MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 13 MAY 1974

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER
President

The sitting was opened at 4.05 p.m.

Resumption of session

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 25 April 1974.

Statement by the President concerning the list of attendance

The President drew the attention of members to the measures which he had taken following certain exchanges in the enlarged Bureau concerning the list of attendance. He expressed the hope that the system of which all members had been notified in writing would prove in practice a suitable one.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an Opinion on:

— the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 30,000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading No ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 5,000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading No ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

(Doc. 69/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations.
as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for an Opinion;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the establishment of a European vocational training centre (Doc. 70/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth for their Opinions;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the control of carnation leaf-rollers (Doc. 77/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending the period of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States (Doc. 78/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the customs treatment applicable to goods returned to the customs territory of the Community (Doc. 79/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a programme of research and education for the European Atomic Energy Community on plutonium recycling in light-water reactors (indirect nuclear project) — (Doc. 80/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special measures for soya beans (Doc. 88/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a review of the long-term research programme (Doc. 89/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation altering the intervals at which are fixed the standard values to be used in calculating financial compensation in respect of fishery products (Doc. 90/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation modifying Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk (Doc. 99/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

— the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on a number of agricultural products (Doc. 100/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations for its Opinion;

(b) from the Commission of the European Communities:

— the operating accounts and financial statements relating to the budget operations for the financial year 1972,

— the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1972, and
— the report of the Audit Board on the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 1972 of the European Communities (Doc. 74/74-I to IV).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

(c) from the committees the following reports:

— report by Mr Erwin Lange on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 331/73) for a Regulation on the importation free of Common Customs Tariff duties of educational, scientific and cultural materials (Doc. 72/74);

— report by Mr Helmut Artzinger on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 28/74) for a Directive amending Article 5 (2) of the Directive of 17 July 1969 concerning indirect taxes on the raising of capital (Doc. 75/74);

— report by Mr Helmut Artzinger on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 50/74) for a third Directive on taxes, other than turnover taxes, affecting the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 76/74);

— report by Mr Roger Houdet on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 36/74) for a Directive on the stunning of animals before slaughter (Doc. 82/74);

— report by Mr James Gibbons on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 13/74-I) for a Regulation on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (Doc. 83/74);

— report by Mr Egbert Wieldraaijer on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on:

— Petition No 1/73 on the proposal for an International Charter for Migrant Workers' Rights, and

— Petition No 1/74 on the proposals for a European Charter for Migrant Workers (Doc. 84/74);

— report by Miss Astrid Lulling on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 349/73) for a decision on assistance from the European Social Fund to persons employed in the shipbuilding industry (Doc. 86/74);

— the report by Mr Augusto Premoli on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 350/73) for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (Doc. 87/74);

— report by Lord Lothian on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the recommendations adopted in Berlin on 28 March 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association (Doc. 71/74) — (Doc. 91/74);

— report by Mr Lucien Martens on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the amendments to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 59/74) for:

I. Regulations concerning the level of the maximum quota applicable to sugar during the 1974/75 marketing year

II. a Regulation supplementing Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar (Doc. 92/74);

— report by Mr Edgar Jahn on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the communication and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 306/73) for a Regulation on the creation of a European foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Doc. 93/74);

— report by Mr Luigi Marras on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the communication and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 306/73)
for a Regulation on the creation of a European foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Doc. 94/74);

(d) from Mr André Rossi, general rapporteur, the report on the Seventh General Report of the Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1973 (Doc. 368/73 — (Doc. 73/74);

(c) from the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association the recommendations adopted by this committee on 28 March 1974 in Berlin (Doc. 71/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations;

(f) the following Oral Questions:

— Oral Questions put by Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Eisma, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Patijn, Mr Brewis and Mr Concas pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure for Question Time on 14 May 1974 (Doc. 85/74 and addendum);

— Oral Question with debate, put by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Van der Hek and Mr Wohlfart on behalf of the Socialist Group, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, to the Commission of the European Communities, on Italian Government measures (Doc. 95/74);

— Oral Question with debate, put by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Van der Hek and Mr Wohlfart on behalf of the Socialist Group, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, to the Council of the European Communities, on Italian Government measures (Doc. 96/74);

— Oral Question without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure, put by Mr Scott-Hopkins to the Commission of the European Communities on the flow of trade between Italy and the other Member States (Doc. 97/74);

— Oral Question without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure, put by Mr Früh to the Commission of the European Communities on the recent measures taken by the Italian Government (Doc. 98/74).

Decision on urgency

On a proposal from the President, it was decided to deal by urgent procedure with reports not submitted within the time limit laid down in the ruling of 11 May 1967.

Order of business

The President pointed out that in view of the special political situation in various Member States, the enlarged Bureau had, at its meeting of 7 and 8 May 1974, considerably altered the original draft agenda for this part-session.

On a proposal from the President, and after Mr Jahn and Mr Broeksz had spoken, Parliament adopted the following order of business for the present part-session:

*That afternoon:*

— Commission statement on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament;

— Report by Lady Elles on the protection of the European cultural heritage;

— Report by Mr Premoli on the quality of surface water;

— Report by Mr Bersani on consumer protection.

*Tuesday, 14 May 1974*

9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.:

— Question Time;

— Joint debate on four oral questions concerning Italian trade restrictions;


*Wednesday, 15 May 1974*

10 a.m.

The debate on the Oral Question concerning the Dollart nature reserve was postponed to a subsequent part-session.

— Oral Question on the protection of wild birds;

— Report by Mr Bousch on the economic situation in the Community;

— Report by Mr Della Briotta on proprietary medicinal products.
Time limits for tabling amendments

The President announced that, as a result of the extensive alteration of the agenda, the time limits originally laid down for tabling amendments no longer held.

Statement by the President

Following a letter addressed to him by Mr Houdet, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, the President announced that the report by Mr Martens on the common organization of the market in sugar (Doc. 92/74) could not be dealt with at the present part-session since the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Development and Cooperation, which had been appointed to deliver opinions on the matter, had not had sufficient time to prepare their opinions. Since the Council had requested Parliament's Opinion at too late a stage, there was no justification for declaring this report urgent, and it would therefore be debated during the first June part-session.

Allocation of speaking time

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided pursuant to Rule 31 (4) of the Rules of Procedure that speaking time should be allocated as follows:

- 15 minutes for the rapporteur and for one speaker on behalf of each group,
- 10 minutes for other speakers,
- 5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

For debates on oral questions it was decided that speaking time should be limited to:

- 10 minutes for the author, and
- 5 minutes for other speakers.

Commission statement on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, informed Parliament of the action taken by the Commission on the former's Opinions and proposals.

Protection of the European cultural heritage

Lady Elles introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the motion for a resolution submitted by Mr Premoli on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group (Doc. 73/73) on measures to protect the European cultural heritage (Doc. 54/74).

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Premoli on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cifarelli and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities.

The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

on the motion for a resolution submitted on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group on measures to protect the European cultural heritage

*The European Parliament,*

— concerned about the impoverishment of the European cultural heritage which often results both from natural causes and from human behaviour,
— aware of the need to preserve historic and artistic relics of the past and to arouse greater interest among the public in the wealth these represent for all peoples,
— having regard to the 'Declaration on European identity' adopted at Copenhagen on 14 December 1973 by the Heads of State or of Government of the countries of the Community,
— having regard to the motion for a resolution submitted by the Liberal and Allies Group (Doc. 73/73),
— having regard to the report by the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 54/74),

1. Points to the useful purpose served by drawing up an inventory of the European cultural heritage based on jointly-defined criteria,
2. Considers that those responsible for the education and training of young people should pay the greatest attention to the means of acquiring knowledge and appreciation by the young of cultural works, both ancient and modern;
3. Is convinced that the means of acquiring knowledge should be made available to young people as soon as possible and on a basis of equality, and that they must be taught appreciation by modern and stimulating methods;

4. Urges the Governments of the nine Member States to attach greater importance to the defence and promotion of works of culture, particularly by passing the laws and providing the funds necessary for the development of permanent education;

5. Notes the many activities undertaken at national and regional level with a view to the protection of historic monuments, buildings and sites, and urges the authorities responsible to increase further the number and scale of these activities;

6. Welcomes the organization in 1975, by the Council of Europe, of a ‘European architectural-heritage year’ with the title ‘A future for our past’;

7. Expresses satisfaction at the recent establishment, within the Commission of the European Communities, of two new administrative units: the ‘Environment and consumer protection department’ (responsible, amongst other important matters, for protecting the cultural heritage) and the ‘Cultural problems’ division;

8. Hopes that the problem of protecting the European cultural heritage and a number of other cultural problems, for which Community action is possible and desirable, will be included in the agenda for meetings of the Council of Ministers of the European Communities attended by members of the Government responsible for cultural affairs in the various Member States;

9. Asks the Commission to propose to the Council a series of concrete measures to be adopted in application of the provisions of the EEC Treaty, designed on the one hand to eliminate the administrative obstacles which still hamper the exchange of cultural works and, on the other, to eliminate the legal, administrative and social obstacles to the providing of services by cultural workers;

10. Asks the Commission to draft proposals for the Council on the harmonization of systems of taxation on cultural institutions, and on the gifts and legacies which contribute to the financing of these institutions, and in general on the harmonization of the tax arrangements which the various Member States apply to cultural goods and services;

11. Asks the Commission to propose measures to be adopted by the Council to approximate the national laws on the protection of the cultural heritage, royalties and other related intellectual property-rights;

12. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States the setting up within the Community of a fund which would provide financial support for the most urgent work on the restoration of monuments and sites and which could be partially financed by the yield of a loan floated contemporaneously in the nine States;

13. Requests the Commission to examine means of contributing to the development of the use of nuclear techniques in the preservation of works of art;

14. Requests the Commission to submit to the Member States arrangements for cooperation in the training of specialists in the restoration of monuments and works of art;

15. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States that they should all take measures to fight more effectively against the theft of and traffic in works of art and archeological treasures;

16. Emphasizes in this connection the moral and practical implications of ratification by all Member States of the Community of the Convention on measures to be adopted to forbid and prevent the import, export and transfer of ownership of illicitly acquired cultural goods which was adopted at the 16th session of the General Conference of UNESCO on 14 November 1970;
17. Requests the Commission to facilitate cooperation between representatives of the Member States of the Community, to ensure the adoption of common positions in the various bodies of the Council of Europe and UNESCO;

18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the ministers responsible in the various Member States.

Directive on the quality required of surface water

Mr Augusto Premoli introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 350/73) for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (Doc. 87/74).

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Noe and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (1),
— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 350/73),
— having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 87/74),
— conscious of the dangers of water shortages due to increased private and industrial consumption,
— concerned at the serious infections which may arise from the drinking of water,
— believing that the present Directive is intended to fill gaps in national legislations and generally improve the standards of hygiene,
— expressing the hope that the Directive be supplemented as soon as possible by a regulation on the waters of hydrographic basins providing for an interdisciplinary approach to all the related problems,

1. Approves the Directive with the following reservations:

(a) provision must be made for the discharge of nuclear power-station wastes at a safe distance from the points of abstraction of water intended for drinking,

(b) it would be advisable to limit the level of radioactivity of such water by laying down Community standards,

(c) it should be stipulated that water which does not possess the minimum characteristics defined in the propos-
al for a Directive may not be used for drinking purposes even temporarily,

(d) greater stringency seems to be required in defining some of the parameters in Table A-3 (permissible levels of
coliforms, streptococci, pesticides and hydrocarbons),

(e) the frequency of sampling must be stipulated and should be carried out at least every six months, so that
natural processes, as a result of which the characteristics of the surface water have been altered, can be dis-
cerned,

(f) closer surveillance is needed of the level of contamination of water which is to be rendered potable and
more consideration must be given to the possibility of reclamation and possible financing at Community level;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Com-
mission of the European Communities.

Preliminary EEC programme on consumer information and protection

Mr Giovanni Bersani introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on
Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the Euro-
pean Communities to the Council (Doc. 308/73) for a preliminary Community pro-
grame for consumer information and protection (Doc. 64/74).

The following spoke: Mr Scholten on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mrs
Orth on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European
Progressive Democrats, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Broeksz, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-Presi-
dent of the Commission of the European Communities, and Mr John Hill.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of
the European Communities to the Council for a preliminary Community programme for
consumer information and protection

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73)
2108 fin.),
— having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 308/73),
— having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the
Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 64/74),

1. Welcomes the proposal for a preliminary programme of the Community on consumer information and pro-
tection which, if fully implemented, would considerably strengthen the position of the consumer;

2. Considers it highly desirable for consumer organizations to be strengthened sufficiently to enable them to
influence the formulation of policy with the necessary expertise;
3. Feels that financial support from public sources could be very useful in this connection, provided it did not in any way curtail the autonomy of consumer organizations;

4. Feels that specific consumer organizations are not represented strongly enough on the Consumers’ Consultative Committee;

5. Requests the Commission to alter the presentation of its programme by combining chapters III and V and appending an annex indicating what the Community has achieved so far in the field of consumer protection;

6. Requests the Commission to modify or supplement its priorities on the following points:

   — health and safety: Community legislation in this area must be extended considerably in the next three years;

   — unfair and deceptive commercial practices: under this heading, mention should also be made of the conditions to be met by guarantees on consumer goods;

   — misleading advertising: the requirement for advertising to indicate the principal-objective details of the product should be formulated more positively;

   — hire purchase and consumer credit: a draft Directive should be submitted laying down the conditions which the corresponding contracts must satisfy (inter alia, amount to be paid back, duration of loan, annual interest, down-payment, penalties in the event of arrears);

   — complaints, advice and redress: there is a need for a Community-wide service which operates promptly and is available free of charge to everyone;

   — consumer information and education: there is clearly a need for a basic directive on informative labelling; in addition, regulations are required concerning the addition of directions for use or instructions for care and use (for textiles) in the language of the country of destination, and provisions prohibiting misleading packaging;

   — consumer information and education generally: efforts must be made to ensure that at least as much time (at comparable viewing hours) is devoted to consumer information as to television advertising; this consumer information must be objective and unprejudicial to conditions of competition;

   — comparative testing of products: although the Commission itself need not be active in this field, it should do everything in its power to encourage such testing;

   — harmonization of legislation: harmonization of the legislations of Member States in any of the abovementioned areas should be based on the most advanced legislation;

7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the above amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.
Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 14 May 1974:

9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.:
— Question Time;
— Joint debate on four oral questions concerning Italian trade restrictions;

The sitting was closed at 7.30 p.m.

H. R. NORD Cornelia BERKHOUWER
Secretary-General President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 14 MAY 1974

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER
President

The sitting was opened at 9.35 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following reports from the committees:

— report by Mr Willi Müller on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 25/74) for a resolution on the adaptation to technical progress of Directives on the protection and improvement of the environment (Doc. 101/74);

— report by Mr Vincenzo Vernaschi on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 273/72) for:

   I. a Directive on the coordination of certain laws, regulations and administrative divisions concerning the retail sale of medicinal products by self-employed persons

   II. a Directive concerning the attainment of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of the retail sale of medicinal products by self-employed persons

(Doc. 102/74).