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(Information)

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2006 — 2007 SESSION

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Sittings of 3 to 6 July 2006

STRASBOURG

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(2006/C 303 E/01)

**MINUTES****PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING**

IN THE CHAIR: Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

*President*

**1. Resumption of session**

The sitting opened at 17.05.

**2. Statement by the President**

The President made a statement on the murders of two little girls — Stacy Lemmens and Nathalie Mahy — in Liège, and a train crash that had occurred that day in Valencia, Spain, in which many people had been killed.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting**

Date of sitting: 14.06.2006

*Voting intentions:*

Motion for a resolution on the next steps for the period of reflection and analysis on the Future of Europe (B6-0327/2006)

— resolution (as a whole)

*against:* Nils Lundgren

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Date of sitting: 15.06.2006

*Voting intentions:*

Report: Jerzy Buzek — A6-0202/2006

— amendment 320

in favour: Britta Thomsen

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The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

#### **4. Membership of committees and delegations**

At the request of the PPE-DE and ALDE Groups, Parliament ratified the following appointments:

- Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and Delegation for relations with Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia:  
Markus Pieper
- Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union (including Libya):  
Giuseppe Castiglione to replace Markus Pieper
- Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries:  
Marco Cappato

#### **5. Membership of Parliament (Observers)**

Valeriu Ștefan Zgonea had given notice of his resignation as an Observer at the European Parliament with effect from 13.07.2006.

Parliament noted the resignation and would inform the Romanian authorities thereof.

#### **6. Verification of credentials**

At its meeting of 21.06.2006, the JURI Committee had, under Rule 3(2), verified the credentials of Achille Occhetto and considered Beniamino Donnici's objection to the designation of Achille Occhetto as a Member of the European Parliament to replace Antonio Di Pietro.

Having noted that, under Article 12 of the Act concerning the election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, the objection was inadmissible because it was based on Italian electoral law, the JURI Committee had proposed unanimously to validate the mandate of Achille Occhetto with effect from 08.05.2006.

Parliament thus ratified the mandate.

#### **7. Signature of acts adopted under codecision**

The President announced that, on Wednesday, he and the President of the Council would sign the following acts adopted under the codecision procedure pursuant to Rule 68:

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air (3681/3/2005 — C6-0210/2006 — 2005/0007(COD))

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- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1784/1999 (3626/2006 — C6-0213/2006 — 2004/0165(COD))
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999 (3625/2006 — C6-0212/2006 — 2004/0167(COD))
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) (3627/2006 — C6-0214/2006 — 2004/0168(COD))
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast) (3621/2006 — C6-0215/2006 — 2004/0084(COD))
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners and Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (3663/2/2005 — C6-0211/2006 — 2004/0237(COD))

## 8. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

### 1) *from committees*

#### 1.1) *reports*

- Report: Towards further consolidation in financial services industry (2006/2081(INI)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
Rapporteur: Muscat Joseph (A6-0170/2006).
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual funding for the action of the European Maritime Safety Agency in the field of response to pollution caused by ships and amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 (COM(2005)0210 — C6-0153/2005 — 2005/0098(COD)) — Committee on Transport and Tourism  
Rapporteur: de Grandes Pascual Luis (A6-0184/2006).
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the establishment of a mutual information procedure concerning Member States' measures in the areas of asylum and immigration (COM(2005)0480 — C6-0335/2005 — 2005/0204(CNS)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Gaubert Patrick (A6-0186/2006).
- Report on strategies and means for the integration of immigrants in the European Union (2006/2056(INI)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Lambrinidis Stavros (A6-0190/2006).
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme 'Fight against violence (Daphne) and drugs prevention and information' as part of the General programme 'Fundamental Rights and Justice' (COM(2005)0122 — C6-0388/2005 — 2005/0037A(COD)) — Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality  
Rapporteur: Gröner Lissy (A6-0193/2006).
- \*\*\*I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds (COM(2005)0343 — C6-0246/2005 — 2005/0138(COD)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Alvaro Alexander (A6-0196/2006).

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- Report on reducing the climate change impact of aviation (2005/2249(INI)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety  
Rapporteur: Lucas Caroline (A6-0201/2006).
- Report on Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme: More Research and Innovation — Investing for Growth and Employment: A Common Approach (2006/2005(INI)) — Committee on Industry, Research and Energy  
Rapporteur: del Castillo Vera Pilar (A6-0204/2006).
- Report on a policy framework to strengthen EU manufacturing — towards a more integrated approach for industrial policy (2006/2003(INI)) — Committee on Industry, Research and Energy  
Rapporteur: Calabuig Rull Joan (A6-0206/2006).
- Report on Fair Trade and Development (2005/2245(INI)) — Committee on Development  
Rapporteur: Schmidt Frithjof (A6-0207/2006).
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards certain measures to simplify the procedure for charging value added tax and to assist in countering tax evasion and avoidance, and repealing certain Decisions granting derogations (COM(2005)0089 — C6-0100/2005 — 2005/0019(CNS)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
Rapporteur: Konrad Christoph (A6-0209/2006).
- Report on development and migration (2005/2244(INI)) — Committee on Development  
Rapporteur: Carlotti Marie-Arlette (A6-0210/2006).
- Report on the EU-Caribbean partnership for growth, stability and development (2006/2123(INI)) — Committee on Development  
Rapporteur: Zimmer Gabriele (A6-0211/2006).
- Interim report on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners (2006/2027(INI)) — Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners  
Rapporteur: Fava Giovanni Claudio (A6-0213/2006).
- \* Report on the amended proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women And Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (08174/2006 — COM(2005)0503 — C6-0130/2006 — 2003/0197(CNS)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Cavada Jean-Marie (A6-0214/2006).
- \* Report on the amended proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (08174/2006 — COM(2005)0503 — C6-0129/2006 — 2003/0196(CNS)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Cavada Jean-Marie (A6-0215/2006).
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to maritime transport, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 as regards the extension of its scope to include cabotage and international tramp services (COM(2005)0651 — C6-0046/2006 — 2005/0264(CNS)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
Rapporteur: Wortmann-Kool Corien (A6-0217/2006).
- Second report with recommendations to the Commission on protecting European healthcare workers from blood borne infections due to needlestick injuries (2006/2015(INI)) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs  
Rapporteur: Hughes Stephen (A6-0218/2006).
- Interim report on the crisis of the Equitable Life Assurance Society (2006/2026(INI)) — Committee of Inquiry into the crisis of the Equitable Life Assurance Society  
Rapporteur: Wallis Diana (A6-0221/2006).

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- \* Report on the initiative by the Kingdom of the Netherlands with a view to the adoption of a Council Decision on strengthening cross-border police cooperation with regard to meetings attended by large numbers of people from more than one Member State, at which policing is primarily aimed at maintaining law and order and security and preventing and combating criminal offences (06930/2005 — C6-0117/2005 — 2005/0804(CNS)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  
Rapporteur: Brepoels Frieda (A6-0222/2006).
- \* Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the system of the European Communities' own resources (COM(2006)0099 — C6-0132/2006 — 2006/0039(CNS)) — Committee on Budgets  
Rapporteur: Lamassoure Alain (A6-0223/2006).
- \*\*\* Recommendation on the proposal for a Council regulation laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 (09077/2006 — C6-0192/2006 — 2004/0163(AVC)) — Committee on Regional Development  
Rapporteur: Hatzidakis Konstantinos (A6-0224/2006).
- \*\*\* Recommendation on the proposal for a Council regulation establishing a Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1164/94 (09078/2006 — C6-0191/2006 — 2004/0166(AVC)) — Committee on Regional Development  
Rapporteur: Andria Alfonso (A6-0226/2006).
- Report on recent developments and prospects in relation to company law (2006/2051(INI)) — Committee on Legal Affairs  
Rapporteur: Szejna Andrzej Jan (A6-0229/2006).

#### 1.2) recommendations for second reading

- \*\*\*II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position with a view to the adoption of a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and repealing Council Directive 82/714/EEC (13274/1/2005 — C6-0091/2006 — 1997/0335(COD)) — Committee on Transport and Tourism  
Rapporteur: Sommer Renate (A6-0208/2006).
- \*\*\*II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position with a view to adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (13376/1/2005 — C6-0090/2006 — 2000/0069(COD)) — Committee on Transport and Tourism  
Rapporteur: Stockmann Ulrich (A6-0212/2006).
- \*\*\*II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1784/1999 (09060/4/2006 — C6-0188/2006 — 2004/0165(COD)) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs  
Rapporteur: Silva Peneda José Albino (A6-0220/2006).
- \*\*\*II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999 (09059/4/2006 — C6-0187/2006 — 2004/0167(COD)) — Committee on Regional Development  
Rapporteur: Fava Giovanni Claudio (A6-0225/2006).
- \*\*\*II Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) (09062/2/2006 — C6-0189/2006 — 2004/0168(COD)) — Committee on Regional Development  
Rapporteur: Olbrycht Jan (A6-0227/2006).

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2) from Members

2.1) oral questions (Rule 108)

- Oral question (O-0039/2006) by Thierry Cornillet, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: Counterfeiting of medicinal products (B6-0310/2006),
- Oral question (O-0061/2006) by Martin Schulz and Martine Roure, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Commission: European Union immigration policy (B6-0311/2006),
- Oral question (O-0064/2006) by Ewa Klant, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, to the Commission: EU policy on immigration (B6-0313/2006),
- Oral question (O-0036/2006/rev. 1) by Enrique Barón Crespo, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to the Commission: Results of the end of April Geneva meetings of the WTO and future prospects (B6-0314/2006),
- Oral question (O-0063/2006) by Doris Pack, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Gisela Kallenbach, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Erik Meijer, Ignasi Guardans Cambó, Jelko Kacin and Henrik Lax, to the Council: Visa policy towards the countries of the Western Balkans (B6-0315/2006),
- Oral question (O-0065/2006) by Enrique Barón Crespo, on behalf of the INTA Committee, to the Commission: Indication of the country of origin of certain products imported from third countries ('origin marking') (B6-0316/2006),
- Oral question (O-0069/2006) by Pervenche Berès, on behalf of the ECON Committee, to the Commission: Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) developments around Europe's stock exchanges (B6-0317/2006),
- Oral question (O-0070/2006) by Jean Lambert, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, to the Commission: European Union immigration policy (B6-0318/2006),
- Oral question (O-0073/2006) by Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: European Union immigration policy (B6-0319/2006),
- Oral question (O-0077/2006) by Sarah Ludford, Jelko Kacin, Henrik Lax and Ignasi Guardans Cambó, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Council: Visa facilitation for the countries of the Western Balkans (B6-0320/2006),
- Oral question (O-0078/2006) by Sarah Ludford, Jelko Kacin, Henrik Lax and Ignasi Guardans Cambó, on behalf of the ALDE Group, to the Commission: Visa facilitation for the countries of the Western Balkans (B6-0321/2006),
- Oral question (O-0079/2006) by Roberta Angelilli and Romano Maria La Russa, on behalf of the UEN Group, to the Commission: EU policy on immigration (B6-0322/2006).

2.2) oral questions for Question Time (Rule 109) (B6-0312/2006)

- to the Council:
  - Ludford Sarah, Seeber Richard, Posselt Bernd, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Medina Ortega Manuel, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou Marie, Gentvilas Eugenijus, Henin Jacky, Bowis John, Crowley Brian, Ó Neachtain Seán, Aylward Liam, Ryan Eoin, Papadimoulis Dimitrios, De Rossa Proinsias, Karim Sajjad, Casaca Paulo, Seppänen Esko, Lundgren Nils, Evans Robert, Mavrommatis Manolis, Newton Dunn Bill, Mitchell Gay, Pafilis Athanasios, Geringer de Oedenberg Lidia Joanna, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco Elena, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou Rodi, Andrikiè Laima Liucija, Manolakou Diamanto, Martin Hans-Peter, Toussas Georgios, Czarnecki Ryszard, Goudin Hélène



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4) from Parliament's Delegation to the Conciliation Committee

- \*\*\*III Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies (03614/2006 — C6-0156/2006 — 2003/0242(COD)) — Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee  
Rapporteur: Korhola Eija-Riitta (A6-0230/2006).
- \*\*\*III Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC (03615/2006 — C6-0154/2006 — 2003/0282(COD)) — Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee  
Rapporteur: Blokland Johannes (A6-0231/2006).

## 9. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

The Council had forwarded certified true copies of the following:

- Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Singapore on certain aspects of air services,
- Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Moldova on certain aspects of air services,
- Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on certain aspects of air services.

## 10. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had considered the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 20/2006 (C6-0163/2006 — SEC(2006)0646).

It had authorised the transfer in full, pursuant to Article 24(2) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002.

## 11. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The final draft agenda for the sitting of July (PE 354.650/PDOJ) had been distributed. The following changes had been proposed under Rule 132:

### Sittings of 03.07.2006 to 06.07.2006

*Monday*

- no changes

*Tuesday*

- request from the LIBE Committee under Rule 168 to refer back to committee the report by Martine Roure (A6-0192/2006), due to be put to the vote at voting time on Tuesday *Item 22 on the final draft agenda*).

Martine Roure moved the request.

Parliament approved the request.



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Wednesday and Thursday

— no changes

The order of business was thus established.

## 12. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

Pursuant to Rule 144, the following Members who wished to draw the attention of Parliament to matters of political importance spoke for one minute:

The following spoke: Manolis Mavrommatis, Pál Schmitt, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Urszula Krupa, Georgios Karatzaferis, Zsolt László Becsey, Georgios Papastamkos, Catherine Guy-Quint, András Gyürk, Jules Maaten, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, Marta Vincenzi, Tunne Kelam, Koenraad Dillen, Ryszard Czarnecki, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Maria Badia I Cutchet, Pedro Guerreiro, Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, Giusto Catania, Bogdan Golik and Bairbre de Brún (who started her speech in Irish. The President pointed out that there was no interpretation from Irish in plenary), Siiri Oviir and Dariusz Maciej Grabowski.

## 13. Crisis of Equitable Life (debate)

Interim report on the crisis of the Equitable Life Assurance Society [2006/2026(INI)] — Committee of Inquiry into the crisis of the Equitable Life Assurance Society  
Rapporteur: Diana Wallis (A6-0221/2006).

Diana Wallis introduced the report.

IN THE CHAIR: Miroslav OUZKÝ

*Vice-President*

Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Robert Atkins, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Proinsias De Rossa, on behalf of the PSE Group, Paul van Buitenen, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Marcin Libicki, on behalf of the UEN Group, Ashley Mote, Non-attached Member, Mairead McGuinness, Harald Ettl, Seán Ó Neachtain, Neil Parish, Manuel Medina Ortega, Jean-Paul Gauzès, Michael Cashman and Charlie McCreevy.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.15.*

## 14. Consolidation in financial services — Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) developments around Europe's stock exchanges (debate)

Report on further consolidation in the financial services industry [2006/2081(INI)] Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
Rapporteur: Joseph Muscat (A6-0170/2006).

Oral question (O-0069/2006) by Pervenche Berès, on behalf of the ECON Committee, to the Commission: Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) developments around Europe's stock exchanges (B6-0317/2006)

Joseph Muscat introduced the report.

Pervenche Berès moved the oral question.

Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) answered the oral question.

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The following spoke: Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Ieke van den Burg, on behalf of the PSE Group, Wolf Klinz, on behalf of the ALDE Group, John Whittaker, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Gunnar Hökmark, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Sharon Bowles, Zsolt László Becsey, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Pia-Noora Kauppi, John Purvis, Charlie McCreevy, Pervenche Berès and John Purvis, the latter two on Charlie McCreevy's remarks.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.16.*

### **15. Cabotage and international tramp services \* (debate)**

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to maritime transport, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 as regards the extension of its scope to include cabotage and international tramp services [COM(2005)0651 — C6-0046/2006 — 2005/0264(CNS)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Rapporteur: Corien Wortmann-Kool (A6-0217/2006).

Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Corien Wortmann-Kool introduced the report.

The following spoke: Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Robert Navarro, on behalf of the PSE Group, Georgios Toussas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Charlie McCreevy.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.13.*

### **16. Payer information with transfers of funds \*\*\*I (debate)**

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds [COM(2005)0343 — C6-0246/2005 — 2005/0138(COD)] — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Alexander Alvaro (A6-0196/2006).

Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Alexander Alvaro introduced the report.

IN THE CHAIR: Manuel António dos SANTOS

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Udo Bullmann (draftsman of the opinion of the ECON Committee), Mihael Brejc, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Andrzej Jan Szejna, on behalf of the PSE Group, Sophia in 't Veld, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hubert Pirker, Wiesław Stefan Kuc and Charlie McCreevy.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 06.07.2006, Item 6.9.*

### **17. Recent developments in and prospects for company law (debate)**

Report on recent developments in and prospects in relation to company law [2006/2051(INI)] — Committee on Legal Affairs

Rapporteur: Andrzej Jan Szejna (A6-0229/2006).

Andrzej Jan Szejna introduced the report.

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Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Klaus-Heiner Lehne (draftsman of the opinion of the ECON Committee), Andreas Schwab, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Pervenche Berès, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Non-attached Member, Charlotte Cederschiöld, Ieke van den Burg, Donata Gottardi and Charlie McCreevy.

IN THE CHAIR: Pierre MOSCOVICI  
*Vice-President*

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.17.*

### **18. Reducing the climate change impact of aviation (debate)**

Report on reducing the climate change impact of aviation [2005/2249(INI)] — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety  
Rapporteur: Caroline Lucas (A6-0201/2006).

Caroline Lucas introduced the report.

Stavros Dimas (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert (draftsman of the opinion of the TRAN Committee), Peter Liese, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Karin Scheele, on behalf of the PSE Group, Chris Davies, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Satu Hassi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Kartika Tamara Liotard, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Péter Olajos, Dorette Corbey, Holger Krahrmer, Carl Schlyter, Jaromír Kohlíček, Avril Doyle, Justas Vincas Paleckis, Marios Matsakis, Eva Lichtenberger, Bogusław Sonik, Ulrich Stockmann, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Philip Bradbourn and Stavros Dimas.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.18.*

### **19. Application of the Aarhus Convention to EC institutions and bodies \*\*\*III (debate)**

Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies [PE-CONS 3614/1/2006 — C6-0156/2006 — 2003/0242(COD)] — Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee  
Rapporteur: Eija-Riitta Korhola (A6-0230/2006).

Eija-Riitta Korhola introduced the report.

Stavros Dimas (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Horst Schnellhardt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, María Sornosa Martínez, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marian Harkin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Margrete Auken, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Kathy Sinnott, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, and Péter Olajos.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.5.*

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## 20. Batteries, accumulators and their waste \*\*\*III (debate)

Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC [PE-CONS 3615/2006 — C6-0154/2006 — 2003/0282(COD)] — Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee  
Rapporteur: Johannes Blokland (A6-0231/2006).

Johannes Blokland introduced the report.

Stavros Dimas (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Peter Liese, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Dan Jørgensen, on behalf of the PSE Group, Anne Laperrouze, on behalf of the ALDE Group, and Carl Schlyter, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 04.07.2006, Item 6.6.*

## 21. Agenda for next sitting

The agenda for the next sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 354.650/OJMA).

## 22. Closure of sitting

The sitting closed at 22.50.

Julian Priestley  
*Secretary-General*

Jacek Emil Saryusz-Wolski  
*Vice-President*

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## ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Agnoletto, Aita, Albertini, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andria, Angelilli, Antoniozzi, Arif, Ashworth, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso, Bachelot-Narquin, Baco, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Beer, Beglitis, Belet, Belohorská, Beňová, Berend, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Berlinguer, Berman, Birutis, Blokland, Bobošíková, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Bono, Booth, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Bourzai, Bowis, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Breyer, Březina, Brie, Brok, Budreikaitė, van Buitenen, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Calabuig Rull, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Carnero González, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Casini, Caspary, Castex, Catania, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Claeys, Clark, Cocilovo, Coelho, Corbett, Corbey, Cornillet, Correia, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Coveney, Cramer, Crowley, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Ryszard Czarnecki, Daul, Davies, de Brún, Degutis, De Keyser, Demetriou, De Michelis, Deprez, De Rossa, Descamps, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Díez González, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Dobolyi, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Eurlings, Jill Evans, Jonathan Evans, Robert Evans, Fajmon, Farage, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Anne Ferreira, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Fjellner, Flasarová, Flautre, Florenz, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Ford, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gaľa, Galeote, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Geremek, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gewalt, Gierek, Giertych, Gill, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Gottardi, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graça Moura, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, Grech, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Groote, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guy-Quint, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hammerstein Mintz, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harkin, Harms, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Hatzidakis, Haug, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Helmer, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herczog, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hutchinson, Ibrisagic, Ilves, in't Veld, Isler Béguin, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jääteenmäki, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Járóka, Jeggle, Jensen, Joan i Marí, Jöns, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Kamall, Kamiński, Karas, Karatzaferis, Karim, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klauf, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Koch-Mehrin, Kohlíček, Konrad, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krarup, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristensen, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kułakowski, Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Legendijk, Laignel, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis, Lambsdorff, Landsbergis, Lang, Langen, Langendries, Laperrouze, La Russa, Lavarra, Lax, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Lewandowski, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liese, Liotard, Lipietz, Locatelli, Louis, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lynne, Maaten, McAvan, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Maldeikis, Manders, Maňka, Erika Mann, Thomas Mann, Manolakou, Markov, Marques, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mato Adrover, Matsakis, Matsouka, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayor Oreja, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mölzer, Montoro Romero, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgan, Morgantini, Moscovici, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscardini, Muscat, Musotto, Mussolini, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Nattrass, Navarro, Newton Dunn, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Achille Occhetto, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Pahor, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papadimoulis, Papastamkos, Parish, Patriciello, Patrie, Alojz Peterle, Pflüger, Piecyk, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pirilli, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Pleštinská, Podkański, Poignant, Pomés Ruiz, Portas, Posdorf, Posselt, Prets, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rivera, Rizzo, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Rosati, Roszkowski, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rudi Ubeda, Rübí, Rühle, Rutowicz, Ryan, Sacconi, Saifi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Salvini, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Savi, Schapira, Scheele, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schlyter, Frithjof Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Segelström, Seppänen, Siekierski, Sifunakis, Silva Peneda, Sinnott, Siwec, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sommer, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Staes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Štátný, Stauner, Stercx, Stevenson, Stihler, Stockmann, Strejček, Stroz, Sudre, Surján, Susta, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Tajani, Takkula, Tarabella, Tarand, Tatarella, Thomsen, Thyssen, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tomczak, Toussas, Trakatellis, Triantaphyllides, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Väyrynen, Vaidere, Vakalis, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vaugrenard, Veneto, Veraldi, Vergnaud, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras, Vincenzi, Virrankoski, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wagenknecht, Wallis, Walter, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wiersma, Willmott, Wise, von Wogau, Bernard Piotr Wojciechowski, Janusz Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wurtz, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zaleski, Zani, Zapafowski, Zappalà, Ždanoka, Železný, Zieleniec, Zile, Zimmer, Zingaretti, Zvěřina, Zwiefka

**Monday, 3 July 2006**

## Observers:

Anastase, Arabadjiev, Athanasiu, Bărbulețiu, Bliznashki, Buruiană Aprodu, Cappone, Ciornei, Cioroianu, Corlățean, Coșea, Corina Crețu, Gabriela Crețu, Dimitrov, Dîncu, Duca, Gaņ, Hoge, Kazak, Kirilov, Kónya-Hamar, Marinescu, Mihăescu, Morțun, Păparizov, Petre, Podgorean, Popa, Popeangă, Silaghi, Sofianski, Stoyanov, Szabó, Țicău, Tîrle

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