.

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- F. considering the deteriorating economic situation in the Dagestan Republic and the widespread unemployment despite the considerable economic potential of the region, given its strategic position on the Caspian Sea for the transit of oil and gas transports,
- G. worried about the serious regional ramifications of the deteriorating security situation and the danger of further destabilisation in the Caucasian region,
1. Regrets deeply the loss of life among the civilian population and military personnel and calls upon the Russian authorities to carry out the operations necessary to restore internal security and order on Dagestan territory, using proportionate force when restoring order, respecting the international principles of human rights and ensuring the safety of the civilian population of the villages occupied by the extremist armed forces;
 2. Invites all parties involved to do everything to end the conflict and ensure the safe return of the large numbers of people who have been forced to flee their homes;
 3. Insists that all international interest groups put an immediate end to their support for all illegal armed groups;
 4. Condemns the violent attempts of the extremist forces to destabilise the Dagestan Republic of the Russian Federation and to impose a dictatorial regime on the peoples of the North Caucasus region;
 5. Calls upon the authorities in Chechnya to refrain from giving any support to the extremist armed forces and to cooperate with the authorities of the Russian Federation in the establishment of security and stability in the region;
 6. Calls upon the Russian authorities to engage in confidence-building measures on Chechen territory such as the implementation of economic reconstruction measures on the basis of the peace agreement between the Russian Federation and the authorities in Grozny;
 7. Invites the OSCE to report on the implementation of the agreement between the Russian Federation and the Autonomous Republic of Chechnya to resolve the earlier conflict;
 8. Invites the Council and the Member States to support, in collaboration with the OSCE, the Russian authorities' efforts to restore the authority of the state, with due respect for the rule of law, and to increase to this end their financial support for the operations of the OSCE mission in Grozny,
 9. Invites the OSCE to report to the Cooperation Council, the Commission and Parliament on the political and human rights situation in Dagestan and to make recommendations;
 10. Calls upon the Council and the Commission to assist the Russian Federation in developing a programme for regional economic cooperation for its North Caucasian Republics;
 11. Invites the Commission to assess the humanitarian situation in the Dagestan Republic and the neighbouring regions concerned and to present to Parliament, if it considers it necessary and viable, a proposal for short-term humanitarian aid drawing on its former experience in the region;
 12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Duma and Government of the Russian Federation, the authorities in Dagestan and Chechnya, the OSCE and the Secretary-General of the UN.
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16. Human rights

(a) **B5-0080, 0092, 0100 and 0105/1999**

Resolution on the imprisoned citizens of Kosovo

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Kosovo and former Yugoslavia, in particular its resolution of 22 July 1999⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights of 7 September 1999 on the human rights situation in Kosovo,
- A. whereas during the conflict in Kosovo many thousands of Kosovars were detained by Yugoslav forces and paramilitary troops,
- B. whereas according to reports by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at least 5 000 persons are still being detained in connection with various phases of court proceedings on terrorism charges,
- C. whereas according to a list compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) based on information from the Serbian Ministry of Justice, approximately 2 000 ethnic Albanians are in Serbian prisons, including people who were arrested on charges of anti-state activities before the NATO campaign,
- D. concerned that all these prisoners are being held on the basis of one-month police-detention orders, which were enforced under martial law in Yugoslavia during the Kosovo conflict and officially expired on 15 June 1999, since when these orders seem to have been extended indefinitely without any prospect of a proper trial or release,
- E. noting that in Kosovo recently there have been over a hundred cases of kidnapping and abduction of persons from minority groups and that allegations concerning the existence of KLA detention centres have been made regularly,
- F. whereas the status of detainees and missing persons was not addressed in the Kumanovo Agreement between NATO and the Yugoslav government nor in Security Council Resolution 1244/99 which mandated the international presence in Kosovo,
- G. stressing that the full protection of basic human rights has to be an essential element of the process of reconstruction in Kosovo and the whole of South-East Europe,
1. Calls on the Serbian Government to immediately inform family members of detainees and missing persons believed to be in custody of the location of detainees and the reason for their detention;
 2. Urges the Serbian Government to release immediately all those detained after 24 March 1999;
 3. Calls on the UN Civil Administrator Bernard Kouchner, as well as on the OSCE, to bring forward comprehensive proposals for the release of these prisoners;
 4. Welcomes the decision to establish a Subcommission on Prisoners and Detainees in the framework of the Kosovo Transitional Council;
 5. Urges the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution which makes it clear to the Serbian authorities that no progress can be made in the peace talks on the future of the region until these prisoners are released;
 6. Urges the Finnish EU Presidency to hold direct talks with the Serbian government on the early release of all prisoners;

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 1.

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7. Urges all those involved in the process of reconstruction of South-East Europe to draw up long-term strategies for the promotion and protection of basic human rights and to promote a culture of respect for human rights and tolerance;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, the authorities of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the UN Administrator for Kosovo, the OSCE and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

(b) **B5-0081, 0091, 0096 and 00108/1999**

Resolution on Burma

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Burma, in particular its resolution of 15 April 1999⁽¹⁾,
 - A. deeply concerned at the ongoing human rights abuses committed by the military authorities in Burma, especially the violation of humanitarian law by the Burmese army in ethnic minority areas,
 - B. deploring the continuing restrictions by the SPDC on the freedom of movement of Aung San Suu Kyi and other NLD members, and on all other political parties, preventing them from functioning,
 - C. recalling that the Committee Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP), acting on behalf of the entire Parliament, had never been permitted to convene,
 - D. condemning the recent arrests of more than 150 Burmese pro-democracy activists, many of them of high-school age, for joining demonstrations and distributing pamphlets calling for a general strike on 9 September 1999,
 - E. whereas Rachel Goldwin, a British citizen, has been arrested in Burma at a pro-democracy demonstration,
 - F. whereas the arrest comes a week after another British pro-democracy campaigner, James Mawdsley, was sentenced to 17 years in jail after being convicted of entering Burma illegally,
 - G. condemning the five-day arrest of a three-year old girl in July 1999, held hostage to force her father out of hiding,
 - H. whereas in May 1999 the ILO, in a report to its Governing Body, noted that the SPDC has continued to inflict the practice of forced labour on the people of Burma, and pointed out that it should not receive any invitation to attend meetings organised by the ILO,
 - I. noting that European multinational oil companies now provide almost a third of the total legal foreign investment committed in Burma, and an even higher proportion of funds disbursed,
 - J. noting the results of the European Union fact-finding mission to Rangoon in July 1999, and taking into account the fact that these results will be the basis of the review in October by the Council of its Common Position towards Burma,
 - K. noting that the Council has so far not responded to Aung San Suu Kyi's request and has not taken any significant economic measures against the SPDC,
1. Reiterates its condemnation of the military dictatorship in Burma and all human rights violations by the SPDC;
 2. Calls again on the Burmese government to guarantee the fundamental rights of the Burmese people, to release all political prisoners and to allow freedom of movement for Aung San Suu Kyi and her party members;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 405.

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3. Calls upon the Burmese government to end immediately the widespread practice of forced labour and the human rights violations connected with it, which has been labelled by the ILO as a 'crime against humanity';
 4. Calls on the Council to ensure that the current CFSP Common Position on Burma is renewed and strictly enforced, in particular with regard to the ban on entry visas, and moreover urges the EU Member States to refrain from giving transit visas to SPDC and military personnel;
 5. Furthermore calls upon the Council and the Member States to increase pressure on the SPDC to instigate a dialogue with the democratic opposition and the ethnic minorities by including economic sanctions in its Common Position on Burma;
 6. Reiterates its position that Burma should be excluded from the ASEAN-EU process;
 7. Calls on the Council to use its discussions with the ASEAN and the other States in the region to pressure the SPDC to enter into dialogue with the democratic opposition and the ethnic minorities;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States, ASEAN, the NLD and its President Aung San Suu Kyi and the Government of Burma.
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(c) B5-0079, 0093, 0098 and 0107/1999**Resolution on the situation of prisoners accused of spying in Iran**

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Iranian minister for information has announced that he will be bringing a prosecution in the case of the Muslim and Jewish Iranians accused of spying, and whereas proceedings are being taken out against students,
 - B. whereas the charge of 'passing on information to the Zionist regime that is undoubtedly involved in this case of espionage' by law justifies referral to the revolutionary court,
 - C. whereas the new Iranian criminal code, based on the Sheria, expressly prescribes the death penalty for anyone guilty of espionage for Israel or the United States,
 - D. whereas several prisoners have already been executed on the same charge, the most recent being a Jew aged 60, who was hanged in Teheran on 2 June 1998,
 - E. whereas an Iranian revolutionary court has sentenced four people to death in connection with pro-democracy student protests in July 1999 and whereas others arrested during these protests are under investigation and face heavy charges,
 - F. appalled by the Amnesty International report on prison conditions in Iran, which lists numerous cases of persons being sentenced to flogging, stoning and execution,
 - G. whereas the youngest of the accused is aged 16,
1. Expresses its indignation at the proceedings being taken out against the prisoners accused of spying in Iran;
 2. Demands the immediate release of all the prisoners, to enable them freely to prepare their defence with the lawyers of their choice;
 3. Calls for the rights of the defence to be respected and for international observers to have immediate access to the case-files on the accused and to be allowed freely to follow the whole trial;
 4. Calls on the Supreme Court to immediately suspend execution of the death penalty and proceed further with judicial review of the case;

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5. Insists that any dialogue between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran must be made dependent on respect for fundamental human rights;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, and the Iranian Government.

(d) **B5-0083, 0097 and 0106/1999**

Resolution on human rights abuses in Togo

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Togo,
- A. whereas the democratisation process in Togo has suffered many setbacks in recent years and whereas the Presidential elections of June 1998 were marred by irregularities,
 - B. whereas the legislative elections of March 1999 were boycotted by the opposition because of insufficient guarantees of an equitable electoral process,
 - C. whereas an inter-Togolese dialogue between government and opposition, assisted by three European and one African facilitator, is currently making progress on the organisation of new legislative elections,
 - D. whereas President Eyadema has given a public undertaking not to seek a new presidential mandate and to dissolve the parliament in a few months,
 - E. whereas there have been persistent human rights violations committed by the security forces with total impunity in recent years and whereas Amnesty International reported allegations of hundreds of extrajudicial executions and torture immediately after the Presidential election,
 - F. whereas EU cooperation with Togo has been suspended since January 1992,
1. Strongly condemns all forms of violence and human rights abuses committed in Togo;
 2. Welcomes the agreement reached last July by the inter-Togolese dialogue on the organisation of new legislative elections next year and expresses its full support for the work of the European facilitators;
 3. Calls for an independent investigation of the allegations of extrajudicial executions and torture and urges that those who committed those crimes should be brought to justice in order to put an end to the situation of impunity;
 4. Believes that European Union/Togolese cooperation can be resumed only when Togo fully meets provisions contained in Article 5 of the Lomé Convention and stresses, in the meantime, the importance of supporting independent media and civil society groups in Togo by projects implemented by the NGOs;
 5. Calls on the Member States to act with a single voice in the framework of their bilateral relations with Togo;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly, the OAU and the Government and Parliament of Togo.
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17. Lusaka agreement

B5-0070, 0084, 0094, 0099 and 0101/1999

Resolution on the Lusaka ceasefire agreement for the Great Lakes Region

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in the Great Lakes Region and in the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular,
 - having regard to the EU Presidency Declaration of 3 September 1999,
 - having regard to the EU Declaration of June 1999 on the arms trade to and within the Great Lakes Region,
- A. whereas an armed conflict has been raging in the DRC over the past year, with the active military involvement of several neighbouring countries, posing a serious threat to the stability of the region and causing further death and destruction as well as a new exodus of refugees,
- B. whereas a ceasefire agreement has been signed in Lusaka by the six countries of the region (the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Rwanda and Uganda) and the various rebel factions, all of which are involved in the conflict,
- C. whereas the Lusaka ceasefire agreement includes a pledge from neighbouring countries to withdraw their forces as well as a promise from all sides to engage in a national dialogue on Congo's future, with the participation of representatives of civil society, and to secure Congo's borders in order to guarantee the safety of neighbouring countries,
- D. whereas the obstacles to the implementation of the Lusaka agreement are enormous, given the grave instability and ethnic tensions that persist in the region and the continuing presence of refugees across the region which has resulted in a tremendous humanitarian crisis,
- E. whereas respect for human rights and democratic institutions must be an essential part of the reconciliation process in the region,
1. Supports the peace process initiated by the signing of the Lusaka agreement and commends the successful diplomatic efforts of Zambia, South Africa and Tanzania that led to the signing of this agreement;
 2. Calls on all parties to proceed immediately with implementation of the agreement, to abide strictly by its terms and to refrain from any action putting it at risk;
 3. Calls in particular on all Congolese signatories of the agreement to engage immediately in national dialogue on Congo's future, together with representatives of civil society; for this purpose calls on the DRC authorities to release without delay all political prisoners and to allow activities of political parties in order to prepare the elections;
 4. Calls on all those involved in the fighting to end all acts of violence against civilians and to respect fundamental human rights;
 5. Considers that the Lusaka agreement is crucial for the restoration of peace and stability in the DRC and the Central Africa region, as well as for the return of refugees and displaced people and their reintegration into their countries of origin and for the security of neighbouring countries;
 6. Emphasises the responsibility of the European Union for providing support for the enforcement of the Lusaka agreements and calls on the EU to provide political and operational support for its implementation and to contribute in particular to the peacekeeping operations to be carried out by the UN and the OAU;
 7. Calls on the Council and the Member States to respect their commitments to controlling arms exports to the region, their illicit circulation and the illicit trafficking which finances them;

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8. Calls on the EU to step up its humanitarian aid to the region to help cope with the continuing presence of refugees and to assist the repatriation process;
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the signatories of the Lusaka agreement, the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the OAU and the Governments of South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.
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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

1. Opening of sitting

The President opened the sitting at 9.05.

Mr Sakellariou asked the President to send a telegram of congratulations to the President of Algeria following the results of the referendum held as part of the process of bringing peace to that country (the President took note of this request).

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mr Robert Evans, with reference to the Minutes of 15 September 1999 (see Part I, Items 5 and 7 of that day's minutes), corrected certain remarks he had made about Mr Camre during the debate on the Tampere European Council.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Documents received

The President had received:

(a) *Council*:

(aa) *requests for opinions on*:

- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) on insolvency proceedings (9178/99 — C5-0069/99 — 1999/0806(CNS))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: LIBE
legal basis: Art. 61 EC, Art. 67(1) EC
- Proposal for a Council Directive (EC) 70/524/EEC on additives in animal feed (COM(99)0388 — C5-0134/99 — 1999/0168(CNS))
referred to responsible: AGRI
opinion: ENVI
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
- Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) 2201/96 on the common organisation of the markets in processed fruit and vegetable products (COM(99)0376 — C5-0140/99 — 1999/0161(CNS))
referred to responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG
legal basis: Art. 37 EC
- Proposal for a Council Regulation on budgetary discipline (COM(99)0364 — C5-0141/99 — 1999/0151(CNS))
referred to responsible: BUDG
opinion: CONT, ECON, INDU, AGRI
legal basis: Art. 279 EC

(ab) *the following texts*:

- Cologne European Council — Conclusions of the Presidency: preparation of the next Intergovernmental Conference — IGC — (Items 52, 53 and 54) (SN150/99 — C5-0143/99)
referred to responsible: AFCO
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(b) *Commission:*(ba) *proposals and/or communications:*

- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a Community code for veterinary medicines (consolidated version) (COM(99)0213 — C5-0133/99 — 1999/0180(COD))
 - referred to responsible: JURI,
opinion: ENVI, AGRI
 - legal basis: Art. 95 EC
- Communication: Towards a single market for supplementary pensions — results of the consultations on the Green Paper on supplementary pensions in the single market (COM(99)0134 — C5-0135/99)
 - referred to responsible: ECON
opinion: JURI, EMPL, FEMM

(bb) *proposals for transfers of appropriations:*

- proposal for transfer of appropriations 47/99 between Chapters within Section III Commission — Part B — of the general budget of the European Union for the 1999 financial year (SEC(99)1412 — C5-0131/99)
 - referred to responsible: BUDG
- proposal for transfer of appropriations 48/99 between Chapters within Section VI Economic and Social Committee — Committee of the Regions — of the general budget of the European Union for the 1999 financial year (SEC(99)1395 — C5-0132/99)
 - referred to responsible: BUDG
- proposal for transfer of appropriations 45/99 between Chapters within Section III Commission — Part B — of the general budget of the European Union for the 1999 financial year (SEC(99)1414 — C5-0137/99)
 - referred to responsible: BUDG

4. Authorisation to draw up reports — Hughes Procedure — Gomes Procedure

The Conference of Presidents had authorised the Committee on Budgetary Control to draw up a report on the action to be taken on the second report of the Committee of Independent Experts (INI992132).

- The Hughes Procedure was applied to the following reports:
 - FASE:
 - Community action plan for the reconstruction of Central America (COM(99)0201 — C5-0111/99 — 99/2114(COS)) (asked for opinions: BUDG, DEVE, INDU)
Hughes Procedure proposed between AFET and DEVE
 - LIBE:
 - Proposal for a Council Directive on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (COM(99)0219 — C5-0044/99 — 1999/0102(CNS)) (asked for opinion: JURI)
Hughes Procedure between LIBE and JURI
 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility in joint children (COM(99)0220 — C5-0045/99 — 1999/0110(CNS)) (asked for opinion: JURI)
Hughes Procedure between LIBE and JURI
 - ECON:
 - Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 85/0611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) with a view to regulating management companies and simplified prospectuses (COM(98)0451 — C4-0465/98 — 98/0242(COD)) (asked for opinion: JURI)
Hughes Procedure between ECON and JURI
 - Communication: Towards a single market for supplementary pensions — Results of the consultations on the Green Paper on supplementary pensions in the single market (COM(99)0134 — C5-0135/99 — 99/2131(COS)) (asked for opinions: EMPL, FEMM, JURI)
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- The Gomes Procedure was applied to the following reports:
 - AFCO:
 - Drawing up a charter of fundamental rights for the European Union (C5-0058/99 — 99/0264(COS)) (asked for opinions: AFET, EMPL, JURI, LIBE)
- Gomes Procedure between AFCO and LIBE

5. State of the Louise Weiss building (statement followed by questions)

The next item was a statement by the President.

The President made a statement about the situation in the Louise Weiss building and gave a preliminary assessment of the building's first weeks of occupation and the improvements introduced since.

The following put questions or made requests or comments: Andrews, Sacconi, Berger, Seppänen, Provan, the last two to mention a technical problem, Maes, on proceedings during the sitting, Ford, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Quaestor, Lambert, Walls, Tajani, Pack, Fabra Vallés, Maes, and Breyer.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PROVAN

Vice-President

The following also spoke: Ludford, Posselt, Aparicio Sánchez, MacCormick, Van der Laan (the President replied that the Secretary-General would send him a written answer on the financial implications), Lynne, Maaten, Thomas Mann, Izquierdo Collado, Van Dam, Roure, Beysen, Callanan, Helmer, Eriksson, Schleicher and Bowis (before giving the floor to the last speaker the President informed the House that, because it would not be possible to grant all requests for the floor, any questions or comments about the Louise Weiss building submitted in writing to the Secretary-General by the end of the following week would be published in the verbatim report).

The following also spoke: Gebhardt, who asked for the floor but was refused by the President as the Conference of Presidents had decided the sitting would close at 10.30, and Isler Béguin.

6. Dates for next sittings

The President announced that the next sittings would be held from 4 to 7 October 1999.

7. Adjournment of session

The session of the European Parliament was adjourned.

The President closed the sitting at 10.45.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Nicole Fontaine
President

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Andrews, Aparicio Sánchez, Arvidsson, Aviles Perea, Bakopoulos, Beazley, Belder, Berend, Berger, Berlato, Beysen, Bigliardo, Blak, Blokland, Böge, van den Bos, Boumediene-Thiery, Bourlanges, Bowis, Bradbourn, Breyer, Busk, Callanan, Camre, Caudron, Caullery, Coelho, Corrie, Coûteaux, Cox, Cushnahan, van Dam, Daul, Deva, De Veyrac, Di Lello Finuoli, Dillen, Dover, Doyle, Eriksson, Evans Robert J.E., Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Fitto, Fitzsimons, Flesch, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Foster, Friedrich, Fruteau, Garaud, García Orcoyen Tormo, Gasòliba i Böhm, Gebhardt, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Gillig, Glante, Goebbels, Görlach, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gröner, Grossetête, Hänsch, Hannan, Haug, Heaton-Harris, Helmer, Hermange, Hoff, Hudghton, Iivari, Isler Béguin, Izquierdo Collado, Jackson, Jean-Pierre, Jensen, Jöns, Jonckherr, Junker, Kauppi, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Khanbhai, Kindermann, Klamt, Klauf, Knörr Borràs, Knolle, Koch, Konrad, Koulourianos, Kratsa, van der Laan, Lage, Lambert, Lange, Langenhagen, Laschet, Ludford, Lüttge, Lulling, Lynne, Maaten, McCartin, MacCormick, McKenna, McNally, Maes, Manders, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marchiani, Marinos, Markov, Marques, Martin David W., Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Mauro, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menrad, Miguélez Ramos, Miller, Mombaur, Moreira Da Silva, Morgantini, Müller Emilia Franziska, Mulder, Musotto, Myller, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Ojeda Sanz, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Pack, Papayannakis, Patrie, Pérez Royo, Pesälä, Piecyk, Poettering, Pohjamo, Poos, Posselt, Procacci, Provan, Puerta, Purvis, Queiro, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rapkay, Redondo Jiménez, Roure, Sacconi, Sacrédeus, Saifi, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santer, Schleicher, Schröder Ilka, Schröder Jürgen, Schwaiger, Seppänen, Skinner, Souchet, Speroni, Staes, Stauner, Stenmarck, Sterckx, Sturdy, Tajani, Tannock, Theato, Titley, Uca, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Villiers, Virrankoski, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weiler, Wiebenga, Wieland, von Wogau, Wuermeling, Wuori, Wynn, Zacharakis, Zappalà, Zimmerling, Zissener
