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MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2011

IN THE CHAIR: Jerzy BUZEK
President

1. Resumption of the session

The sitting opened at 15.00.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

Francisco José Millán Mon said that by mistake he had voted for Amendment 13 to the report by Laima Liucija Andrikienė A7-0339/2010 (minutes of 16.12.2010, item 6.4); he had intended to vote against it.

3. Statements by the President

The President spoke of the democratisation process in Tunisia and the unstable situation in Egypt. Parliament considered freedom and democracy to be essential for progress and stability in the region.

On 20 January 2011 Latvia had commemorated the 20th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when the Soviet Army had attacked official buildings in the capital. Several people had been killed and a large number wounded.

He spoke of the case of the Dutch national, Sahra Bahrami, who had been sentenced to death and executed in Iran on 29 January 2011. He was asking for an explanation from the Iranian Government, expressing the European Union’s view that the death penalty could never be considered a just sentence.

He also mentioned the case of David Kato, a human rights militant, who had been killed on 26 January 2011 in Uganda. He called on the Ugandan Government to bring those guilty to justice.
The President concluded by mentioning that a meeting of the Conference of Presidents open to all Members would be held on 8 February 2011.

The following spoke: Michael Cashman on the case of David Kato.

4. **Composition of committees and delegations**

The President had received the following requests for appointments from the ECR Group:

JURI Committee: Syed Kamall to replace Daniel Hannan;

AFCO Committee: Daniel Hannan to replace Syed Kamall.

The appointments would be deemed ratified if there were no objections before the approval of these minutes.

5. **Verification of credentials**

On the proposal of its Committee on Legal Affairs, Parliament decided to confirm the validity of the mandates as Members of the European Parliament of María Irigoyen Pérez with effect from 16 November 2010, Philippe Boulland with effect from 15 December 2010 and Agnès Le Brun with effect from 1 January 2011.

6. **Corrigendum (Rule 216)**

The committee responsible had forwarded the following corrigendum (P7_TA-PROV(2010)0480(COR01)) to a text adopted by Parliament:


Pursuant to Rule 216(4) of the Rules of Procedure, this corrigendum would be deemed approved unless, not later than 48 hours after its announcement, a request was made by a political group or at least 40 Members that it be put to the vote.

The corrigendum was available on the Séance en direct site.

7. **Lapsed written declarations**

In accordance with Rule 123(5), written declarations 73, 74, 76 and 77/2010 had lapsed as they had not obtained the required number of signatures.

8. **Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council**

The Council had forwarded certified true copies of the following:

— Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, on the general principles for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in Union programmes;
9. Oral questions (submission)

The following oral questions had been submitted by Members (Rule 115):

— (O-0203/2010) by Louis Michel, Charles Goerens, Antonyia Parvanova, Frédérique Ries and Olle Schmidt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Nessa Childers, Marc Tarabella, Bart Staes and Marina Yannakoudakis, to the Commission: Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) - practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2015 (B7-0006/2011);

— (O-0012/2011) by Vital Moreira and Francesca Balzani, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to the Council: The conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas (B7-0007/2011);

— (O-0013/2011) by Vital Moreira and Francesca Balzani, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to the Commission: The conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas (B7-0008/2011).

10. Implementing measures (Rule 88)

The following draft implementing measures falling under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny had been forwarded to Parliament:

— Draft Commission regulation refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health (D010515/03 - 2011/2530(RPS) - deadline: 18.4.2011)

  referred to responsible: ENVI
  opinion: IMCO


  referred to responsible: TRAN
11. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from committees

1.1) reports

— *** Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and of an Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and the United States of America (07782/2010 - C7-0148/2010 - 2010/0057(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Francesca Balzani (A7-0002/2011)


1.2) recommendations for second reading


12. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The final draft agenda for the February I 2011 sittings (PE 457.398/PDOJ) had been distributed and the following changes had been proposed, with the political groups’ agreement (Rule 140):

Wednesday

1. The President’s statement on EU recognition of the Roma genocide during World War II (Item 39 of the draft agenda) would be followed by statements by the Council and Commission and a round of speakers from the political groups.

2. The title of the debate scheduled on the situation in Tunisia (Item 27 of the draft agenda) had been amended as follows:

   ‘Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the situation in the Mediterranean, in particular in Tunisia and Egypt’.

3. The vote on the motions for resolutions on Tunisia would be held, as scheduled, on Thursday 3 February 2011. The motions for resolutions on Egypt would be put to the vote at the February II part-session.

4. The debate on the Council and Commission statements on rising food prices (Item 37 of the draft agenda) had been postponed to the February II part-session. It had been replaced by a debate on the Council and Commission statements on the appointments of ESA senior executives, followed by a round of speakers from the political groups.

Thursday

A report by Francesco Enrico Speroni on the request for waiver of the immunity of Tamás Deutsch (A7-0015/2011) would be entered directly on the voting list.

The proposed amendments were approved.

The order of business was thus established.

The following spoke: Ioan Mircea Pașcu on the organisation of business.
13. EU recognition of the Roma genocide during World War II

Statement by the President: EU recognition of the Roma genocide during World War II

The President made the statement.

The following spoke: Enikő Győri (President-in-Office of the Council) and Maroš Šefčovič (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Lívia Járóka, on behalf of the PPE Group, Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the S&D Group, Renate Weber, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Catherine Grèze, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Marek Henryk Migalski, on behalf of the ECR Group, Cornelia Ernst, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Niki Tzavela, on behalf of the EFD Group.

The item closed.

14. Preparation for the European Council meeting (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Preparation for the European Council meeting

Enikő Győri (President-in-Office of the Council) and José Manuel Barroso (President of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the S&D Group, Lena Ek, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Krisztina Morvai, who put a blue-card question to Martin Schulz, who replied, Rebecca Harms, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jan Zahradil, on behalf of the ECR Group, Marisa Matias, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Niki Tzavela, on behalf of the EFD Group, Francisco Sosa Wagner, Non-attached Member, and Herbert Reul.

IN THE CHAIR: Libor ROUCEK
Vice-President

The following spoke: Rebecca Harms, who put a blue-card question to Herbert Reul, who replied, Marita Ulvskog, Fiona Hall, Claude Turmes, Konrad Szymański, Vladimír Remek, Mario Borghezio, Csanád Szegedi, Jean-Pierre Audy, Teresa Riera Madurell, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Ilda Figueiredo, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski and Jo Leinen.

IN THE CHAIR: Jerzy BUZEK
President

The following spoke: Georgios Toussas, Paulo Rangel, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Edite Estrela, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Silvia-Adriana Tițău, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Tunne Kelam, Gunnar Hökmark, Othmar Karas and Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulienė.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Andrew Henry William Brons, András Gyürk and Zigmantas Balčytis.

The following spoke: Maroš Šefčovič (Vice-President of the Commission) and Enikő Győri.

The debate closed.
15. **Situation in the Mediterranean, in particular in Tunisia and Egypt** (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Situation in the Mediterranean, in particular in Tunisia and Egypt

Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) made the statement.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Stavros LAMBRINIDIS

Vice-President

The following spoke: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, on behalf of the PPE Group, Adrian Severin, on behalf of the S&D Group, Guy Verhofstadt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, who also replied to a blue-card question by Niki Tzavela, Charles Tannock, on behalf of the ECR Group, Marco Tarabella, Marie-Christine Vergiat, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Fiorello Provera, on behalf of the EFD Group, Nicole Sinclaire, Ioannis Kasoulides, Véronique De Keyser, Edward McMillan-Scott, Franziska Katharina Brantner, Mirosław Piotrowski, Willy Meyer, Bastiaan Belder, Philip Claeys, Hans-Gert Pöttering, Hannes Swoboda, Metin Kasak, Heidi Hautala, Ivo Strečko, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Lorenzo Fontana, Barry Madlener, who also replied to a blue-card question by Nirj Deva, Mario Mauro and Pier Antonio Panzeri.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Diana WALLIS

Vice-President


The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Miroslav Mikolášik, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Ivo Vaigl, Malika Benarab-Attou, Marisa Matias, Jaroslav Paška and Andreas Mölzer.

The following spoke: Catherine Ashton.

**Tunisia:**

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 110(2):

— Hélène Flautre, Franziska Katharina Brantner, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Barbara Lochbihler, Catherine Grèze, Frieda Brepoels and Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the situation in Tunisia (B7-0078/2011);

— José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Elmar Brok, Cristian Dan Preda, Tokia Saïfi, Ernst Strasser and Michael Gahler, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Maghreb, especially in Tunisia (B7-0079/2011);

— Marie-Christine Vergiat, Jacky Hénin, Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Ilda Figueiredo, Rui Tavares, Gabriele Zimmer, Eva-Britt Svensson and Elie Hoarau, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Tunisia (B7-0080/2011);
— Adrian Severin, Véronique De Keyser, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Raimon Obiols, Carmen Romero López, Vincent Peillon and Richard Howitt, on behalf of the S&D Group, on the situation in Tunisia (B7-0081/2011);

— Metin Kazak, Marielle De Sarnez, Marietje Schaake, Niccolò Rinaldi, Kristiina Ojuland and Ivo Vajgl, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the situation in Tunisia (B7-0087/2011);

— Charles Tannock, Tomasz Piotr Poręba and Ryszard Antoni Legutko, on behalf of the ECR Group, on the situation in Tunisia (B7-0088/2011).

**Egypt:**

The motions for resolutions to be tabled under Rule 110(2) would be announced in the House at a later time.

The debate closed.

Vote on the motions for resolutions on Tunisia: minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.10.

Vote on the motions for resolutions on Egypt: next part-session.

**16. Referendum on the future status of Southern Sudan** (debate)

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: Referendum on the future status of Southern Sudan

Catherine Ashton (Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) made the statement.

The following spoke: Mariya Nedelcheva, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Véronique De Keyser, on behalf of the S&D Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Rainer WIELAND

Vice-President

The following spoke: Charles Goerens, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Judith Sargentini, on behalf of theVerts/ALE Group, Charles Tannock, on behalf of the ECR Group, Sabine Lösing, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the EFD Group, Martin Ehrenhauser, Non-attached Member, Filip Kaczmarek, Corina Crețu, Marielle De Sarnez, Oriol Junqueras Vies, Peter van Dalen, Gay Mitchell, Guido Milana, Niccolò Rinaldi, Frank Engel and Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Anna Záborská, María Muñiz De Urquiza, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Charalampos Angourakis, Franz Obermayr and Seán Kelly.

The following spoke: Michel Barnier (Member of the Commission).

The debate closed.

**17. Appointments of ESA senior executives** (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Appointments of ESA senior executives
Enikő Győri (President-in-Office of the Council) and Michel Barnier (Member of the Commission) made the
statements.

IN THE CHAIR: Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT
Vice-President

The following spoke: Jean-Paul Gauzès, on behalf of the PPE Group, Udo Bullmann, on behalf of the S&D
Group, Sylvie Goulard, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Sven Giegold, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Kay
Swinburne, on behalf of the ECR Group, and Marta Andreasen, on behalf of the EFD Group.

The following spoke: Michel Barnier and Enikő Győri.

Motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 120, to wind up the debate:

— Sharon Bowles, on behalf of the ECON Committee, on the appointment of the Chairperson of the
European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority) (B7-0091/2011);

— Sharon Bowles, on behalf of the ECON Committee, on the appointment of the Chairperson of the
European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority) (B7-0092/2011);

— Sharon Bowles, on behalf of the ECON Committee, on the appointment of the Chairperson of the
European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) (B7-0093/2011).

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.13, minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.14 and minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.15.


Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and of an Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and the United States of America [07782/2010 - C7-0148/2010- 2010/0057(NLE)] - Committee on International Trade. Rapporteur: Francesca Balzani (A7-0002/2011)


Oral question (O-0012/2011) by Vital Moreira and Francesca Balzani, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to
the Council: The conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas (B7-0007/2011)

Oral question (O-0013/2011) by Vital Moreira and Francesca Balzani, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to
the Commission: The conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas (B7-0008/2011)

Francesca Balzani introduced the recommendation and the report and moved the oral questions.

Enikő Győri (President-in-Office of the Council) and Dacian Cioloş (Member of the Commission) answered the
oral questions.
The following spoke: Charles Goerens (rapporteur for the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Laima Liucija Andrikienė, on behalf of the PPE Group, Kriton Arsenis, on behalf of the S&D Group, Catherine Grèze, on behalf of of the Verts/ALE Group, Elie Hoarau, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, David Campbell Bannerman, on behalf of the EFD Group, Laurence J.A.J. Stassen, Non-attached Member, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Catherine Stihler, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth Köstinger and Seán Kelly.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Nuno Teixeira and João Ferreira.

The following spoke: Dacian Cioloș, Enikő Győr and Francesca Balzani.

Motion for a resolution to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 115(5):

— Francesca Balzani and Vital Moreira, on behalf of the INTA Committee, on the conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and of an Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and the United States (B7-0074/2011).

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.5, minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.6 and minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.7.

19. **Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative** (debate)

Oral question (O-0203/2010) by Louis Michel, Charles Goerens, Antonia Parvanova, Frédérique Ries and Olle Schmidt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Nessa Childers, Marc Tarabella, Bart Staes and Marina Yannakoudakis, to the Commission: Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) - practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2015 (B7-0006/2011)

Charles Goerens moved the oral question.

Dacian Cioloș (Member of the Commission) answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Maria Da Graça Carvalho, on behalf of the PPE Group, Michael Cashman, on behalf of the S&D Group, Angelika Werthmann, Non-attached Member, Filip Kaczmarek, Ricardo Cortês Lastra and Anna Záborská.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Miroslav Mikolášik, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Seán Kelly, João Ferreira and Csanád Szegedi.

The following spoke: Dacian Cioloș.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled under Rule 115(5):

— Louis Michel, Charles Goerens, Antonia Parvanova, Frédérique Ries and Olle Schmidt, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) – practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2050 (B7-0075/2011);

— Michèle Rivasi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) - practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2015 (B7-0076/2011);
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— Gabriele Zimmer, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira and Nikolaos Chountis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) - practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2015 (B7-0086/2011);

— Véronique De Keyser, Thijs Berman, Michael Cashman and Ricardo Cortés Lastra, on behalf of the S&D Group, on the Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) - practical implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy with a view to meeting MDG 6 by 2015 (B7-0089/2011).

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 3.2.2011, item 8.11.

20. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

In accordance with Rule 150, the following Members who wished to draw the attention of Parliament to matters of political importance spoke for one minute:

Theodoros Skylakakis, Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă, Metin Kazak, Michail Tremopoulos, Zbigniew Ziobro, Ilda Figueiredo, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Rovana Plumb, Marian Harkin, Diane Dodds, Csaba Sógor, Catherine Stihler, Csanád Szegedi, Séan Kelly, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Cătălin Sorin Ivan, Alexander Mirsky, Ioan Enciu, Corina Crețu and Ricardo Cortés Lastra.

21. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day’s sitting had been established (‘Agenda’ PE 457.398/OJ/E).

22. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 23.20.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Edward McMillan-Scott
Vice-President
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:


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