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MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2011
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MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

IN THE CHAIR: Jerzy BUZEK
President

1. Resumption of the session

The sitting opened at 17.00.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous sitting

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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Ryszard Czarnecki and Jacek Olgierd Kurski announced that during Question Time on 8 June 2011 (minutes of 8.6.2011, item 6.13), they had intended to vote in favour of the resolution by Salvador Garriga Polledo on investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe (A7-0193/2011).
3. **Composition of committees and delegations**

The President had received the following requests for appointments from the GUE-NGL Group and the Secretariat of the Non-Attached Members:

- IMCO Committee: Mikael Gustafsson
- LIBE Committee: Auke Zijlstra
- FEMM Committee: Mikael Gustafsson
- Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council: Auke Zijlstra.

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

4. **Composition of Parliament**

Daniël van der Stoep had submitted his resignation as a Member of Parliament with effect from 1 September 2011.

In accordance with Rule 4(1) and (3), Parliament noted his resignation and established the vacancy of his seat with effect from that date.

The competent authorities of the Netherlands had announced the election to the European Parliament of Auke Zijlstra, replacing Daniël van der Stoep.

Parliament took note, with effect from 13 September 2011.

The competent authorities of Sweden had announced the election to the European Parliament of Mikael Gustafsson, replacing Eva Britt Svensson.

Parliament took note, with effect from 22 September 2011.

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

5. **Signature of acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure**

The President announced that on Wednesday, together with the President of the Council, he would sign the following acts adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure (Rule 74):


6. **Corrigendum (Rule 216)**

The committee responsible had forwarded the following corrigendum 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. **Statements by the President**

The President welcomed the speech made by Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council, on behalf of the European Union as a whole at the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly held on 22 September 2011.

The President expressed Parliament’s condemnation of the death penalty on the occasion of the execution of Troy Davis on 21 September 2011 in the United States and the public hanging of Alizera Molla Soltani, a 17-year-old minor in Iran the same day.

The President stressed the importance of the vote that Wednesday on the economic governance package. He also emphasised that José Manuel Barroso, President of the Commission, would make a statement on the State of the Union on the Wednesday morning, and that the first question hour with Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the Euro Group, would be held on the Tuesday afternoon, when Catherine Ashton, Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, would also make a statement on the Eastern Partnership Summit.

8. **Lapsed written declarations**


9. **Oral questions and written declarations** (submission)

The following documents had been submitted by Members:

1) **oral questions (Rule 115)**

— (O-000181/2011) by Jo Leinen, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, to the Council: Key objectives for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 summit) in Rio de Janeiro (B7-0436/2011);

— (O-000182/2011) by Jo Leinen, on behalf of the ENVI Committee, to the Commission: Key objectives for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 summit) in Rio de Janeiro (B7-0437/2011);

— (O-000197/2011) by Daniel Caspary, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Paweł Zalewski, Gabriele Albertini, Joachim Zeller and Ioannis Kasoulides, on behalf of the PPE Group, Metin Kazak, Kristiina Ojuland, Marielle De Sarnez, Niccolò Rinaldi, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Alexandra Thein, Marietje Schaake, Ramon Tremosa i Balcàrs and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Robert Sturdy, on behalf of the ECR Group, to the Commission: EU-Taiwan trade (B7-0438/2011).

2) written declarations for inclusion in the register (Rule 123)

— Véronique Mathieu, Roberta Angelilli, Edite Estrela, Jean Lambert and Katarína Neveďalová, in support of an International Day of the Girl (0039/2011);

— George Sabin Cutaş, Salvatore Iacolino, Ramona Nicole Mănescu and Michèle Rivasi, on legal highs (0040/2011).

10. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

The Council had forwarded a certified true copy of the following:

— Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs.

11. Action taken on Parliament’s resolutions

The Commission communication on the action it had taken in response to the resolutions adopted by Parliament during the April and May 2011 part-sessions was available on the Séance en direct site.

12. Petitions

The following petitions, which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below, had been forwarded to the committee responsible under Rule 201(6):

15 September 2011

Valentina Harhordina (0910/2011); Vladimirova Raja Lazarovska (0911/2011); Martin Jankulak (0912/2011); (name confidential) (1013 signatures) (0913/2011); Mario Raúl Belsuzari (0914/2011); (name confidential) (0915/2011); (name confidential) (0916/2011); Miguel Angelo Correia (0917/2011); Angelo Cillo (0918/2011); Niţă Ionuţ (0919/2011); (name confidential) (0920/2011); José Antonio Albert Monferrer (Plataforma Ciutadana a la Contaminació) (239 signatures) (0921/2011); (name confidential) (0922/2011); (name confidential) (0923/2011).
13. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 23/2011 (N7-0070/2011 - C7-0223/2011 - 2011/2169(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 25/2011 (N7-0065/2011 - C7-0196/2011 - 2011/2161(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 26/2011 (N7-0073/2011 - C7-0230/2011 - 2011/2171(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 27/2011 (N7-0074/2011 - C7-0231/2011 - 2011/2172(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 30/2011 (N7-0071/2011 - C7-0224/2011 - 2011/2170(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission’s proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 32/2011 (N7-0075/2011 - C7-0232/2011 - 2011/2173(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.
The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 33/2011 (N7-0076/2011 - C7-0245/2011 - 2011/2183(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Committee on Budgets had authorised the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 35/2011 (N7-0077/2011 - C7-0249/2011 - 2011/2190(GBD)) in accordance with Article 24(4) of the Financial Regulation as interpreted in point 20 of the joint declaration on transitional measures applicable to the budgetary procedure after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

14. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from committees: reports


— ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, providing further liberalisation of agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part (07770/2011 - C7-0100/2011 - 2011/0042(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Maria Eleni Koppa (A7-0300/2011)


2) from Members: a motion for a resolution (Rule 120)

— Cristiana Muscardini. Motion for a resolution on the consequences of the crisis in the European tanning industry (B7-0524/2011)

referred to responsible: ITRE
opinion: ENVI, INTA

15. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The final draft agenda for the September II 2011 part-session (PE 472.856/PDOJ) had been distributed. No changes had been proposed.

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The order of business was thus established.

16. EU research and innovation funding (debate)


The following spoke: Franz Obermayr on the 'catch the eye' procedure.

Marisa Matias introduced the report.

The following spoke: Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Carl Haglund (rapporteur for the opinion of the BUDG Committee), Lara Comi (rapporteur for the opinion of the IMCO Committee), Giovanni La Via (rapporteur for the opinion of the AGRI Committee), Ioannis A. Tsoukalas (rapporteur for the opinion of the PECH Committee), (the President wished Jaroslaw Leszek Wałęsa, who had been supposed to speak, a swift recovery), Antigoni Papadopoulou (rapporteur for the opinion of the FEMM Committee) and Maria Da Graça Carvalho, on behalf of the PPE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Roberta ANGELILLI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Edit Herczog, on behalf of the S&D Group, Kay Swinburne, on behalf of the ECR Group, Philippe Lamberts, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jacky Hénin, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Jaroslav Paška, on behalf of the EFD Group, Herbert Reul, Mario Pirillo, Ivo Strejček, Sampo Terho, Amalia Sartori, Ioan Enciu, Vicky Ford, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz and António Fernando Correia De Campos.

The following spoke under the 'catch-the-eye' procedure: Elena Oana Antonescu, Seán Kelly, Elena Băsescu, Paul Rübig, Raffaele Baldassarre, Josif Matula, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Judith A. Merkies, Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă, Riikka Manner, Franz Obermayr, Andrew Henry William Brons and Angelika Werthmann.
The following spoke: Máire Geoghegan-Quinn and Marisa Matias.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.6.

17. **Trade in agricultural and fishery products between the EU and Palestine*** (debate)

Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, providing further liberalisation of agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part [07770/2011 - C7-0100/2011- 2011/0042(NLE)] - Committee on International Trade. Rapporteur: Maria Eleni Koppa (A7-0300/2011)

Maria Eleni Koppa introduced the recommendation.

The following spoke: Dacian Cioloş (Member of the Commission).

The following spoke: Laima Liucija Andrikienė, on behalf of the PPE Group, George Sabin Cutaş, on behalf of the S&D Group, Niccolò Rinaldi, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Peter van Dalen, on behalf of the ECR Group, and Keith Taylor, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Edward McMillan-Scott

Vice-President

The following spoke: Helmut Scholz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the EFD Group, Daniel Caspary, Guido Milana, Christofer Fjellner and Vital Moreira.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Izaskun Bilbao Barandica and João Ferreira.

The following spoke: Dacian Cioloş and Maria Eleni Koppa.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.1.

18. **EU-Taiwan trade** (debate)

Oral question (O-000197/2011) by Daniel Caspary, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Paweł Zalewski, Gabriele Albertini, Joachim Zeller and Ioannis Kasoulides, on behalf of the PPE Group,

Metin Kazak, Kristiina Ojuland, Marielle De Sarnez, Niccolò Rinaldi, Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Alexandra Thein, Mariëtte Schaake, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group,

Robert Sturdy, on behalf of the ECR Group,
to the Commission: EU-Taiwan trade (B7-0438/2011)

Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Metin Kazak and Charles Tannock moved the oral question.

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

The following spoke: Daniel Caspary, on behalf of the PPE Group, Gianluca Susta, on behalf of the S&D Group, Niccolò Rinaldi, on behalf of the ALDE Group, William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, on behalf of the EFD Group, Philip Claeys, Non-attached Member, Seán Kelly, Crescenzio Rivellini, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra and Andreas Mölzer.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Eduard Kukan, Charles Tannock, Bastiaan Belder, Franz Obermayr and Vytautas Landsbergis.

The following spoke: Dacian Cioloș.

The debate closed.

19. Tourism in Europe (debate)

Report on Europe, the world’s No 1 tourist destination – a new political framework for tourism in Europe [2010/2206(INI)] - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Carlo Fidanza (A7-0265/2011)

Carlo Fidanza introduced the report.

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

The following spoke: Seán Kelly (rapporteur for the opinion of the CULT Committee), Salvatore Caronna (rapporteur for the opinion of the REGI Committee), Rareș-Lucian Niculescu (rapporteur for the opinion of the AGRI Committee), Georges Bach, on behalf of the PPE Group, Spyros Danelis, on behalf of the S&D Group, Giommaria Uggias, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Ryszard Czarnecki, on behalf of the ECR Group, Frieda Brepoels, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jacky Hénin, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Laurence J.A.J. Stassen, Non-attached Member, and Inés Ayala Sender.

IN THE CHAIR: Rainer WIELAND

Vice-President

The following spoke: Gesine Meissner, Olga Sehnalová and Izaskun Bilbao Barandica.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Hubert Pirker, Janusz Władysław Zemke, Michael Cramer, Jaroslav Paška, Nuno Teixeira, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgios Kountoutsakos, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Marian-Jean Marinescu and Lara Comi.

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani and Carlo Fidanza.

The debate closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.12.
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:

Rares-Lucian Niculescu, Alexander Mirsky, Andrea Zanoni, Marina Yannakoudakis, Michail Tremopoulos, João Ferreira, Nikolaos Salavrakos, Franz Obermayr, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Phil Prendergast, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells and François Alfonsi.

IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS
Vice-President

Søren Bo Søndergaard, Dimitar Stoyanov, Iosif Matula, Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu, Kristiina Ojuland, Oriol Junqueras Vies, Paul Murphy, Csaba Sógor, Katarína Neveďalová, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Ioan Enciu, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Anna Záborská and Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra.

21. **European road safety** (short presentation)


Dieter-Lebrecht Koch made the presentation.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Miroslav Mikolášik, Katarína Neveďalová, Nathalie Griesbeck, Eva Lichtenberger, Monika Flašiková Beňová, Keith Taylor, Silvia-Adriana Ţicău and Jaroslav Paška.

The following spoke: Siim Kallas (Vice-President of the Commission).

The item closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.13.

22. **Dam infrastructure in developing countries** (short presentation)

Report on financing of reinforcement of dam infrastructure in developing countries [2010/2270(INI)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Nirj Deva (A7-0213/2011)

Nirj Deva made the presentation.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Jolanta Emilia Hibner, Monika Flašiková Beňová and Elena Băcescu.

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

The item closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.14.
23. **Assisting developing countries in addressing food security challenges** (short presentation)

Report on an EU policy framework to assist developing countries in addressing food security challenges [2010/2100(INI)] - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: Gabriele Zimmer (A7-0284/2011)

Gabriele Zimmer made the presentation.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Elena Oana Antonescu, Eduard Kukan, Monika Flašíková-Beňová, Franziska Keller, João Ferreira, Georgios Papanikolaou and Jaroslav Paška.

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

The item closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.15.

24. **European Schools system** (short presentation)

Report on the European Schools’ system [2011/2036(INI)] - Committee on Culture and Education. Rapporteur: Jean-Marie Cavada (A7-0293/2011)

Jean-Marie Cavada made the presentation.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Elena Băsescu, Katarína Nevečalová, Barbara Matera, Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă, Marek Henryk Migalski, Georgios Papanikolaou, João Ferreira, Iosif Matula, Jaroslav Paška and Monika Flašíková-Beňová.

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

The item closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.7.

25. **Future EU cohesion policy** (short presentation)


Michael Theurer made the presentation.

The following spoke under the ‘catch-the-eye’ procedure: Edit Bauer, María Irigoyen Pérez, Elena Oana Antonescu, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Elena Băsescu, Monika Flašíková-Beňová, Iosif Matula and Miroslav Mikolášík.

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

The item closed.

Vote: minutes of 27.9.2011, item 8.8.
Monday 26 September 2011

26. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day’s sitting had been established (’Agenda’ PE 472.856/OJMA).

27. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 22.55.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Jerzy Buzek
President
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:


Monday 26 September 2011