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- unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments;
- results of roll-call votes are appended to each day's Minutes.

Abbreviations used for Parliamentary Committees

FASE	Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy
AGRI	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
BUDG	Committee on Budgets
ECON	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
RTDE	Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy
RELA	Committee on External Economic Relations
LEGA	Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights
SOCI	Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
REGI	Committee on Regional Policy
TRAN	Committee on Transport and Tourism
ENVI	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
CULT	Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media
DEVE	Committee on Development and Cooperation
CIVI	Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs
CONT	Committee on Budgetary Control
INST	Committee on Institutional Affairs
FISH	Committee on Fisheries
RULE	Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities
WOME	Committee on Women's Rights
PETI	Committee on Petitions

Abbreviations used for political groups

PSE	Group of the Party of the European Socialists
PPE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)
UPE	Union for Europe Group
ELDR	Group of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left / Nordic Green Left
V	Green Group in the European Parliament
ARE	Group of the European Radical Alliance
I-EDN	Group of Independents for a Europe of Nations
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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Sittings of 17 to 21 February 1997
 PALAIS DE L'EUROPE – STRASBOURG

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1997

(97/C 85/01)

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO
President

*(The sitting opened at 5 p.m.)***1. Resumption of session**

The session, adjourned on 30 January 1997, was resumed.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Membership of Parliament

The President informed the House that Mr Kranidiotis had been appointed deputy foreign minister in the Greek Government with effect from 3 February 1997.

He congratulated him on his appointment.

He added that he had been informed by the Greek authorities that Mrs Anna Karamanou had been appointed Member of Parliament to replace Mr Kranidiotis with effect from 6 February 1997.

He welcomed the new colleague and drew attention to the provisions of Rule 7(4).

He also announced that Mr Tapie had informed him, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Rules, of his resignation as Member of Parliament with effect from 4 February 1997.

In accordance with Article 12 of the Act concerning the election of representatives to the European Parliament, Parliament established that there was a vacancy; the Member State would be informed accordingly.

Mr Hory spoke on behalf of the French members of the ARE Group on the announcement concerning Mr Tapie's resignation.

4. Membership of committees and delegations

The President announced that he had received the following requests for appointments from the PSE, PPE UPE and V Groups:

- Foreign Affairs Committee: Mr Avgerinos to replace Mr Kranidiotis
- Legal Committee: Mrs Ahern
- Regional Policy Committee: Mrs Karamanou to replace Mr Avgerinos
- Petitions Committee: Mrs De Esteban Martín to replace Mrs Palacio Vallelersundi; Mr Camisón Asensio

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— Delegation to the EU-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee: Mr Tsatsos

— Delegation to the EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee: Mr Morris to replace Mr Smith

— Delegation to the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee (EEA): Mr Rapkay and Mr Cabrol

— Delegation for relations with Estonia: Mr Garosci

— Delegation for relations with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia: Mr Needle to replace Mr West; Mr Medina Ortega to replace Mr Aparicio Sánchez

— Delegation for relations with the United States: Mr Seal to replace Mr Tappin

— Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China: Mr Hindley to replace Mrs Billingham.

Unless there were any objections when the Minutes of the sitting were approved, these appointments would be deemed ratified.

5. Interpretation of Rules of Procedure (Rule 92(2))

The President announced that, at its meeting of 4 February 1997, the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities, to which the question of derogating from Rule 102 in connection with Rule 92 had been referred, pursuant to Rule 162(1), had adopted the following interpretation:

'The non-application of Rule 102 is possible only in committee and only in urgent cases. Neither at committee meetings nor in plenary sitting may there be any departure from the provisions of Rule 102.'

'The provision stating that oral amendments shall be admissible means that Members may not object to oral amendments being put to the vote in committee.'

'These two exceptions to the general rules must be applied with great caution and prudence. The combination of the non-application of Rule 102 and voting on oral amendments places great responsibility on the chairman to ensure that all Members present are fully aware what is being put to the vote, especially as no vote is taken in plenary, cf. paragraph 3 below. It is therefore especially important that written translations of all texts adopted in committee should be available in good time before the part-session.'

Unless this interpretation was contested by a political group or at least 29 Members, pursuant to Rule 162(4), before the Minutes of the sitting were approved, it would be deemed adopted.

6. Authorization to draw up reports — Referral to committees

Committees had been authorized to draw up reports as follows:

- RTDE:
 - development and application of new information technologies over the next ten years
 - technical feasibility of trans-European hydraulic networks
- RULE: cooperation between committees responsible and committees asked for opinions (Rule 147).

Committees had been asked for opinions as follows:

- ESOC:
 - strengthening the business impact assessment system (authorized to draw up a report: ECON; already asked for opinion: LEGA), (Presidency agreement given on condition the work programme of the committee responsible was respected)
 - Commission communication on general interest services in Europe (COM(96)0443 — C4-0507/96) (responsible: ECON; already asked for opinion: TRAN, RTDE, LEGA, CULT, INST, ENVI);
- REGI on the same communication (COM(96)0443 — C4-0507/96);
- FISH: Commission report: 'annual report on the Cohesion Fund — 1995' (COM(96)0388 — C4-0509/96) (responsible: REGI; already asked for opinion: ESOC, AGRI, ENVI, TRAN, BUDG, CONT, ECON);
- CIVI: Commission communication to the Council and Parliament on trafficking in women for the purposes of sexual exploitation (COM(96)0567 — C4-0638/96) (responsible: WOME; already asked for opinion: DEVE);
- DEVE: proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the interim extension of the Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on fishing off the coast of Senegal for the period from 2 October 1996 to 1 November 1996 (COM(96)0611 — C4-0032/97 — 96/0287(CNS) (responsible: FISH);
- ENVI: proposal for a Council Decision concerning the organization of cooperation around agreed Community energy objectives (COM(96)0431 — C4-0046/97 — 96/0218(CNS)) (responsible: RTDE; already asked for opinion: ECON).

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7. Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following texts:

(a) Council:

- Communication on the programme of the Dutch Presidency (C4-0049/97)

referred to:
all committees concerned

languages available: EN, FR, NL

(b) Commission:

(ba) proposals and/or communications:

- Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision creating a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the European Community (COM(97)0031 — C4-0055/97 — 96/0052(COD))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC

legal basis: Art. 129 EC

- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Cohesion Policy and Culture — a contribution to employment (COM(96)0512 — C4-0056/97)

referred to
responsible: REGI
opinion: ECON, ESOC, CULT

- Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (COM(97)0020 — C4-0059/97 — 97/0027(COD))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: AGRI

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

(bb) other texts:

- Green Paper on vertical restraints in EC competition policy (COM(96)0721 — C4-0053/97)

referred to
responsible: ECON

languages available: DE, EN, NL, FR

- Taxation in the European Union — Report on the Development of Tax Systems (COM(96)0546 — C4-0054/97)

referred to
responsible: ECON

- Report to the Council on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco (COM(96)0554 — C4-0057/97)

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG, CONT

(c) Court of Auditors:

- Special Report No 3/96 on tourist policy and the promotion of tourism, together with the Commission's replies (C4-0050/97)

referred to
responsible: CONT
opinion: TRAN

- Report on the 1995 accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin Foundation), together with the comments of the Foundation and the accounts for the year 1995 (2273/96 — C4-0051/97)

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- Report on the accounts and management for the financial year 1995 of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, together with the Centre's comments (2290/96 — C4-0052/97)

referred to
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languages not available: FI, SV

(d) Conciliation Committee:

- Joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Directive on investor-compensation schemes (3602/97 — C4-0058/97 — 00/0471 (COD))

(e) committees:

- Report on the outcome of the proceedings of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in 1996 — Committee on Development and Cooperation

Rapporteur: Mrs Baldi
(A4-0019/97)

- Report on alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Community law in relation to BSE, without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Community and national courts — Part A: I. Results of the inquiry; II. Recommendations for the future; III. Minority opinions (published separately) — Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE

Rapporteur: Mr Medina Ortega
(A4-0020/97)

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— Report on the humanitarian aid of the European Union and the role of ECHO, and on the communication from the Commission linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) (COM(96)0153 — C4-0265/96) — Committee on Development and Cooperation

Rapporteur: Mr Fassa
(A4-0021/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals (COM(96)0460 — C4-0545/96 — 96/0228(CNS)) — Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Rapporteur: Mr Mayer
(A4-0022/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the framework cooperation agreement in preparation for the eventual establishment of a political and economic association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part (COM(96)0259 — C4-0450/96 — 96/0149(CNS)) — Committee on External Economic Relations

Rapporteur: Mrs Miranda de Lage
(A4-0023/97)

— *** Recommendation on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part (5871/96 — C4-0319/96 — 96/0093(AVC)) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy

Rapporteur: Mr La Malfa
(A4-0024/97)

— *** Recommendation on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part (5870/96 — C4-0318/96 — 96/0094(AVC)) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy

Rapporteur: Mr Lambrias
(A4-0025/97)

— *** Recommendation on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part (5872/96 — C4-0320/96 — 96/0092(AVC)) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy

Rapporteur: Mrs Hoff
(A4-0026/97)

— Report on the joint report by the Presidency of the Council and the Commission on Mediterranean policy — Follow-up to the Barcelona Conference (7987/96 — C4-0414/96) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy

Rapporteur: Mr Sakellariou
(A4-0027/97)

— Report on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on complementarity between the Community's development cooperation policy and the policies of Member States (COM(95)0160 — C4-0178/95) — Committee on Development and Cooperation

Rapporteur: Mr McGowan
(A4-0028/97)

— Report on the report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the state of application of the general system for the recognition of higher education diplomas — made in accordance with Article 13 of Directive 89/48/EEC (COM(96)0046 — C4-0194/96) — Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights

Rapporteur: Mrs Fontaine
(A4-0029/97)

— ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the resale right for the benefit of the author of an original work of art (COM(96)0097 — C4-0251/96 — 96/0085(COD)) — Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights

Rapporteur: Mrs Palacio Vallelersundi
(A4-0030/97)

— Report on the economic and commercial aspects of the partnership and cooperation agreement between the European Communities and their Member States on the one part, and the Republic of Armenia on the other part, replacing the trade and cooperation agreement with the USSR on which official contractual relations are currently based — Committee on External Economic Relations

Rapporteur: Mr Kittelmann
(A4-0031/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Interim Agreement between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part, on trade and trade-related matters (COM(95)0049 — 95/0063(CNS)) — Committee on External Economic Relations

Rapporteur: Mr Chesa
(A4-0032/97)

— * Report on I. the proposal for a Council Directive laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 — C4-0334/96 — 96/0109(CNS)) and II. the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directives 71/118/EEC, 72/462/EEC, 85/73/EEC, 91/67/EEC, 91/492/EEC, 91/493/EEC, 92/45/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 — C4-0335/96 — 96/0110(CNS)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Mr Olsson
(A4-0033/97)

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— Report on the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the integrated programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the craft sector (Multiannual Programme) (COM(96)0329 — C4-0490/96) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mrs Peijs
(A4-0034/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (COM(96)0584 — C4-0683/96 — 96/0279(CNS)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Mr K. Collins
(A4-0035/97)

— Report on the Commission's Communication on 'Shaping Europe's Maritime Future' — a contribution to the competitiveness of maritime industries (COM(96)0084 — C4-0211/96) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy ('Hughes' procedure)

Rapporteur: Mr Katiforis
(A4-0036/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation on the labelling of beef and beef-based products (COM(96)0460 — C4-0546/96 — 96/0229(CNS)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Mr Papayannakis
(A4-0037/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Decision on the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part (8890/96 — C4-0566/96 — 96/0180(CNS)) — Committee on External Economic Relations

Rapporteur: Mr Kittelmann
(A4-0038/97)

— * Report on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission within the European territory of the Member States of the European Union, laid down in Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities, and introducing an annual adjustment procedure (COM(96)0451 — C4-0542/96 — 96/0232(CNS)) — Committee on Budgets

Rapporteur: Mr Tappin
(A4-0039/97)

— Report on a Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, on an industrial competitiveness policy for the European chemical industry: an example (COM(96)0187 — C4-0273/96) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mr Langen
(A4-0040/97)

— *** Recommendation on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion by the European Communities of the Energy Charter Treaty and of the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects (12046/96 — C4-0664/96 — 95/0237(AVC)) — Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy

Rapporteur: Mrs Matikainen-Kallström
(A4-0041/97)

— Report on the Commission's report on the demographic situation in the European Union (1995) (COM(96)0060 — C4-0143/96) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Mrs Boogerd-Quaak
(A4-0042/97)

— Interim report on the postponement of the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the clearance of the accounts of the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund for the 1992 financial year (C(96)0417 — C4-0259/96) — Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Mr Mulder
(A4-0043/97)

— Report on the Communication from the Commission on equality of opportunity for people with disabilities (COM(96)0406 — C4-0582/96) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Mrs Schmidbauer
(A4-0044/97)

— Report on the Green Paper on Living and Working in the Information Society: People First (COM(96)0389 — C4-0522/96) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Wim van Velzen
(A4-0045/97)

— * Report on the amended proposal for a Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities in respect of equal treatment of men and women (COM(96)0077 — C4-0565/96 — 00/0904(CNS)) — Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights

Rapporteur: Mrs Lindholm
(A4-0046/97)

(f) *Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee:*

— ***III Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Directive on investor-compensation schemes (C4-0058/97 — 00/0471(COD))

Rapporteur: Mr Janssen van Raay
(A4-0047/97)

(g) *Members:*

(ga) *oral questions (Rule 40):*

— Kenneth D. Collins, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, to the

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Commission: Position of the Commission on leghold trap legislation (B4-0002/97);

— Breyer and Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, to the Commission: Marketing of genetically modified maize (B4-0003/97);

— de Villiers, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, to the Commission: BSE — Committee of Inquiry — risk of BSE transmission via certain pharmaceutical products (B4-0004/97);

— des Places, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, to the Commission: GMO — marketing of genetically modified maize (B4-0005/97);

— Martens and Böge, on behalf of the PPE Group, to the Commission: Report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE on alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Community law in relation to BSE (B4-0006/97);

— Green, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Commission: Temporary Committee of Inquiry on BSE (B4-0007/97);

— Barthet-Mayer and Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, to the Commission: Report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0008/97);

— Graefe zu Baringdorf, on behalf of the V Group, to the Commission: Report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0009/97);

— Santini, Rosado Fernandes, Pasty and Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, to the Commission: BSE recommendations (B4-0010/97);

— Kofoed, on behalf of the ELDR Group, to the Commission: Conclusions of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0011/97);

— Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group, to the Commission: Genetically modified organisms (B4-0012/97);

— González Álvarez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to the Commission: Call for a moratorium on the importation of transgenic maize into the EU (B4-0013/97);

— Barthet-Mayer and Kouchner, on behalf of the ARE Group, to the Commission: Placing on the market of genetically modified maize (B4-0014/97);

— Roth-Behrendt, on behalf of the PSE Group, to the Commission: Placing on the market of genetically modified maize; authorization procedure (B4-0015/97);

— Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, to the Commission: Placing on the market of genetically modified maize (B4-0016/97).

(gb) oral questions for Question Time (Rule 41) (B4-0001/97):

— David, Camisón Asensio, Papayannakis, McIntosh, Lambraki, Caccavale, Sjöstedt, Watts, Medina Ortega, Holm, Kaklamanis, Torres Couto, Megahy, Crowley, Theonas, Lomas, Stewart-Clark, Sindal, Andersson, Ahern, Morris, Smith, Ahlqvist, Alavanos, Desama, Wibe, Lindqvist, Pettinari, Newens, Kirsten M. Jensen, Klironomos, Howitt,

Izquierdo Rojo, Posselt, Ghilardotti, Pollack, Riis-Jørgensen, Oddy, Sanz Fernández, Gerard Collins, Gallagher, Ephremidis, Papakyriazis, Titley, Stenmarck, Kirsten M. Jensen, Sturdy, Gallagher, Watts, Torres Couto, Ahern, Wijsenbeek, Wibe, Lindqvist, Svensson, Holm, Billingham, Ahlqvist, Vallvé, Pirker, Kestelijn-Sierens, Posselt, Izquierdo Rojo, Kerr, Theonas, Jackson, Alan Donnelly, Hautala, Kinnock, Alavanos, García Arias, Colom i Naval, Sjöstedt, Gahrton, Plooij-van Gorsel, Andrews, Pérez Royo, Lambraki, Hatzidakis, Teverson, Gillis, McCarthy, Killilea, Cassidy, Dybkjær, Baldarelli, Cars, Ferrer, Megahy, Coates, Blak, Girão Pereira, Evans, Vecchi, Monfils, Andersson, Morris, Smith, Oddy, McMahon, Papayannakis, Virgin, Añoberos Trias de Bes, Medina Ortega, Bowe, Thors, Tongue, Graenitz, Eisma, Spaak, Otila, Howitt, Malone, Riis-Jørgensen, Gerard Collins, Fitzsimons, Hyland, Sichrovsky, McIntosh and Ephremidis.

(gc) other texts:

— motion of censure on the Commission tabled by the following Members: Happart, Jové Peres, Pailler, Barthet-Mayer, Rosado Fernandes, Campos, Bébéar, Dury, Berthu, Goldsmith, de Villiers, Bonde, Souchet, des Places, Fabre-Aubrespy, Striby, Seillier, Grossetête, Vandemeulebroucke, Hory, Lalumière, Novo Belenguer, Leperre-Verrier, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, González Triviño, Fourçans, de Gaulle, Jean-Pierre, Decourrière, Bernard-Reymond, Verwaerde, Dary, Castagnède, Stasi, Sandbæk, Moreau, Piquet, Wurtz, Papayannakis, Puerta, González Álvarez, Miranda, Elmalan, Ainarði, Theonas, Eriksson, Sjöstedt, Seppänen, Ojala, Novo, Pettinari, Castellina, Ribeiro, Marset Campos, Herzog, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Mohamed Ali, Carnero González, Gutiérrez Díaz, Vinci, Manisco, Bertinotti, Ephremidis, Svensson, Alavanos, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Philippe-Armand Martin, Laignel, Fouque (B4-0056/97/rev.2).

8. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

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

— Agreement between the European Community and the United Mexican States on cooperation regarding the control of precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances

— Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Estonia

— Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania, and the protocol laying down the conditions relating to temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises provided for in the agreement

— Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Latvia

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation relating to the amendment of the convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure.

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9. Petitions

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 156(5), he had forwarded to the Committee on Petitions the following petitions which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below:

21 January 1997

- by Mr Stephen Mason (No 0054/97);
- by Mr Quentin Williams (No 0055/97);
- by Mr Quentin Williams (No 0056/97);
- by Mr William Trent (No 0057/97);
- by Mrs Carol Ann Barclay (and 2 signatories) (No 0058/97);
- by Mr H. Hindle (No 0059/97);
- by Mr Jens Löhnert (No 0060/97);
- by Mr H. Spengler (Aktionsgruppe Windenergie M/V) (No 0061/97);
- by Mr Georg Jerzy Klingsport (No 0062/97);
- by Mr Reinhard Ulmar (No 0063/97);
- by Mr Gianni Tamino (and 3 556 signatories) (No 0064/97);
- by Mrs Petra Deusing (No 0065/97);
- by Mr R. Wilke (No 0066/97);
- by Mr Heinrich Lenz (No 0067/97);
- by Mr Hermann-Josef Meyer (No 0068/97);
- by Mr Bernhard Völk (Initiative Bessere Zukunft) (No 0069/97);
- by Mr Carl Gert Wolfrum (No 0070/97);
- by Mr Ioannis Ntinos (No 0071/97);
- by Mr Nikolaos Zantiotis (No 0072/97);
- by Mr Vlahogiannis (Association Héliénique d'Ingénieurs Technologues) (No 0073/97);
- by R. Ioakeimidis (Open Line) (No 0074/97);
- by Mr A. L. Vrionakis (No 0075/97);
- by Adenried Weichert (No 0076/97);
- by Mr Charles Solomon (No 0077/97);
- by Mr Willi Waldau (No 0078/97);
- by Mr Robbert Maris (No 0079/97);
- by Mr Ahmed Amri (No 0080/97);
- by Mr Henri Deschaume (No 0081/97);
- by Mr François Ramade (Société Nationale de Protection de la Nature) (No 0082/97);
- by Mr C. Amand (KPMG Tiberghien & Co s.c.) (and 2 signatories) (No 0083/97);
- by Mrs Virginia Matagne (No 0084/97);
- by Mrs Josiane Dumas (and 5 signatories) (No 0085/97);
- by Mrs Marylene Adiny (No 0086/97);
- by Mrs Amanda Esposito (No 0087/97);
- by Mrs Maria Eugénia Teixeira Rebelo Costa Ferreira (No 0088/97);
- by Mrs Rosario Gaité Canton (No 0089/97);
- by Mr Bruno Possio (No 0090/97);
- by Mr Flavio Cimardi (No 0091/97);
- by Mr Roberto G. Aloisio (and 2 signatories) (No 0092/97);

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- by Mrs Françoise Jöet (Association Liberté Information Santé) (and 70 signatories) (No 93/97);
- by Mr Manos Ioannis (No 94/97);
- by Mr Pierre Faoro (Association Nationale pour la Défense des Biens Patrimoniaux Français en Tunisie) (No 95/97);
- by Mrs Maria Jose de No Sanchez de Leon (No 96/97);
- by Mr José Cesar López Goiriz (Viajes Rivercar S.A.) (No 97/97);
- by Mr Juan Alarcón Alarcón (Grupo Ecologista Sierra Mijas) (No 98/97);
- by Mr Ramón Bermejo Abalde (No 99/97);
- by Mr Matteo La Cara (No 100/97);
- by Mr Gino di Candeloro (No 101/97);
- by Mr Leonardo Lombardi (and 120 signatories) (No 102/97);
- by Mr Mario Murabito (No 103/97);
- by Mr Roberto G. Aloisio (and 2 signatories) (No 104/97);
- by Marinha Marie-Nelly (No 105/97);
- by Consejería de Educación y Ciencia — Junta de Andalucía (and 402 signatories) (No 106/97);
- by Mr Jussi Hyvärinen (No 107/97);
- by Mr Massimo Maltoni (No 108/97);
- by Mr Horst Maiwald (No 109/97);
- by Mr Günter Bergmann (No 110/97);
- by Mr Horst Pfeiffer (No 111/97);
- by Mr Günter Krause (No 112/97);
- by Mr Rudi Gose (No 113/97);
- by Mr Horst Scholz (No 114/97);
- by Mr Arthur Schumann (No 115/97);
- by Mrs Stanka Possidente (No 116/97);
- by Mr Fahim Ahmad (and 52 signatories) (No 117/97);
- by Mr Patrick McNamara (Kill Residents Group) (and 19 signatories) (No 118/97);
- by Mr Peter Antoon Duckers (Lëtzebuurger Rentner an Invalide Verband a.s.b.l., Sektion Norden) (No 119/97);
- by Mr F. Waldhausen (Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Hiesfeld) (No 120/97);
- by Mr Peter Inden (Aktionsgemeinschaft der Bürgerinitiativen gegen die Verlegung der Autobahn 4) (and 19 signatories) (No 121/97);
- by Mr Volker Totzeck (No 122/97);
- by Mr Hans-Dieter Zillmann (and 11 signatories) (No 123/97);
- by Mr Stefan Faulstroch (EuroGames IV) (No 124/97);
- by Gemeindeamt Ludesch (No 125/97);
- by Mrs Marie Luise Camp (No 126/97);
- by Mr F.-H. Symann (No 127/97);
- by Mr Kongo Ntinu (No 128/97);
- by Mr Bernhard Völk (Initiative Bessere Zukunft) (No 129/97);
- by Mrs Edelhard Amenda (Naturschutzbund Deutschland — Gruppe Kassel e.V.) (No 130/97);
- by Mr Hermann Hahne (No 131/97);

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by Mrs Johanna Finkbeiner (No 132/97);
 by Mr Gabriele Drinkmann (No 133/97);
 by Mrs Elisabeth Daheim-Küsters (No 134/97);
 by Mr Henry Dudek (No 135/97);
 by Mr Jeremy Gosselin (No 136/97);
 by Mrs Elisabeth Dravec (For Animals) (No 137/97);
 by Mrs N.J. Nokes (No 138/97);
 by Mr A.P. Lang (No 139/97);
 by Mr Peter Brown (No 140/97);
 by Mr Colum Donnelly (No 141/97);
 by Mr S. Narendrasingam (No 142/97);
 by Mr D. Waterhouse (No 143/97);
 by Mr John O'Connor (No 144/97);
 by Mr David de Meist-Gordon (No 145/97);
 by Mr Amjid Jameel Qureshi (No 146/97);
 by Mr Spyros Criticos (No 147/97);
 by Mrs Ann Pearce (No 148/97);
 by Mrs Ann Pearce (No 149/97);
 by Mr Hellmut Krahl (No 150/97);
 by Mr Hubert Ankarcrona (Skyddsvakt Hubert Ankarcrona AB) (No 151/97);
 by Mr Manfred Lenz (No 152/97);
 by Maria et Panagiotis Ploumakis (and 36 signatories) (No 153/97);
 by Mr Lotfi Zitoun (No 154/97);
 by Mr Harry Casey (No 155/97);
 by Mr Wolfgang Schwanitz (No 156/97);
 by Mr Barbro Magnusson (and 3 signatories) (No 157/97);

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by Mrs Kristiina Avonius (No 158/97);
 by Mrs Véronique Hourdequin (No 159/97);
 by Mr Alain Simard (No 160/97);
 by Mr Georges Beix (No 161/97);
 by Mr Richard Caiati (No 162/97);
 by Mr Daniel Kerbiriou (No 163/97);
 by Mr André Dufour (No 164/97);
 by Mr Júlio Magalhães (No 165/97);
 by Mrs Fabienne-Marcelle Kessler Cavolo (No 166/97);
 by Mr René Steichen (Arendt & Medernach) (No 167/97);
 by Mrs Hélène Arapinis (Association des Parents d'Elèves — Section française) (and 10 signatories) (No 168/97);
 by Mr Marcel Cornet (No 169/97);
 by Mr Jena-Pierre Lafay (No 170/97);
 by Mr Orlando Valladares dos Santos (Associação Medicina Natural e Bioterapêuticas) (and 2 signatories) (No 171/97);
 by Mrs Maria Aragão (Grupo de Intervenção para a Defesa dos Animais) (No 172/97);
 by Mrs Maria Aragão (Grupo de Intervenção para a Defesa dos Animais) (No 173/97);
 by Mr Daniel Alonso (No 174/97);

by Itaca — Asociacion para la Defensa de la Naturaleza y el Medio Ambiente (and 2 signatories) (No 175/97);
 by Mr Luis Alberto Nin Arigon (No 176/97);
 by Mr Jaume Lopez i Puigbo (Geganters de Vallgorguina) (No 177/97);
 by Mr Giuseppe Mangiafico (No 178/97);
 by Mr Giovanni Murgia et Mrs Angelica Rampogna (No 179/97);
 by Mr Constantino Grillo (No 180/97);
 by Mrs Antonina Mazzara (No 181/97);
 by Mr Fortunato Di Noto (Parrocchia Madonna del Carmine) (and 6 signatories) (No 182/97);
 by Mr Giovanni Campano (No 183/97);
 by Mr Antonio Fari (No 184/97);
 by Mr David Vitz (Vlaamse Volksbeweging vzw — VVB) (No 185/97);
 by Mrs Gisela Pereira (No 186/97);
 by Mr Antonio Hermanns (No 187/97);
 by Mr Joachim Peters (No 188/97);
 by Mr Felice Di Caro (No 189/97);
 by Loni Schneider (No 190/97);
 by Mrs M^a del Carmen González Orejón (No 191/97);
 by Mr Walter Rickbenbach (No 192/97);
 by Mr Pavel Lami (No 193/97);
 by Mrs Maureen Randa (No 194/97);
 by Mr Rudy Kennedy (Claims for Jewish Slave-Labour Compensation) (No 195/97).

10. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

Mr Andrews referred to remarks he had made at the sitting of 9 December 1996 (Part I, after Item 9) concerning the conditions in which a pregnant Irish prisoner, Róisín McAliskey, was being held in a British prison and said that there had been no change in these conditions, adding that there was disagreement between the British authorities and the German authorities with the latter, he claimed, having no objection to her being released on bail (the President cut him off, pointing out that this subject was not on the agenda, but added that the necessary action would be taken).

The President announced that the final draft agenda for the February 1997 sittings had been distributed (PE 166.604) and that a number of changes had been proposed (Rule 96).

He pointed out that, in connection with the Izquierdo Rojo report (FISH) on the proposal for a Council Regulation laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources (COM(96)0296 — C4-0388/96 — 96/0160(CNS)) (A4-0409/96) which had been referred back to committee pursuant to Rule 59(3) at the sitting of 13 December 1996 (Minutes of that date, Part I, Item 8(b)), the Fisheries Committee had appointed a new rapporteur, Mr Adam, and had

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requested referral back to committee pursuant to Rule 129.

On behalf of the Fisheries Committee, Mrs Fraga Estévez confirmed this information.

Parliament approved the request for referral back to committee.

Monday, 17 and Tuesday, 18 February:

— no changes.

— However, the President reminded the House that, pursuant to Rule 34, 72 Members had tabled a motion of censure on the Commission on its attitude in the management of the BSE crisis (B4-0056/97/rev.2). The motion had been forwarded to the Commission.

As indicated in the final draft agenda, the debate would be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday and the vote at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

On behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Green asked for the deadline for tabling amendments and joint motions, currently 4 p.m. on Tuesday, to be extended to 8.30 p.m., after the debate had finished.

The President decided to keep the 4 p.m. deadline and said that amendments to the joint motion could be tabled up until 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 19 and Thursday, 20 February:

— the ARE Group had asked for the vote on the motions for resolutions tabled further to the oral questions on BSE to be taken at 3 p.m. on Thursday after the vote on the motion of censure.

The following spoke on this request: Mrs Barthet-Mayer who, on behalf of the ARE Group, justified it, Mr Puerta, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group and the signatories of the motion, and Mr Martens, on behalf of the PPE Group.

Parliament rejected the request by RCV (PPE):

Members voting:	316
For:	44
Against:	268
Abstentions:	4

Friday, 21 February:

— no change.

Request for urgent procedure (Rule 97) by the Council and Commission for:

— proposal for a Council Regulation adopting a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector — SYNERGY Programme (reconsultation) (SN 1160/97 — C4-0065/97 — 95/0126(CNS))

Reason for request: this proposal for a Regulation provided the legal basis required for the funds already entered in the

budget to be used in 1997. The Council needed to take a decision as quickly as possible to avoid losing the appropriations entered in the 1997 budget.

Parliament would vote on this request at the beginning of the following day's sitting.

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The order of business was thus established.

11. Speaking time

Speaking time for debates on the agenda for the sittings of 17-21 February 1997 would be allocated pursuant to Rule 106 (see separate Agenda).

12. Topical and urgent debate (subjects proposed)

The President proposed the following five subjects for the next topical and urgent debate to be held on Thursday:

- Great Lakes region in Africa
- Albania
- Human rights
- Former Yugoslavia and non-compliance with Dayton agreements
- Beef exports to southern Africa

13. Energy Charter *** (debate)

Mrs Matikainen-Kallström introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy, on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion by the European Communities of the Energy Charter Treaty and of the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects (COM(95)0440 — 12046/96 — C4-0664/96 — 95/0237(AVC)) (A4-0041/97).

The following spoke: Mr Stockmann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Estevan Bolea, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Malerba, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Plooi-j-van Gorsel, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Bloch von Blottnitz, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mrs McNally, Mr Porto, Mr Fitzsimons, Mrs Ahern, Mrs Wulf-Mathies, Member of the Commission, and Mrs Plooi-j-van Gorsel, with a question to the Commission, which Mrs Wulf-Mathies answered.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 18.2.1997, Part I, Item 13.

14. Development problems in Italy (debate)

Mr Podestà introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, on development problems and structural measures in Italy (C4-0050/96, C4-0051/96 and C4-0052/96) (A4-0405/96).

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The following spoke: Mr Speciale, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Viola, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, and Mr Moretti, on behalf of the ELDR Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GUTIERREZ DIAZ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Orlando, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Cellai, non-attached Member, Mr Bontempi, Mr Baggioni, Mr Vallvé and Mrs Wulf-Mathies, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 18.2.1997, Part I, Item 14.

15. Development problems in Germany (debate)

Mr Botz introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, on development problems and structural assistance in Germany in the period 1994-1999 (C4-0047/96, C4-0048/96, C4-0049/96, C4-0673/96, C4-0674/96) (A4-0002/97).

The following spoke: Mr Walter, on behalf of the PSE Group, and Mr Berend, on behalf of the PPE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs SCHLEICHER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Vallvé, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Schroedter, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Schiedermeier, Mrs Klaß and Mrs Wulf-Mathies, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 18.2.1997, Part I, Item 15.

16. Cohesion policy and environment (debate)

Mr Hatzidakis introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, on the Commission communication on cohesion policy and the environment (COM(95)0509 – C4-0141/96) (A4-0360/96).

The following spoke: Mr Papayannakis, draftsman of the opinion of the Environment Committee, Mr Bösch, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Arias Cañete, chairman of the

Committee on Regional Policy, also on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Klironomos, Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Mr Novo, Mrs Frutos Gama, Mr Fernández Martín, Mr Sjöstedt, Mr Izquierdo Collado, Mr Imaz San Miguel, Mrs Myller, Mrs Vaz da Silva, Mr Novo Belenguer, on behalf of the ARE Group, and Mrs Wulf-Mathies, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 18.2.1997, Part I, Item 16.

17. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Tuesday 18 February 1997:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 to 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 midnight:

9 to 9.15 a.m.

- topical and urgent debate (motions for resolutions tabled)
- decision on urgent procedure

9.15 a.m. to 12 noon and 10.30 p.m. to 12 midnight

- Oomen-Ruijten report on social security schemes *
- Weiler report on social protection
- Oomen-Ruijten recommendation on indication of product prices ***II
- Tamino recommendation on aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway **II
- Janssen van Raay report on investor-compensation schemes ***III

12 noon

- voting time
- topical and urgent debate (subjects selected)

3 to 7.30 p.m.

- joint debate on a report, seven oral questions and a motion of censure on BSE

9 to 10.30 p.m.

- Question Time to the Commission

(The sitting closed at 8.10 p.m.)

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Secretary-General

Renzo IMBENI
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The following signed:

d'Aboville, Adam, Ahern, Ainardi, Alber, Aldo, Amadeo, d'Ancona, Andersson, André-Léonard, Andrews, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Anttila, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Arroni, Augias, Avgerinos, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldarelli, Baldi, Balfé, Bardong, Barros Moura, Barthes-Mayer, Barton, Bazin, Bébéar, Belleré, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bertens, Berthu, Bianco, van Bladel, Blak, Bloch von Blottnitz, Blokland, Blot, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Bourlanges, Bowe, de Brémond d'Ars, Breyer, Brinkhorst, Burenstam Linder, Cabezón Alonso, Caccavale, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Cardona, Carlotti, Carrère d'Encausse, Cars, Cassidy, Castagnède, Castagnetti, Castellina, Castricum, Caudron, Cederschiöld, Cellai, Chanterie, Chesa, Chichester, Colajanni, Colli Comelli, Collins Gerard, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Cornelissen, Correia, Cot, Cox, Crawley, Crowley, Cunha, Cunningham, Cushnahan, Daskalaki, De Clercq, De Coene, De Giovanni, Dell'Alba, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, de Vries, Díez de Rivera Icaza, van Dijk, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Donner, Dupuis, Dury, Dybkjær, Eisma, Elchlepp, Elles, Elliott, Eriksson, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Ewing, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Fantuzzi, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Filippi, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Ford, Fourçans, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Frutos Gama, Funk, Gahrton, Gallagher, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garosci, Garriga Polledo, de Gaulle, Giansily, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Goerens, Görlach, Gomolka, González Álvarez, González Triviño, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Grossetête, Günther, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Herzog, Hindley, Holm, Hoppenstedt, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Hyland, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Janssen van Raay, Jean-Pierre, Jensen Lis, Jöns, Junker, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kittelmann, Klab, Klironomos, Koch, Kofoed, Kokkola, Konrad, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristoffersen, Kronberger, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Laignel, Lalumière, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lang Carl, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Larive, Le Gallou, Lehne, Leopardi, Leppe-Verrier, Liese, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Löw, Lucas Pires, Lüttge, Lulling, Macartney, McCartin, McGowan, McIntosh, McKenna, McMahan, McNally, Malangré, Malerba, Malone, Mamère, Manisco, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Martinez, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Mendonça, Menrad, Mezzaroma, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Monfils, Moniz, Moorhouse, Moretti, Morgan, Morris, Moscovici, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Müller, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Needle, Newens, Newman, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Novo Belenguer, Oddy, Olsson, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Orlando, Otila, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pailler, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Parodi, Pasty, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pery, Peter, Pettinari, Piecyk, Piha, Pimenta, Piquet, Pirker, des Places, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poggiolini, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Puerta, van Putten, Rack, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Rauti, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Riis-Jørgensen, Robles Piquer, Rosado Fernandes, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rovsing, Rübig, Ruffolo, Ryyänänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Secchi, Seppänen, Simpson, Sisó Cruellas, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smith, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Spaak, Speciale, Spiers, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stewart-Clark, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Svensson, Swoboda, Tajani, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Tomlinson, Trakatellis, Trizza, Truscott, Ullmann, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vandemeulebroucke, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Viceconte, Viola, Virgin, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, van der Waal, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weber, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

(+) = For

(-) = Against

(O) = Abstention

1. Change in order of business

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell'Alba, Ewing, Hory, Lalumière, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre

ELDR: André-Léonard, Boogerd-Quaak, De Clercq, Kestelijn-Sierens, Vallvé

GUE/NGL: Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Pailler, Papayannakis, Piquet, Puerta, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson, Theonas

I-EDN: Berthu, Fabre-Aubrespy, Striby

NI: Dillen, Hager, Raschhofer, Vanhecke

PPE: Grossetête, Pimenta, Verwaerde

PSE: Campos, Carlotti, De Giovanni, Laignel, Van Lancker

UPE: Rosado Fernandes

(-)

ELDR: Anttila, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, de Vries, Dybkjær, Frischenschlager, Haarder, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Wiebenga

I-EDN: Blokland, van der Waal

PPE: Alber, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Arias Cañete, Bardong, Berend, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Cunha, De Melo, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnelly Brendan, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Klač, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McIntosh, Malangré, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mendonça, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Perry, Piha, Plumb, Poggiolini, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros-Moura, Barton, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Castricum, Caudron, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crawley, Cunningham, David, De Coene, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Frutos Gama, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hindley, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Jöns, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klironomos, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Löow, McGowan, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Sanz Fernández, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Vecchi, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: d'Abouville, Aldo, Arroni, Azzolini, Baldi, Carrère d'Encausse, Daskalaki, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Giansily, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Santini

V: Aelvoet, Bloch von Blotnitz, Breyer, van Dijk, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Roth, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Wolf

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I-EDN: Sandbæk

PPE: Argyros, Colombo Svevo

PSE: Mendiluce Pereiro

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1997

(97/C 85/02)

PART I

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

(The sitting opened at 9 a.m.)

The President condemned the attack which had occurred the previous day in Bilbao and had cost the life of a police officer.

On behalf of Parliament, he offered his condolences to the victim's family and assured the Spanish government of Parliament's support.

1. Approval of Minutes

The following spoke:

— Mr McMahon, who referred to Item 7(gb) 'oral questions for Question Time' and pointed out that he had addressed a question on the working time Directive to Commissioner Kinnock; however, the question was down as No 100 on the list of questions and was therefore not included in the questions which Mr Kinnock would answer; he asked why this mistake, if mistake it were, had occurred and for it to be put right (the President said that any mistake pointed out by the speaker would be put right);

— Mr Smith, who said that he was in a similar position to Mr McMahon (the President replied that it was not Parliament that decided which Commissioner would answer particular questions and that, if there was a mistake, it would be put right);

— Mrs Ahern, who said that a question she had addressed to Mr Kinnock had been included among the questions which he would answer (the President replied that these comments would be forwarded to the Commission).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Documents received

The President announced that he had received:

(a) from committees, the following reports and recommendations:

— Report on the Commission Green Paper on financial services — meeting consumers' expectations (COM(96)0209 —

C4-0339/96) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Mrs Marinucci
(A4-0048/97)

— ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony and on universal service for telecommunications in a competitive environment (COM(96)0419 — C4-0581/96 — 96/0226(COD)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mrs Read
(A4-0049/97)

— ***II Recommendation on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision on a coordinated authorization approach in the field of satellite personal communications services in the European Union — (C4-0634/96 — 95/0274(COD)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mr Hoppenstedt
(A4-0050/97)

— ***II Recommendation on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Directive on a common framework for general authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services (C4-0633/96 — 95/0282(COD)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mr W.G van Velzen
(A4-0051/97)

(b) from Members, the following motions for resolutions (Rule 45):

— Muscardini on the promotion of positive action for women (B4-0047/97)

referred to
responsible: WOME
opinion: ESOC

— Fernández-Albor on a symbol for identifying establishments which do not sell fish fry (B4-0048/97)

referred to
responsible: FISH

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— Muscardini on banning the trade in skins of domestic pets (B4-0049/97)

referred to
responsible: ENVI

— Musumeci on measures to aid Porto Empedocle (B4-0050/97)

referred to
responsible: REGI

— Musumeci on the creation of a free zone at Porto Empedocle (B4-0051/97)

referred to
responsible: ECON

— Musumeci on aid to the citrus fruit sector in Sicily (B4-0052/97)

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: CONT

— Muscardini, Belleré, Musumeci on the bridge over the Strait of Messina (B4-0053/97)

referred to
responsible: TRAN
opinion: REGI

3. Action taken on Parliament's opinions and resolutions

The President announced that the Commission communication on action taken on the opinions and resolutions adopted by Parliament at the September 1996 part-session had been distributed (SP(96)3462).

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

The President announced that he had received from the following Members or political groups requests for the inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance of motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 47(1):

— André-Léonard, Bertens, Vallvé, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on human rights violations in Chad (B4-0057/97);

— Bertens, André-Léonard, Vallvé, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in the Great Lakes (B4-0058/97);

— Cars, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on Iran (B4-0059/97);

— Watson, Bertens, De Clercq, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Hong Kong (B4-0060/97);

— Cars, De Vries, Wiebenga, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the abolition of the death penalty (B4-0062/97);

— Bertens, Larive, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on China and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (B4-0063/97);

— Kirsten M. Jensen, Blak, Sindal, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Thomas J. Miller-El, under sentence of death in the USA (B4-0064/97);

— Pollack, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the violation of indigenous rights and the depletion of the tropical forests on Yamdena Island, Indonesia (B4-0065/97);

— d'Ancona, on behalf of the PSE Group, on beef exports to South Africa (B4-0066/97);

— Ford, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the welfare of migrants (B4-0068/97);

— Ford, Kirsten M. Jensen, Andersson, on behalf of the PSE Group, on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism (B4-0069/97);

— Crampton, Howitt, McCarthy, Walter, Coates, White, Morris, Morgan, Murphy, Kerr, Waddington, Wim van Velzen, Truscott, Van Lancker, Wynn, Whitehead, Tomlinson, Thomas, Tappin, Watts, Bowe, Simpson, Newens, Harrison, Hardstaff, Megahy, Barton, Smith, McMahon, McNally, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the continued imprisonment in solitary confinement of Mordechai Vanunu (B4-0070/97);

— Newens, on behalf of the PSE Group, on human rights abuses in Bahrain (B4-0071/97);

— Hardstaff, Harrison, Hallam, Happart, Kenneth D. Collins, Oddy, Cunningham, Waddington, Barton, Berger, David Martin, Haug, Smith, Falconer, Seal, Megahy, McNally, Spiers, Stockmann, Murphy, Elliott, Bowe, McCarthy, Crawley, Needle, Miller, McMahon, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the Lao People's Democratic Republic (B4-0072/97);

— Newman, Colom i Naval, Ford, Papakyriazis, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the extradition and trial of A. Brunner (B4-0073/97);

— Krehl, Paasilinna, Hoff, Truscott, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Chechnya (B4-0074/97);

— García Arias, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Barros Moura, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Iran (B4-0075/97);

— Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Pons Grau, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the murder of aid workers in Rwanda (B4-0076/97);

— Barros Moura, Schulz, Imbeni, Titley, Howitt, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the 53rd Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (B4-0077/97);

— Bertens, Cars, La Malfa, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the crisis in Albania (B4-0082/97);

— Cars, Bertens, La Malfa, Frischenschlager, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in former Yugoslavia (B4-0087/97);

— Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the storm which hit the whole Campania region, and in particular the city of Naples and the Sorrento peninsula (B4-0088/97);

— Pasty, Azzolini, Daskalaki, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0089/97);

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- Pasty, Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in the former Yugoslavia (B4-0090/97);
- Pasty, Azzolini, Van Bladel, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the 53rd Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (B4-0091/97);
- Pasty, Azzolini, Andrews, Aldo, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in eastern Zaire (B4-0092/97);
- Dupuis, Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0093/97);
- Dupuis, Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the resolution on China and Tibet at the UN Commission on Human Rights and on the position of the EU Member States (B4-0094/97);
- Dupuis, Dell'Alba, Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the multiplication in the recourse to the death penalty in numerous countries in the world (B4-0095/97);
- Dupuis, Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, on serious human rights violations in eastern Turkestan (Xinjiang) (B4-0098/97);
- Vandemeulebroucke, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the political situation in Serbia (B4-0099/97);
- Hory, Lalumière, Kouchner, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Leperre-Verrier, Barthet-Mayer, Taubira-Delannon, Castagnède, Dary, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the upsurge of the extreme right in the European Union, and more particularly in France (B4-0100/97);
- Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in eastern Zaire (B4-0101/97);
- Correia, Barros Moura, Marinho, Apolinário, Moniz, Lage, Candal, Campos, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the storms in the Azores (B4-0102/97);
- Dury, Happart, Desama, on behalf of the PSE Group, on job losses in the Union (B4-0103/97);
- Wiersma, Hoff, Titley, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Mostar and Eastern Slavonia (B4-0104/97);
- Roubatis, Swoboda, Imbeni, Hoff, Colajanni, Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0105/97);
- Daskalaki, Kaklamanis, Carrère d'Encausse, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the Turkish incrimination of Metropolitan Iakovos — Archbishop of Laodikeia — for officiating at an Easter service (B4-0106/97);
- Gerard Collins, Andrews, Crowley, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Hyland, Killilea, Azzolini, Carrère d'Encausse, Van Bladel, Rosado Fernandes, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the murder of Irish Franciscan missionary, Brother Larry Timmons, in Kenya (B4-0107/97);
- Lenz, Maij-Weggen, Moorhouse, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the Iranian writer and publisher Mr Sarkouhi (B4-0108/97);
- Costa Neves, De Melo, Capucho, Cunha, Lucas Pires, Pimenta, Porto, Vaz da Silva, Mendonça, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the storms in the Azores (B4-0109/97);
- Arias Cañete, Valverde López, Galeote Quecedo, Hernandez Mollar, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the recent flooding and disasters in Andalusia caused by storms (B4-0110/97);
- Lenz, Moorhouse, Soulier, Oostlander, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the 53rd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights (B4-0111/97);
- Stenzel, Rübige, Habsburg-Lothringen, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Bulgaria (B4-0112/97);
- Pack, Bianco, Castagnetti, Filippi, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Albania (B4-0113/97);
- Fernández Martín, Tindemans, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in the Great Lakes region (B4-0114/97);
- Gillis, McCartin, Banotti, Cushnahan, Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the killing of Brother Larry Timmons by the Kenyan police (B4-0115/97);
- Carnero González, Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in the Great Lakes region, particularly eastern Zaire (B4-0116/97);
- Pailler, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on threats to freedom of expression and artistic freedom (B4-0117/97);
- Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on human rights violations in Chad (B4-0118/97);
- Vinci, Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on human rights in Iran (B4-0119/97);
- Ephremidis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on Turkish incrimination of Metropolitan Iakovos — Archbishop of Laodikeia — for officiating at an Easter service (B4-0120/97);
- Papayannakis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the extradition and trial of A. Brunner (B4-0121/97);
- Puerta, Sornosa Martínez, Eriksson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on human rights in Argentina (B4-0122/97);
- Carnero González, Manisco, Sjöstedt, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the UN Commission on Human Rights (B4-0123/97);
- Carnero González, Manisco, Ephremidis, Svensson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the UN Commission on Human Rights and the abolition of the death penalty (B4-0124/97);
- Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on beef exports to southern Africa (B4-0125/97);
- Alavanos, Manisco, Pettinari, Marset Campos, Theonas, Piquet, Eriksson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0126/97);
- Carnero González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in former Yugoslavia (B4-0127/97);

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- González Álvarez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the threatened closure of the Clabecq ironworks (B4-0128/97);
- Aelvoet, Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group, on the Great Lakes region (B4-0129/97);
- Hautala, McKenna, on behalf of the V Group, on the violation of indigenous rights and the depletion of the tropical forests on Yamdena Island, Indonesia (B4-0130/97);
- Roth, Cohn-Bendit, Mamère, on behalf of the V Group, on the resurgence of racism and neo-fascism in Europe (B4-0131/97);
- Roth, Orlando, on behalf of the V Group, on the disappearance of would-be refugees in the Mediterranean (B4-0132/97);
- Kreissl-Dörfler, on behalf of the V Group, on the situation of Mapuches Indians in Neuquén province in Argentina (B4-0133/97);
- Aglietta, Ripa di Meana, Orlando, Müller, on behalf of the V Group, on the death penalty (B4-0134/97);
- Roth, Aelvoet, Lannoye, Kreissl-Dörfler, on behalf of the V Group, on human rights violations by the Eurogold firm in Pergamon (Turkey) and the potential ecological disaster due to the use of chemicals containing cyanide in gold-mining (B4-0135/97);
- Roth, Cohn-Bendit, Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, on the introduction of a visa requirement for members of the families of immigrants in the Federal Republic of Germany who are minors (child visa) (B4-0136/97);
- Graefe zu Baringdorf, Kreissl-Dörfler, Telkämper, Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group, on beef exports to South Africa (B4-0137/97);
- Aelvoet, Cohn-Bendit, Gahrton, Tamino, on behalf of the V Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0138/97);
- Aelvoet, Cohn-Bendit, Müller, Tamino, on behalf of the V Group, on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Eastern Slavonia (B4-0139/97);
- Bloch von Blottnitz, Ahern, on behalf of the V Group, on nuclear safety in Ukraine (B4-0140/97);
- McKenna, Ahern, Roth, Ullmann, Orlando, on behalf of the V Group, on Róisín McAliskey, an Irish prisoner held in Britain at the request of the German authorities, who is over six months pregnant and suffering severe health problems (B4-0141/97);
- Müller, Kreissl-Dörfler, Ripa di Meana, Aglietta, on behalf of the V Group, on the 53rd session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (B4-0142/97);
- Roth, Aglietta, Gahrton, on behalf of the V Group, on the disappearance of the Iranian political commentator Faraj Sarkouhi, his brother Isma'il Sarkouhi and his assistant Parvin Ardalán (B4-0143/97);

- Telkämper, Ullmann, McKenna, Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on the continued imprisonment in solitary confinement of Mordechai Vanunu (B4-0144/97).

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 47, Parliament would be informed at the end of the morning's sitting of the list of subjects to be included on the agenda for the next debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance to be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday 20 February 1997.

5. Decision on urgent procedure

The next item was the decision on a request for urgent procedure.

- amended proposal for a Council Regulation adopting a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector — Synergy programme (reconsultation) (SN 1160/97 — C4-0065/97 — 95/0126(CNS)) *

Mr Lange spoke.

The request for urgent procedure was rejected.

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Mrs Green referred to a document called 'Session news' (drawn up daily by DG3 for the press) and pointed out that, according to this document, she had asked at the start of the previous day's sitting for a postponement of the vote on the motions for resolutions due to be held at 12 noon on Wednesday; she stated that this was absolutely not the case and asked the President, on behalf of the PSE Group, to order the immediate withdrawal of this document (the President replied that Mrs Green's remarks were authoritative and that he had taken note of them).

6. Social security schemes * (debate)

Mrs Oomen-Ruijten introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending, for the benefit of unemployed persons, Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 (COM(95)0734 — C4-0116/96 — 96/0004(CNS)) (A4-0018/97).

The following spoke: Mr Imaz San Miguel, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Pompidou, deputizing for Mrs Hermange, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Boogerd-Quaak, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Wolf, on behalf of the V Group, and Mr Flynn, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 10.

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7. Social protection (debate)

Mrs Weiler introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, on the Commission communication — the future of social protection — a framework for a European debate, and the report from the Commission — Social protection in Europe (1995) (COM(95)0466 — C4-0524/95 and COM(95)0457 — C4-0518/95) (A4-0016/97).

The following spoke: Mr Melkert, President-in-Office of the Council, Mr Flynn, Member of the Commission, Mr Wim van Velzen, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Hatzidakis, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Hermange, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Boogerd-Quaak, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Ojala, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Schörling, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Vandemeulebroucke, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mrs Lis Jensen, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Carl Lang, Non-attached, Mr Theonas, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Economic Affairs, and Mr Cabezón Alonso.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CAPUCHO

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Hernandez Mollar, Mr Podestà, Mr Lindqvist, Mr Ribeiro, Mr Sainjon, Mr Berthu, Mr Belleré, Mrs Van Lancker, Mr Schiedermeier, Mr Vanhecke, Mr Andersson, Mrs González Álvarez, Mrs Ghilardotti, Mr Morris, Mr Rocard and Mr Melkert.

The President closed the debate.

He informed the House that, for technical reasons, the amendments were not available in all languages and the vote would therefore be held at 12 noon the following day.

Vote: Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 12.

8. Indication of product prices ***II (debate)

Mrs Oomen-Ruijten introduced the recommendation for second reading on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers (C4-0530/96 — 95/0148(COD)) (A4-0015/97).

The following spoke: Mr Whitehead, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Jackson, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Garosci, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Riis-Jørgensen, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Fitzsimons, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, on the amendments, Mrs Riis-Jørgensen, on the previous speaker's remarks, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, Mr Flynn, Member of the Commission, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten and Mr Flynn.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 11.

(The sitting was suspended at 11.55 a.m. until voting time at 12 noon.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

Vice-President

9. Communication of common positions of the Council

Pursuant to Rule 64(1), the President announced that she had received from the Council, in accordance with Articles 189b and 189c of the EC Treaty, the following common positions, together with the reasons which had led to their adoption, and the Commission's positions:

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 92/50/EEC, Directive 93/36/EEC, and Directive 93/37/EEC, concerning the coordination of procedures for the award of public work contracts, public supply contracts and public works contracts respectively (C4-0038/97 — 95/0079(COD))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: BUDG, LEGA, RELA

legal basis: Art. 057(2), 066, 100a EC

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 93/38/EEC coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and telecommunications sectors (C4-0039/97 — 95/0080(COD))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: RTDE, LEGA, RELA, TRAN

legal basis: Art. 057(2), 066, 100a EC

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision amending European Parliament and Council Decision No 1254/96/EC, laying down a series of guidelines on trans-European energy networks (C4-0040/97 — 96/0203(COD))

referred to
responsible: RTDE
opinion: BUDG, TRAN

legal basis: Art. 129d, 1st paragraph EC

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision, adapting for the second time Decision No 1110/94/EC, as adapted by Decision 616/96/EC, concerning the fourth framework programme of activities in the field of research, technology development (RTD) and demonstration (1994-1998) (C4-0041/97 — 96/0034(COD))

referred to
responsible: RTDE
opinion: BUDG, ECON, ENVI, CULT, TRAN

legal basis: Art. 130i(1)(2) EC

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— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from internal combustion engines to be installed in non-road mobile machinery (C4-0072/97 — 95/0209(COD))

referred to

responsible: ENVI

avis: BUDG, ECON, TRAN

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

The three-month period available to Parliament to deliver its opinion would therefore begin the following day, Wednesday 19 February 1997.

VOTING TIME

The President held an electronic check to establish how many Members were in the Chamber (291 Members voted).

As there were not enough Members present to enable the second reading votes to be held the President decided to begin with the vote on the Oomen-Ruijten report (A4-0018/97).

10. Social security schemes * (vote)

Oomen-Ruijten report — A4-0018/97

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(95)0734 — C4-0116/96 — 96/0004(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1; 2 and 3 collectively

Amendment rejected: 4

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 1*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 1*).

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The President held a further electronic check to establish how many Members were in the Chamber (374 Members voted).

11. Indication of product prices ***II (vote)

Recommendation for 2nd reading by Mrs Oomen-Ruijten — A4-0015/97

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0530/96 — 95/0148(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 3 collectively, 5; 6; 7 by EV (354 for, 69 against, 0 abstentions), 8 to 10 collectively; 11 (1st part); 11 (2nd part); 12; 13; 14; 24; 15, 16, 18 and 21 collectively; 17; 19; 20; 22.

Amendments rejected: 23 by EV (195 for, 230 against, 5 abstentions)

Amendment fallen: 25

Amendment not put to the vote (Rule 125(1)(e)): 4

The following spoke during the vote:

— before the vote on am. 15 the rapporteur said that the word 'shall' should be replaced by 'may' (the President established there was no opposition to voting on am. 15 thus amended);

Separate votes: ams 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 20, 22 (UPE)

Split votes:

am. 11 (UPE):

1st part: up to 'product'

2nd part: remainder

The President declared the common position approved as amended (*Part II, Item 2*).

12. COM in bananas * (final vote)

Santini report — A4-0337/96

The report had been referred back to committee on 13 December 1996 pursuant to Rule 129 (Minutes of that sitting Part I, Item 12).

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0082 — C4-0233/96 — 96/0080(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 14 and 16 (compromise) collectively; 15 (compromise)

Separate vote: am. 15 (Mrs Barthet-Mayer)

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur, before the vote, on the three compromise amendments;

— Mrs Barthet-Mayer asked before the start of the vote for a separate vote on am. 15 (the President granted this request).

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 3*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 3*).

13. Energy Charter *** (vote)

Matikainen-Kallström recommendation — A4-0041/97

DRAFT DECISION

Parliament adopted the decision and thereby gave its assent (*Part II, Item 4*).

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14. Development problems in Italy (vote)

Podestà report — A4-0405/96

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 3; 4; 5 by EV (248 for, 203 against, 11 abstentions); 6; 1 by EV (241 for, 213 against, 2 abstentions)

Amendments rejected: 7; 2 by RCV

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, recital F and paragraph 4 as amended orally.

The following spoke during the vote:

- before the vote on recital F:
- the rapporteur to propose an oral amendment changing the end of this recital as follows: '... whereas these disparities have an alarming impact on the rate of unemployment, which is 21,3% in the south, compared with 7,1% in the north and 10,2% in Central Italy, the national average being 12,2% (ISTAT figures — December 1996) and the Community average 10,8% (Eurostat figures — September 1996)';
- Mrs Schroedter who asked for the German translation of this amendment, and the accuracy of the figures it contained, to be checked (the President replied that this would be done);
- Mrs McCarthy to ask for the figures in the amendment to be the latest figures available (the President replied that this was the purpose of the oral amendment);

(The President established that there was no objection to voting on recital F as amended orally by the rapporteur).

- before the vote on para. 4, the rapporteur, to propose an oral amendment to this paragraph deleting the end of the text 'furthermore, with regard to ... negotiated'.

(The President established that there was no objection to voting on paragraph 4 as amended orally by the rapporteur).

- before the vote on am. 7:
- the rapporteur, to ask Mr Dell'Alba to withdraw his am. 7, except for the last phrase which would be added to para. 6;
- Mr Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, author of the amendment, who said that, in these circumstances, he would prefer a split vote on his amendment;
- Mrs McCarthy, who said that she did not have am. 7 (the President said that it had been distributed; however, to avoid any confusion, she asked Mr Dell'Alba to choose between Mr Podestà's proposed oral amendment to am. 7 and am. 7 in its original form);

- Mr Dell'Alba, who agreed to am. 7 being put to the vote as amended orally by the rapporteur;

- the rapporteur, to explain once again his oral amendment;

- Mrs Napoletano, who read out am. 7 with the proposed oral amendment;

(to avoid any risk of confusion, the President decided to put am. 7 to the vote in its original form).

Results of RCVs:

am 2 (V):

Members voting:	464
For:	62
Against:	399
Abstentions:	3

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

15. Development problems in Germany (vote)

Botz report — A4-0002/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1 by EV (252 for, 188 against, 15 abstentions); 2 (1st part) by EV (248 for, 199 against, 1 abstention)

Amendment rejected: 2 (2nd part)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Split votes:

am 2 (rapporteur):

1st part: up to 'can be fully applied'
2nd part: rest

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 6*).

16. Cohesion policy and environment (vote)

Hatzidakis report — A4-0360/96

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendment adopted: 1

Amendment rejected: 2

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

The following spoke during the vote:

- Mrs Schroedter, before the vote started, to ask for the translations of the amendments to be checked.

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Separate votes: para. 18 (PPE), para. 24 (V)

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

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Explanations of vote:

Oomen-Ruijten report — A4-0018/97

— *in writing:* the following Members: Caudron; Blak, Iversen, Kirsten M. Jensen and Sindal

Oomen-Ruijten recommendation — A4-0015/97

— *in writing:* the following Members: Díez de Rivera Icaza; Gahrton, Lindholm, Holm and Schörling

Santini report — A4-0337/96

— *oral:* Mr Martinez

— *in writing:* the following Members: Souchet; Sjöstedt, Svensson, Eriksson; Lindqvist; Wibe, Andersson, Waidelich, Hulthén and Theorin,

Matikainen-Kallström recommendation — A4-0041/97

— *in writing:* the following Members: Holm, Gahrton, Lindholm and Schörling,

Podestà report — A4-0405/96

— *oral:* Mr Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group

— *in writing:* Mr Wibe

Botz report — A4-0002/97

— *in writing:* Mr Wibe

END OF VOTING TIME

17. Topical and urgent debate (list of subjects selected)

The President informed Parliament that, in accordance with Rule 47(2), the list of subjects for the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance to be held on Thursday had been drawn up.

This list contained 48 motions for resolutions grouped together as follows:

I. GREAT LAKES REGION IN AFRICA

B4-0058/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0076/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0092/97 by the UPE Group
B4-0101/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0114/97 by the PPE Group
B4-0116/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0129/97 by the V Group

II. ALBANIA

B4-0082/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0089/97 by the UPE Group
B4-0093/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0105/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0113/97 by the PPE Group
B4-0126/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0138/97 by the V Group

III. HUMAN RIGHTS

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B4-0063/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0077/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0091/97 by the UPE Group
B4-0094/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0111/97 by the PPE Group
B4-0123/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0142/97 by the V Group

B4-0062/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0095/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0124/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0134/97 by the V Group

B4-0098/97 by the ARE Group

Iran

B4-0059/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0075/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0108/97 by the PPE Group
B4-0119/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0143/97 by the V Group

Mordechai Vanunu

B4-0070/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0144/97 by the V Group

Chad

B4-0057/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0118/97 by the GUE/NGL Group

Indigenous peoples of Indonesia

B4-0065/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0130/97 by the V Group

IV. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DAYTON AGREEMENTS

B4-0087/97 by the ELDR Group
B4-0090/97 by the UPE Group
B4-0099/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0104/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0127/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0139/97 by the V Group

V. RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA

B4-0069/97 by the PSE Group
B4-0100/97 by the ARE Group
B4-0117/97 by the GUE/NGL Group
B4-0131/97 by the V Group
B4-0136/97 by the V Group

In accordance with Rule 47(3), the overall speaking time for Thursday's debate had been allocated as follows, subject to modification of the list:

For one of the authors:	1 minute
Members:	60 minutes in total

In accordance with Rule 47(2), second subparagraph, any objections to this list, which would have to be tabled and justified in writing by a political group or at least 29 Members,

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had to be tabled by 8 p.m. that evening. The vote on these objections would be taken without debate at the beginning of the next day's sitting.

(The sitting was suspended at 12.45 and resumed at 3 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO

President

18. BSE (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on the following:

— report by Mr Medina Ortega on behalf of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE on alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Community law in relation to BSE (A4-0020/97);

— oral question by Mr de Villiers on behalf of the I-EDN Group to the Commission on the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE — risk of BSE transmission through certain chemical products (B4-0004/97);

— oral question by Mr Martens and Mr Böge on behalf of the PPE Group to the Commission on the report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE on alleged contraventions or maladministration in the implementation of Community law in relation to BSE (B4-0006/97);

— oral question by Mrs Green on behalf of the PSE Group to the Commission on the Temporary Committee of Inquiry on BSE (B4-0007/97);

— oral question by Mrs Barthet-Mayer and Mr Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group to the Commission on the report by the Committee of Inquiry on BSE (B4-0008/97);

— oral question by Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf on behalf of the V Group to the Commission on the report by the Committee of Inquiry on BSE (B4-0009/97);

— oral question by the following Members: Santini, Rosado Fernandes, Pasty and Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, to the Commission on BSE recommendations (B4-0010/97);

— oral question by Mr Kofoed on behalf of the ELDR Group, to the Commission on the conclusions of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0011/97);

— motion of censure on the Commission tabled by the following Members: Happart, Jové Peres, Pailler, Barthet-Mayer, Rosado Fernandes, Campos, Bébéar, Dury, Berthu, Goldsmith, de Villiers, Bonde, Souchet, des Places, Fabre-Aubrespy, Striby, Seillier, Grossetête, Vandemeulebroucke, Hory, Lalumière, Novo Belenguer, Leperre-Verrier, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, González Triviño, Fourçans, de Gaulle, Jean-Pierre, Decourrière, Bernard-Reymond, Verwaerde, Dary, Castagnède, Stasi, Sandbæk, Moreau, Piquet, Wurtz, Papayannakis, Puerta, González Álvarez, Miranda, Elmalan, Ainardi, Theonas, Eriksson, Sjöstedt, Seppänen, Ojala, Novo, Pettinari, Castellina, Ribeiro, Marsset Campos, Herzog, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Mohamed Ali, Carnero González, Gutiérrez Díaz, Vinci, Manisco, Bertinotti, Ephremidis, Svensson, Alavanos, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Philippe-Armand Martin, Laiguel, Fouque (B4-0056/97/rev.2).

The following spoke: Mr Medina Ortega, who introduced his report, Mr Böge, chairman of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry, Mrs Lalumière, who deplored the absence of the Council compared with the wide representation of the Commission (the President replied that the Council had been contacted by Parliament's Presidency but had replied that it 'was not able, did not consider it appropriate' to attend that day) Mr Happart, first signatory to the motion of censure, and Mr Santer, President of the Commission.

The following spoke: Mrs Green, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Martens, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs PERY

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Kofoed, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Puerta, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Lalumière, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Nicholson, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, and Mr Martínez, Non-attached Member.

The President announced that she had received motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 40(5) from the following Members:

— Graefe zu Baringdorf, Voggenhuber, Aelvoet and Roth, on behalf of the V Group, on the report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0078/97);

— Green, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the findings of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0079/97);

— Martens, Böge, Viola, Redondo Jiménez, Goepel, Trakattellis, Funk, Thyssen and Gillis, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the outcome of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0080/97);

— de Villiers, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on the responsibility of the Commission regarding the risks to the health of Europeans in the context of the BSE epidemic (B4-0081/97);

— Santini, Rosado Fernandes, Pasty and Azzolini, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the recommendations on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (B4-0083/97);

— Lalumière, Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Hory, Leperre-Verrier, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke and Novo, on behalf of the ARE Group, on BSE (B4-0084/97);

— Jové Peres, Pailler, Novo, Ephremidis, Papayannakis and Svensson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (B4-0085/97);

— De Vries, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the findings of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE (B4-0096/97).

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate: Mr Fayot, Mr Viola, Mr Santini, Mr Teverson, Mr Jové Peres, Mrs Green, who announced that the British Prime Minister, Mr Major, speaking in the House of Commons that afternoon, had referred to the report by the Committee of Inquiry as 'a load of tosh', Mr Böge, on Mrs Green's remarks, Mr Voggenhuber, Mrs Barthet-Mayer, Mr des Places, Mr Parigi and Mr Fantuzzi.

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IN THE CHAIR: Mr GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Lord Plumb, Mr Hyland, Mr Mulder, Mrs Pailler, Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf, Mr Vandemeulebroucke, Mr Van der Waal, Mrs Raschhofer, Mrs Roth-Behrendt, Mrs Redondo Jiménez, Mr Rosado Fernandes, Mr Goerens, Mr Novo, Mr Macartney, Mr Whitehead, Mr Bébéar, who protested at the decision not to put the motion of censure to the vote until Thursday (the President drew his attention to the provisions of Rule 34(5)) Mr Brinkhorst, Mr Svensson, Mr Féret, Mr David, Mr Trakatellis, Mr Frischenschlager, Mr Görlach, Mr Gillis, Mrs Anttila, Mrs Guigou, Mr Goepel, Mrs Kirsten Jensen, Mrs Thyssen, Mrs Myller, Mr Funk, Mr Colino Salamanca, Mrs Stenzel, Mrs Graenitz, Mr Böge, Mrs Lambraki, Mr Paisley, Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, Mrs Bonino, Member of the Commission, and Mr Santer.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: motions for resolutions: Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 9

motion of censure: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 15

(The sitting was suspended at 7.45 and resumed at 9 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr AVGERINOS

Vice-President

19. Question Time (questions to the Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B4-0001/97).

First part

Question 44 by Mr Tittley: Failure of Member States to recognize each others' academic and professional qualifications

Mr Monti, Member of the Commission, answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Tittley and Mr Spiers.

Question 45 by Mr Stenmarck: Tax-free sales in the EU

Mr Monti answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Stenmarck, Mr Andersson, Mr Sjöstedt and Mr Watts.

Question 46 by Mrs Kirsten Jensen: Procedures for authorizing the marketing of genetically engineered maize

This question was not called as the subject was already on the agenda for that part-session.

Questions 47 by Mr Sturdy and **48** by Mr Gallagher lapsed as their authors were absent.

Mr Imaz San Miguel asked to take over a question by a Member who was absent (the President replied that he could not, as such a request was not permitted under the Rules).

Second part

Question 49 by Mr Watts: Channel Tunnel safety

Mr Kinnock, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Watts.

Question 50 by Mr Torres Couto lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 51 by Mrs Ahern: Safety of coastal communities from radioactive shipments

Mr Kinnock answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Ahern.

Mrs Ahern asked a further supplementary which Mr Kinnock undertook to answer in writing.

Question 52 by Mr Wijsenbeek: Aid to a Walloon transport undertaking

Mr Kinnock answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Wijsenbeek.

Question 53 by Mr Wibe: Construction of the Bothnia line in northern Sweden

M. Kinnock answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Wibe.

Question 54 by Mr Lindqvist: Scandinavian Express Loop

Mr Kinnock answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Lindqvist and Mr Wijsenbeek.

Questions 55 by Mr Svensson, **56** by Mr Holm and **57** by Mrs Billingham lapsed as their authors were absent.

Question 58 by Mrs Ahlqvist: 'Learning in the information society: action plan for a European education initiative'

Mrs Cresson, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Löow, deputizing for the author.

Question 59 by Mr Vallvé: Implementation of the Socrates Programme

Mrs Cresson answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Vallvé and Mr Posselt.

Question 60 by Mr Pirker: Leonardo Programme

Mrs Cresson answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Pirker.

Question 61 by Mrs Kestelijn-Sierens: Importance of clinical research at European level with a view to determining a therapeutic strategy for treatment

Mrs Cresson answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Kestelijn-Sierens.

Questions 62 to **64** would receive written answers, as the time allocated for this series of questions had run out.

Question 65 by Mr Theonas: Steady decline in the iron and steel sector in Greece, and notably Chalivourgiki Ltd

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Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Theonas.

Question 66 by Mrs Jackson: Food additives and public information

Mr Bangemann answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Jackson.

Question 67 by Mr Alan J. Donnelly: Organizations representing Internet service providers

Mr Bangemann answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Alan J. Donnelly.

The President closed Question Time to the Commission.

20. Aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway **II (debate)

Mr Tamino introduced the recommendation for second reading on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70 on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway (C4-0584/96 — 95/0204(SYN)) (A4-0011/97).

The following spoke: Mr Castricum, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs McIntosh, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Wijzenbeek, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Sindal, Mr Jarzembowski, Mr Stenmark, Mr Kinnock, Member of the Commission, and Mr Wijzenbeek, who put a question to the Commission which Mr Kinnock answered.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 10.

21. Investor-compensation schemes ***III (debate)

Mr Janssen van Raay introduced the report drawn up by Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee on the joint text, approved by the Conciliation Committee, for a European Parliament and Council Directive on investor-compensation schemes (C4-0058/97 — 00/0471(COD)) (A4-0047/97).

The following spoke: Ms Oddy, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Mosiek-Urbahn, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Wijzenbeek, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, and Mr Monti, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 11.

22. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Wednesday 19 February 1997:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 to 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 midnight:

9 to 9.15 a.m.

— topical and urgent debate (objections)

9.15 a.m. to 12 noon, 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 midnight

— joint debate on three reports (Papayannakis, Olsson and Mayer) on beef, veterinary checks and registration of bovine animals *

— Kenneth Collins report on residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs *

— Whitehead report on consumer policy

— Marinucci report on Green Paper on financial services

— joint debate on two reports (Mosiek-Urbahn and Caccavale) on consumer credit ***I

— Gebhardt report on recognition of diplomas ***I

— Lindholm report on EC Staff Regulations (equal treatment of men and women) *

12 noon

— voting time

4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

— Council statement on Union policy towards Algeria (with debate)

5.30 to 7 p.m.

— Question Time (Council)

(The sitting closed at 11.20 p.m.)

Enrico VINCI
Secretary-General

Magdalene HOFF
Vice-President

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PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament

1. Social security schemes *

A4-0018/97

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending, for the benefit of unemployed persons, Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to the members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 (COM(95)0734 – C4-0116/96 – 96/0004(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Amendment 1)	
<i>ARTICLE 1(6)</i>	
<i>Article 69 (Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71)</i>	
A wholly unemployed person who was formerly employed or self-employed and who satisfies the conditions of the legislation of a Member State for entitlement to benefits, account being taken where appropriate of the provisions of Article 67, and who goes to one or more other Member States in order to seek employment there shall retain his entitlement to such benefits under the conditions laid down in Article 69a and within the limits determined by Article 69b.	A wholly unemployed person who was formerly employed or self-employed and who satisfies the conditions of the legislation of a Member State for entitlement to benefits, account being taken where appropriate of the provisions of Article 67, and who goes to one or more other Member States in order to seek employment or undergo training there shall retain his entitlement to such benefits under the conditions laid down in Article 69a and within the limits determined by Article 69b.
(Amendment 2)	
<i>ARTICLE 1(7)</i>	
<i>Article 69b(7) (Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71)</i>	
<i>7. Where the competent State is Belgium, an unemployed person who returns there after having invoked the provisions of Articles 69 to 69b shall not requalify for benefits in that country until he has been employed there for at least three months.</i>	Deleted
(Amendment 3)	
<i>ARTICLE 1(9)</i>	
<i>Article 71(1) (b), first subparagraph (Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71)</i>	
An employed person who has become wholly unemployed and who makes himself available to the employment services in the territory of the competent State shall receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of the legislation of the competent State as if he resided in the territory of that State; these benefits shall be provided by the competent institution. If the competent State is Luxembourg, the institution of the place of residence shall, for a transitional period of 10 years	An employed person who has become wholly unemployed and who makes himself available to the employment services in the territory of the competent State shall receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of the legislation of the competent State as if he resided in the territory of that State; these benefits shall be provided by the competent institution. If the competent State is Luxembourg, the institution of the place of residence shall, for a transitional period of five years

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 68, 6.3.1996, p. 11.

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after the entry into force of this paragraph, refund to the institution of that State half the amount of the benefits provided to the frontier worker within the meaning of Article 1(b), within the limit of the amount to which the unemployed person would have been entitled if he had made himself available to the employment services of the State of residence.

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after the entry into force of this paragraph, refund to the institution of that State half the amount of the benefits provided to the frontier worker within the meaning of Article 1(b), within the limit of the amount to which the unemployed person would have been entitled if he had made himself available to the employment services of the State of residence.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending, for the benefit of unemployed persons, Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to the members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 (COM(95)0734 – C4-0116/96 – 96/0004(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(95)0734 – 96/0004(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 235 and 51 of the Treaty (C4-0116/96),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0018/97),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 68, 6.3.1996, p. 11.

2. Indication of product prices *II**

A4-0015/97

Decision on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers (C4-0530/96 – 95/0148(COD))

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0530/96 – 95/0148(COD),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading ⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(95)0276 ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 141, 13.5.1996, p. 191.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 260, 5.10.1995, p. 5.

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- having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(96)0264 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 72 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (A4-0015/97),
1. Amends the common position as follows;
 2. Calls on the Commission to support Parliament's amendments in the opinion it is required to deliver pursuant to Article 189b(2)(d) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to approve all Parliament's amendments, amend its common position accordingly and definitively adopt the act;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission.

COMMON POSITION
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BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Recital -1 (new)

(-1) Whereas transparent operation of the market and correct information is of benefit to consumer protection and healthy competition between enterprises and products;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 1

(1) Whereas consumers must be guaranteed a high level of protection; whereas the Community should contribute thereto by specific action which supports and supplements the policy pursued by the Member States regarding *adequate* information of consumers on the prices of products offered to them;

(1) Whereas consumers must be guaranteed a high level of protection; whereas the Community should contribute thereto by specific action which supports and supplements the policy pursued by the Member States regarding **precise, transparent and unambiguous** information of consumers on the prices of products offered to them;

(Amendment 3)

Recital 5

(5) Whereas the obligation to indicate the selling price and the unit price contributes substantially to improving consumer information *notably at the moment of purchasing*, as this is the easiest way to enable consumers to evaluate and compare the price of products in an optimum manner and hence to make informed choices on the basis of simple comparisons;

(5) Whereas the obligation to indicate the selling price and the unit price contributes substantially to improving consumer information, as this is the easiest way to enable consumers to evaluate and compare the price of products in an optimum manner and hence to make informed choices on the basis of simple comparisons;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 7

(7) *Whereas Member States may decide not to apply the abovementioned obligation to products supplied in the course of the provision of a service and for sales by auction and sales of works of art and antiques;*

Deleted

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 249, 27.8.1996, p. 2.

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(Amendment 6)

Recital 8

(8) *Whereas it is necessary to take into account the fact that certain products are customarily sold in quantities different from one kilogramme, one litre, one metre, one square metre or cubic metre; whereas it is thus appropriate to allow Member States to authorize that the unit price refer to a decimal or submultiple of those quantities or to a different single unit of quantity, taking into account the nature of the product and the quantities in which it is customarily sold in the Member State concerned;*

Deleted

(Amendment 7)

Recital 9

(9) *Whereas the obligation to indicate the unit price may entail an excessive burden for certain small retail businesses under certain circumstances and whereas Member States should therefore be allowed to refrain from applying this obligation in such cases;*

Deleted

(Amendment 8)

Recital 10

(10) *Whereas Member States should also remain free to waive the obligation to indicate the unit price in the case of products for which such price indication would not be significant or would be liable to cause confusion, for instance when indication of the quantity is not relevant for price comparison purposes, or when different products are marketed in the same packaging;*

(10) **Whereas Member States should also remain free to waive the obligation to indicate the unit price in the case of products for which such price indication would not be meaningful or would be liable to cause confusion, for instance when indication of the quantity is not relevant for price comparison purposes, or when different products are marketed in the same packaging;**

(Amendment 9)

Recital 12a (new)

(12a) *Whereas, in the transitional period following introduction of the single currency, when prices have to be indicated in both the national and the single currency, a maximum of three prices will be given per product;*

(Amendment 10)

Recital 13

(13) *Whereas particular attention should be paid to small retail businesses; whereas, to this end, the Commission should, in its report on the application of this Directive to be presented no later than five years after publication thereof in the Official Journal of the European Communities, take particular account of the experience gleaned in the application of this Directive by small retail businesses, inter alia regarding trends and technological development in selling methods;*

(13) **Whereas particular attention should be paid to the adjustments which have to be made in small retail businesses, in particular taking into account technological developments and the planned timetable for introduction of the single currency; whereas, to this end, the Commission shall, one year before the final deadline for general application of the mechanism, present a report assessing the situation;**

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(Amendment 11)

Article 2(a)

(a) 'selling price' shall mean the price for a unit of the product or a given quantity of the product;

(a) 'selling price' shall mean the **final price** for a unit of the product, **including VAT, all other taxes and the costs of all services which the consumer is obliged to pay for in addition;**

(Amendment 12)

Article 2(b)

(b) 'unit price' shall mean the price for one kilogramme, one litre, one metre, one square metre or cubic metre of the product;

(b) 'unit price' shall mean the **final price, including VAT, all other taxes and the costs of all services which the consumer is obliged to pay for in addition,** for one kilogramme, one litre, one metre, one square metre or cubic metre of the product **or a single unit of quantity which is widely and customarily used in the Member States in the marketing of specific products;**

(Amendment 13)

Article 3(2), second subparagraph (new)

Member States may decide not to apply the obligation to indicate the unit price to:

- **sales of products in vending machines;**
- **itinerant traders and personal in-home sales;**
- **foodstuffs sold in catering establishments, cinemas and theatres, educational establishments, recreational establishments, staff shops at the workplace, hospitals, canteens and similar institutions.**

(Amendment 14)

Article 4(2)

2. *The selling price and the unit price shall relate to the final price of the product under the conditions laid down by the Member States.*

Deleted

(Amendment 24)

Article 5

Member States shall lay down detailed rules (e.g. marking or labelling) for indicating prices.

The selling price and the unit price shall be indicated on the product offered for sale or on the shelf where the product is located, in such a manner as to be clearly legible for the consumer. In small retail businesses the prices may also be indicated on a price list displayed in a prominent place in the shop.

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(Amendment 15)

*Article 5a (new)***Article 5a**

In the transitional period following introduction of the single currency, the following three prices may be indicated:

- **selling price in the national currency,**
- **selling price in the single currency,**
- **unit price in the single currency.**

(Amendment 16)

*Article 5b (new)***Article 5b**

If a temporary special offer or discount applies to one or more products, it shall be sufficient to indicate the three prices already provided for in this Directive. In such cases an indication of other prices, for information purposes, shall be optional.

(Amendment 17)

*Article 6**Article 6***Deleted**

Member States may stipulate that the unit price shall refer to a decimal multiple or submultiple of the quantities referred to in Article 2(b) or to a single unit of quantity which is different from those referred to in Article 2(b), taking into account the nature of the product and the quantities in which it is customarily sold in the Member States concerned.

(Amendment 18)

Article 7(1)

1. Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the unit price of products for which such indication *would not be significant* because of the products' nature or purpose or would be liable to create confusion.

1. Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the unit price of products for which such indication **is meaningless** because of the products' nature or purpose or would be liable to create confusion.

(Amendment 19)

Article 7(2)

2. *Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the unit price of products for which indication of length, mass, surface or volume is not required by national or Community provisions. This applies in particular to products sold by individual item or singly.*

Deleted

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(Amendment 20)

Article 8

Member States may provide that the obligation to indicate the unit price of products other than those *sold* in bulk, which are sold in certain small retail businesses, shall *not* apply, *subject to Article 13*, if the obligation to indicate the unit price *would* constitute an excessive burden for these businesses *because of the number of products on sale, the sales area, the nature of the place of sale, specific conditions of sale where the product is not directly accessible for the consumer or certain forms of business, such as certain types of itinerant trade.*

Member States may provide that the obligation to indicate the unit price of products other than those **marketed** in bulk which are sold **by** certain small retail businesses shall apply **at the latest six years after publication of this Directive**, if the obligation to indicate the unit price **from the date provided for in Article 12(1) is likely to** constitute an excessive burden for these businesses.

(Amendment 21)

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

Member States shall provide appropriate measures to inform retailers of the national law transposing this Directive. In particular, Member States shall work with professional organizations to provide appropriate information to ensure that small retailers are adequately informed of the provisions of this Directive.

(Amendment 22)

Article 12(2a) (new)

2a. Member States shall communicate the provisions governing the penalties provided for in Article 9, and any later amendments thereto.

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3. COM in bananas *

A4-0337/96

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 on the common organization of the market in bananas (COM(96)0082 – C4-0233/96 – 96/0080(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the amendments adopted on 13 December 1996 ⁽¹⁾ and the following compromise amendments:

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BY THE COMMISSION ⁽²⁾

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(Compromise amendment 14) *

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 19(1a) (new)

(Regulation (EEC) No 404/93)

1a. Where, for reasons of *force majeure*, that is to say on account of a situation such as a serious internal political, economic, social, or institutional crisis, endemic civil war, and/or the lack of a government, an ACP State listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 cannot export to the Union the entire traditional quantity assigned in accordance with the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 and until such time as normal conditions have been fully restored in that ACP State, the reference quantity used in order to allocate licences to category B operators in respect of third country and non-traditional ACP bananas shall be based on the potential operating capacity of each importer in the three preceding years. Potential operating capacity shall be determined by the average imports actually effected by each operator in the three preceding years plus the percentage difference between the volumes of those imports and the traditional quantity.

* (This amendment replaces Amendment 8, adopted at the sitting of 13 December 1996.)

(Compromise amendment 15) *

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 19(1b) (new)

(Regulation (EEC) No 404/93)

1b. While an ACP State listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 404/93, for reasons of *force majeure*, that is to say on account of a situation such as a serious internal political, economic, social, or institutional crisis, endemic civil war, and/or the lack of a government, is unable to export to the Union the entire traditional quantity assigned in accordance with the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 404/93, the tariff quota for third country and non-traditional ACP bananas shall be raised at the end of each year by an amount corresponding to the difference between that quantity and the exports which the ACP State has actually been able to effect during the year in question.

* (This amendment replaces Amendment 9, adopted at the sitting of 13 December 1996.)

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that Sitting, Part II, Item 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 121, 25.4.1996, p. 15.

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The quota increase shall be assigned to importers of bananas from the ACP State concerned in order to make up the difference between the bananas actually imported from the ACP State in the year in question and the potential operating capacity of the importers in relation to those bananas, determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Imports from third countries or non-traditional ACP States effected under this paragraph shall not be taken into account in the reference quantity, but shall be calculated in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

(Compromise amendment 16) *

ARTICLE 1(2a) (new)

Article 19a (new)

(Regulation (EEC) No 404/93)

2a. The following Article 19a is inserted after Article 19:

'Article 19a

The Commission shall ensure, by means of appropriate information and promotion measures, that small producers in all countries who operate under conditions constituting an outstanding model from the ecological and social point of view (fair trade producers) are given greater access to the Union market.'

**(This amendment replaces Amendment 12, adopted at the sitting of 13 December 1996.)*

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 on the common organization of the market in bananas (COM(96)0082 – C4-0233/96 – 96/0080(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(96)0082 – 96/0080(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0233/96),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0337/96),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 121, 25.4.1996, p. 15.

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4. Energy Charter ***

A4-0041/97

Decision on the proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion by the European Communities of the Energy Charter Treaty and of the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects (COM(95)0440 – 12046/96 – C4-0664/96 – 95/0237(AVC))

(Assent procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council and Commission decision, COM(95)0440 – 95/0237(AVC),
- having regard to Council Decision 94/998/EC of 15 December 1994 on the provisional application of the Energy Charter Treaty by the European Community and the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Council's request for Parliament's assent pursuant to Article 228(3), second subparagraph, of the EC Treaty (12046/96 – C4-0664/96),
- having regard to Rule 90(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy and the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (A4-0041/97),

1. Gives its assent to the conclusion of the abovementioned Treaty and Protocol;
2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 380, 31.12.1994, pp. 1-112.

5. Development problems in Italy

A4-0405/96

Resolution on development problems and structural measures in Italy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission Decision of 29 July 1994 on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural measures in the Italian regions covered by Objective 1, which are Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily (C4-0050/96) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Commission Decisions of 14 and 16 December 1994 on the approval of single programming documents for Community structural measures in the regions covered by Objective 2 in Italy (C4-0051/96 and C4-0052/96) ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the single programming documents (SPDs) for Community structural measures under Objective 5b,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 250, 26.9.1994, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 382, 31.12.1994.

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- having regard to the agreement of 26 July 1995 concluded between the Commission and the Italian Government granting, inter alia, an extension of the period for using the Structural Funds to meet precise commitments made by Italy to ensure the efficient management of the Funds,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the meeting of ministers responsible for regional policy and spatial planning held in Venice on 3 and 4 May 1996,
 - having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Muscardini on closure of the Falck plant in Sesto S. Giovanni (B4-0592/95),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (A4-0405/96),
- A. whereas the Structural Funds are an important means of reducing the most serious disparities between the various areas of the Union and within individual states,
- B. whereas the policy of economic and social cohesion and cooperation and solidarity between regions is one of the Union's prime objectives,
- C. whereas the pursuit of this policy also requires sufficient capacity for programming and coordinating the measures to be funded,
- D. having regard to the desirability of, and the notable results achieved in, using the funding provided for in Article 10 of the ERDF Regulation and whereas up to 1% of the financial resources for the period from 1994 to 1999 — amounting to ECU 141 billion (at 1992 prices) — may be earmarked for research into innovative measures and pilot projects,
- E. whereas action to achieve economic and social cohesion must take account of environmental protection, in keeping with the Union's goal of attaining sustainable development,
- F. whereas Italy is characterized by large and persisting regional disparities which are much greater than those in the other Member States, as shown by the fact that per capita GDP in the Objective 1 areas is only 60% of that in the central and northern regions; whereas these disparities have an alarming impact on the rate of unemployment, which is 21,3% in the south, compared with 7,1% in the north and 10,2% in Central Italy, the national average being 12,2% (ISTAT figures — December 1996) and the Community average 10,8% (Eurostat figures — September 1996);
- G. whereas the Structural Fund resources allocated to Italy total ECU 21 680,2 million for the period 1994-1999, 14 860 million of which are allocated to Objective 1,
- H. whereas, despite the problems regarding its use, the Objective 1 Community support framework (CSF) for 1989-1993 showed positive results, such as an increase in value added of Lit. 1 670 billion per year, accounting for 0,5% of the total value added produced annually in southern Italy and an additional 40 000 full-time jobs over the whole 5-year period, equivalent to 0,6% of total jobs in southern Italy,
- I. whereas over the period 1989-1993 the use of the Structural Funds came up against significant obstacles which caused delays in their use and the loss of some Community resources allocated for Italy; whereas for the period 1994-1999 only 21,9% of the appropriations assigned to Objective 1 were committed and only 10,5% of payments were made, with an equally worrying situation prevailing for Objectives 2 and 5b (the figures for Objective 2 being 26,2% and 7,6% respectively and for Objective 5b 8,6% and 2,1% respectively (figures on 30 September 1996),
- J. whereas during the period 1994-1999 the Structural Funds in the Italian regions will be utilized in a context of budget reductions because of the convergence efforts being made in order to meet the criteria for the single currency; whereas, therefore, in many cases and notwithstanding the national commitment to co-financing, the Funds may turn out to be the main resources available for reducing disparities between regions, so that it is more essential than ever to use them in their entirety in those regions,

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- K. having particular regard to the ESF and the fact that it is greatly under-used in most Member States (24% of appropriations and 19% of commitments were left unused in the Union in 1995),
 - L. whereas unemployment and, especially, youth unemployment, is, and is likely to remain, the most serious problem affecting the economy of Italian Objective 1 regions,
 - M. whereas vast areas of Italy are in a serious state of industrial decline, even in the most advanced northern regions; whereas such situations are likely to compromise the economic activities of small and medium-sized undertakings, especially those which supply other industries; whereas those undertakings should be encouraged to operate along sustainable lines,
 - N. having regard to the particular geographical configuration of the regions covered by Objective 1, in that they are in a peripheral position in relation to the economically most advanced European regions but in a central position in relation to the regions bordering the Mediterranean, the development cooperation potential of which — sadly — has scarcely been turned to account to date,
 - O. having regard to the shortage of infrastructure throughout Italy, due in part to its geographical situation and mountainous terrain, with the problem being most serious in the Objective 1 regions,
 - P. having regard to the shortcomings of Italian national and regional administrative structures, the large number of decision-making bodies and the complexity of national procedures, in addition to Community procedures, and the existence of a plethora of laws which are sometimes contradictory,
 - Q. whereas 31 December 1997 was set as the deadline for payments relating to the period 1989-1993, except for some forms of intervention, the deadline for which was 31 December 1996,
 - R. whereas the discontinuation of the special measures for the South and the abolition of the Agency for the South has put an end to a system which had become inefficient, but without there being any improvement in the social and economic conditions which made the agency necessary,
 - S. whereas cultural and environmental measures and the judicious exploitation of the cultural heritage, environmental resources, and the countryside must be incorporated in the development programme strategy, not only as a driving force for growth in these regions, but also in order to achieve a better quality of life,
 - T. having regard to the importance of improving the level of decentralization, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, not least in order to ensure greater transparency in the spending of Community resources,
 - U. whereas it is important to involve constantly, as a matter of priority, the economic and social partners in the planning, assessment and monitoring of the use of the Structural Funds,
 - V. having regard to the discussion which took place at the public hearing on the use of the Structural Funds in Italy held by its Committee on Regional Policy, with the participation of representatives of national, regional and local administrations and of the economic and social partners,
 - W. whereas forestry performs an important environmental, economic, and social role in the Union's rural areas, especially in outlying regions,
1. Points out that the social and economic situation in the Italian regions, especially the Objective 1 regions, continues to make Community Structural Fund assistance essential, and, indeed, that the problems relating to the use of these instruments constitute further evidence of the structural and infrastructural weaknesses of those regions;
 2. Expresses concern at and deplors the fact that some countries, especially Italy, are unduly slow to make use of the structural resources at their disposal, and considers it essential to take into account the particularly complex social and economic situation in the Objective 1 regions, requiring more resolute but none the less flexible action;

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3. Calls on the authorities responsible actively to promote the implementation of regional employment pacts, launching innovative policies along the lines proposed in the Commission's European strategy for local development and employment initiatives;
4. Expresses its support for the resolution of 19 July 1996 of the Monitoring Committee for the Objective 1 CSF which outlines a rescheduling mechanism designed to facilitate the transfer of resources assigned to programmes whose implementation is delayed to measures already under way or about to be started, and which can in fact be completed within the time-limits laid down, in order to obviate the risk that, when the implementation of programmes is seriously delayed, resources assigned to the weak regions of Italy might be lost;
5. Notes that the degree of efficiency attained in implementing structural policies varies, at times considerably, from one region to another and that improvements therefore can and must be made, not least where the less enterprising regions are concerned;
6. Considers it intolerable, in the present socio-economic situation, that further Community funds might be lost because they are not used and therefore calls on the Community, national, regional and local authorities to take prompt action with regard to multi-regional and regional operational programmes to ensure that they are amended, if necessary, in favour of a larger allocation for more successful programmes; believes, further, that in serious cases where resources are persistently underused, the Italian Government should select alternative public agencies which could be called upon to implement the programmes; considers that the role which the Budget Ministry currently plays in respect of the Structural Funds is of great importance, and hopes that the National Control Centre's powers will be extended;
7. Considers that in the 1998 financial year the Commission should carry out a proper assessment of the extent to which funds entered in the budget actually be used and examine possible alternative measures to be financed by funds which would otherwise remain unused;
8. Considers that priority should be given to speeding up and simplifying procedures, and requests that steps be taken to speed up decision-making and the execution of programmes without neglecting their social and environmental impact, and hopes that the Italian Government will undertake to guarantee fast-track treatment for administrative procedures concerning the use of Community funds, bearing in mind that more efficient use of the Structural Funds strengthens the principle of economic and social cohesion;
9. Considers it essential to improve horizontal coordination between the various sectors of national and regional administrations as well as vertical coordination between governments, regions, local authorities and the social partners; in this context hopes that the creation of the National Control Centre and the regional control centres will make it possible to step up coordination and improve the execution of the forms of intervention co-financed by the European Union;
10. Stresses the shortcomings of national and regional administrative structures, which often result in incomplete programming and hence the inefficient use of the Funds and requests that a more important role be given to programmes and projects specifically aimed at training senior civil servants — including those in local bodies and local authorities — and that the full potential of the technical assistance instrument should be used in order to help public administrations;
11. Hopes that the end of the special measures for the South and the abolition of the Agency for the South will be accompanied as soon as possible by the introduction of a new regional development policy, respecting the principle of additionality, and in this context emphasizes that the Structural Funds represent, not least from the methodological point of view, one of the few existing instruments for carrying out a coherent development policy of this kind capable of tackling the problems of the disadvantaged regions of the south as a whole;
12. Urges the Commission, in the light of the precedent constituted by the Abruzzo region, to consider temporary compensation measures designed to cushion the impact of the termination of funding for those regions, zones or areas whose recent socio-economic development will serve to render them ineligible for structural assistance at the end of the programming period;
13. Considers that the underdevelopment of the EU's Mediterranean policy is having adverse effects on the development of the south and therefore urges that the introduction of MEDA should take due account of this area, as well as the other regions in the south of the Union, in particular by means of inter-regional cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean;

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14. Considers that support for and promotion of cultural activities and infrastructure, in particular the commitment of resources for vocational training linked, on the one hand, to cultural matters, and, on the other, to tourism and the small and medium-sized businesses operating in tourism-related fields, constitute an important instrument for socio-economic development and the creation of new jobs; therefore considers it appropriate to increase the possibilities for Structural Fund intervention;
15. Considers it important to improve the quality of planning and hence to involve, beforehand, the private and public operators concerned; therefore considers it essential to reinforce the principle of partnership with the social partners so as to integrate economic and social operators in the process of implementing Community measures from the planning stage onwards; also considers it important to improve the programming of projects to be co-financed by the Structural Funds;
16. Deplores the problems reported by economic and social operators and by local authorities participating in Community planning, as regards both information and the carrying out of work;
17. Suggests that the regions consider the possibility of opening offices to represent them in the European Union which could act as the conduit for the information required to enable public and private entities in the individual regions concerned to make better use of the structural programmes;
18. Suggests that better and more profitable use be made of the resources available, as regards both informing the potential users of Community resources and educating public and private entities, whether or not professional bodies, about Community, national and local legislation and procedures so as to offset obvious shortcomings in an area of such vital importance;
19. Stresses the need to step up solidarity, that is to say, the principle which informs economic and social cohesion, by ensuring better coordination in the use of the Structural Funds, whilst pointing out that this must be the guiding principle in the devising, planning and implementation of all Community policies;
20. Believes, above all where Objective 2 is concerned, that a special effort must be made to boost local development, in particular through operations designed to support small and medium-sized undertakings, and emphasizes the importance of job creation, of research and development geared towards innovation and a skilled workforce, of the environment and sustainable development, and of equal opportunities;
21. Hopes, to ensure that the ESF is put to better use, that planning will be made more flexible, ESF and ERDF operations will be dovetailed to more profitable effect, and hence that the Commission's DGs V and XVI will work in closer cooperation to enable documents to be approved more easily;
22. Maintains that higher priority should be given to the development of human resources, since greater technical and vocational skills, especially in innovative high-technology sectors, are essential in order to bring down the inordinately high unemployment rate in many Italian regions;
23. Draws attention to the specific problems of the areas covered by Objective 5b, especially as regards the abandonment of mountain country, leading to damage to the hydrogeological system and the environment in general and the risk that the distinctive cultural values embodied in those areas will die out;
24. Considers that the development of sustainable forestry should be promoted, not least where individual agricultural holdings are concerned, since this would improve farm incomes, maintain population levels in rural and/or remote areas, and pave the way for an environment-friendly policy to be put into effect;
25. Supports the continuation of and an increase in financial operations under Article 10 of the ERDF Regulation, a greater role for local and regional bodies, and the promotion of exchanges of experiences at regional level so as to enable work, experience, skills and information to be disseminated, thus making it possible — through partnership — to remedy some of the principal imperfections encountered in certain regions that have already been successfully overcome in other regions;

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26. Believes that the present situations such as that obtaining in Italy show that the procedures set out in Community Structural Fund Regulations are in urgent need of comprehensive simplification;

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Italian Government, the two Houses of the Italian Parliament and the executives of the Italian autonomous regions and provinces.

6. Development problems in Germany

A4-0002/97

Resolution on development problems and structural assistance in Germany in the period 1994-1999

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission Decision on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the German regions concerned by Objective 1, which are Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Saxony, Thuringia and Berlin (East) (C4-0047/96) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission Decisions on the approval of Single Programming Documents for Community structural assistance in the areas of Germany concerned by Objective 2 (C4-0048/96, C4-0049/96 and C4-0673/96) ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Single Programming Document for Community structural assistance in the areas of Germany concerned by Objective 5b (C4-0674/96),
 - having regard to its resolutions of 15 July 1993 on the Community response to the problems of restructuring in East Germany and the economic and social crisis ⁽³⁾ and on the Community support framework for the five new Länder of the Federal Republic of Germany ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission communications: 'Community Structural Assistance and Employment' (COM(96)0109 – C4-0230/96) and 'a European strategy for encouraging local development and employment initiatives' (COM(95)0273 – C4-0289/95),
 - having regard to the results of the public hearing of 28 October 1996 on development problems in connection with structural measures under Objectives 1, 2 and 5b in Germany,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A4-0002/97),
- A. whereas the demands upon structural and regional policies in the reunified Germany have increased considerably as a result of the particular situation of the process of economic and social transformation in the New Federal Länder (NFL) and the deterioration of the general economic situation in the EU,
- B. whereas the creation of internal unity in Germany is also of great significance for the further integration of Europe and is proving more difficult than expected,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 250, 26.9.1994, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 384, 31.12.1994, pp. 26, 30, 33, 37, 50, 54, 57, 60 & 64.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 255, 20.9.1993, p. 195.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 255, 20.9.1993, p. 193.

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- C. whereas the rising level of unemployment is the most serious social problem for the reunified Germany (16% in the new Länder, 9,7% in the old Länder), and whereas the actual level of unemployment, especially in the new Länder, is significantly higher even than that shown by the statistics which are influenced by short-term government-supported job-creation measures and retraining, qualification and further training schemes,
- D. whereas the new Länder covered by Objective 1 will receive ECU 13,64 billion from the European Structural Funds in the period 1994-1999 because they are among the poorest regions in the EU and have had to cope with an unprecedented and full-scale structural upheaval affecting all areas of the economy and of society,
- E. whereas ECU 733 million will be provided in the period 1994-1996 and ECU 854 million in the period 1997-1999 from the EU Funds for the German Objective 2 regions to combat the specific problems of regions with declining industrial production,
- F. whereas the rural areas of Germany covered by Objective 5b of the European Structural Funds will receive ECU 1,229 billion in European structural aid in the period 1994-1999 for development and structural adjustment,
- G. having regard to the outcome of the two reforms of the Structural Funds, in 1988 and 1993, and to the principles of environmental protection and equality of opportunity, the inclusion of the local and regional level and the direct involvement of the social partners enshrined therein,
- H. whereas certain Community initiatives fund the same measures as Objective-region assistance and have been criticized, in particular by the Land ministries responsible for implementing them, as entailing excessive bureaucracy,
- I. whereas the German support instrument known as the 'Joint scheme for the improvement of regional economic structures' has severely restricted the spectrum of the support potential of the Structural Funds, with particular regard to the fields of the environment, R&D and SMUs, while constituting for some new Länder the only option for securing cofinancing,
- J. aware of the increased need for coordination between the German and European agencies, which is a consequence of the federal structure of Germany,
- K. whereas only 1% of Structural Fund resources are made available for pilot projects, and whereas that amount is in no way commensurate with such projects, which involve lengthy, costly and labour-intensive applications to the Commission,
1. Acknowledges and praises the joint efforts made by Germany and the EU to secure the economic renewal of the German Objective 1 regions (new Länder) and the successful contribution made by the European Structural Funds to improving the situation in the German Objective 2 and 5b regions and regards them as an essential expression, both now and in the future, of European solidarity with the disadvantaged regions of Germany;
 2. Regards the creation and preservation of jobs as a very important task, in addition to support for regions where development is lagging behind and to the elimination of disparities in the European Structural Funds, and draws attention to the high priority of training and further training in this connection;
 3. Regards increased support for small and medium-sized undertakings as an important means of improving the situation in the German Objective 1, 2 and 5b regions and of creating employment; calls for more attention to be given to the lack of an adequate capital base among SMUs and recommends that use be made of the existing opportunities for the Structural Funds to participate in the supply of risk capital;
 4. Calls for the lack of advisory and service capacity which would enable SMUs to exploit existing opportunities for support to be remedied and recommends making increased use of resources from Technical Assistance for such measures, particularly as there are still marked shortages in the new Länder in terms of marketing and management, and recommends the inclusion of positive experiences from other Member States in future considerations;

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5. Regards the delays which have occurred in approving the Community support framework and the single programming documents (SPDs), particularly for Objectives 2 and 5b, as unjustifiable and therefore calls on the Commission, the German Federal Government and the Land governments to improve cooperation between them and to find solutions, in a dialogue aimed at achieving results with the relevant audit boards, to the following problems concerning the implementation of the Funds:

- unsatisfactory coordination between the individual Funds as a result of differing administrative rules and a lack of cooperation by the relevant directorates-general;
- too much time wasted on complicated checks for compliance with aid legislation which may subsequently lead to delayed approval of operational programmes and authorizations under aid legislation;
- the excessively complicated financial arrangements involved in the Funds, which may force the regions to seek interim financing;
- the continuing lack of transparency in European structural support;

6. Is concerned at the current flow rate of Structural Fund appropriations earmarked for Germany and calls on the Land ministries responsible and the Commission to ensure that appropriations are paid out from the European Structural Funds on schedule;

7. Notes that more informative and practicable assessment criteria must be devised as soon as possible as a contribution to the qualitative improvement of prior appraisal, monitoring and ex-post evaluation which is urgently needed to verify the success of Structural Fund assistance, with account being taken of the fact that development projects should comply with the principles of sustainable development;

8. Proposes that, in future, Community initiatives carried out in Germany should be more narrowly focused and considers that some initiatives could be better integrated into EU Objective-region assistance;

9. Notes that the Monitoring Committees bear a heavy responsibility in implementing CSFs, reminds them of the powers they have to revise the CSF, subject to the conditions laid down in the framework regulation, and calls on them to make greater use than hitherto of these powers in the interest of the regions;

10. Stresses the major importance of the participation of the economic and social partners in the work of the Monitoring Committees as an essential element of the partnership;

11. Hopes that more attention will be given to the proposals of local and regional authorities in drawing up and implementing planning documents and notes in this connection the positive experience of North-Rhine Westphalia with the regional conferences;

12. Points out that prior selection of pilot projects in the regions would both reduce the Commission's workload and guarantee a commensurate amount of co-determination for the Member States;

13. Calls once again on the German authorities to act on their duty, under Article 32 of Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 of 20 July 1993 amending Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾, to publish details of financing by the European Structural Funds in projects and measures and to make a more active contribution that reflects the amount of aid from the EU Funds;

14. Notes with growing concern the current poor economic situation in the new Länder, which is reflected in the marked slowdown in economic growth and the continuing high level of unemployment, and calls, therefore, on the Federal Government to make use of the possibilities for structural assistance for employment and, in particular, speedily to eliminate hindrances to local employment and development initiatives;

15. Discerns some initial success in the form of a regionally circumscribed economic upturn, which gives hope of a future self-sustaining recovery, but feels that these emerging 'regions of hope', which must one day come to replace the old industrial heartlands, must not be endangered by a premature reduction in support rates;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 31.7.1993, p. 20.

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16. Notes with concern that, in the new Länder, even six years after the unification of the German state, the uncertain property ownership situation is holding up urgently needed investment and calls for the periods needed to process restitution claims, which are still too lengthy, to be shortened;
17. Expressly welcomes the partial disconnection of ERDF support from the German 'Joint scheme' as an important step towards a more flexible support strategy in the new Länder, since this will make it possible to use the broader spectrum of support under the ERDF (e.g. in the funding of waste water disposal plants), and urges the Federal Government, in cooperation with the Länder, to review the cofinancing instruments, possibly replace them and, in so doing, to make them so flexible that the objectives and principles of the Structural Funds can be fully applied;
18. Fears that investments already made from the EAGGF Guidance Section might be jeopardized by a retroactive alteration of the legal framework in agriculture (fourth amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act);
19. Points out to the Commission and the Council yet again that it regards the support period of three years for Objective 2 regions as too short for it to make a lasting impact on the problems of regions suffering from industrial decline;
20. Reminds the Commission that, in its periodic and current review of the implementation of the Structural Funds, it should devote special attention to the full application of the European Structural Funds Regulation — with particular regard to environmental protection, equality of opportunity and partnership — and, where appropriate, intervene within the limits of its possibilities and responsibilities in order to guarantee such application;
21. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the German Federal Government, the governments of the Länder and the German parliaments.

7. Cohesion policy and environment

A4-0360/96

Resolution on the Commission communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on cohesion policy and the environment (COM(95)0509 — C4-0141/96)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication (COM(95)0509 — C4-0141/96),
- having regard to Articles 2, 3(j) and (k), 130a-130e, and 130r-130t of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 of 20 July 1993 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Directive 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its Decision of 13 November 1996 on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Council Directive amending Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 31.7.1993, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

⁽³⁾ Minutes of that Sitting, Part II, Item 4.

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- having regard to its resolution of 5 April 1995 on the guidelines for the 1996 budgetary procedure, Section III — Commission ⁽¹⁾, and in particular paragraph 8 thereof,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions on the Commission communication,
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (A4-0360/96),
- A. whereas the implementation of Community structural actions must help to safeguard sustainable development and avoid damaging the environment,
- B. whereas the relevant Community legislation is incomplete at many points, particularly with regard to the carrying out of the environmental impact assessment, with the result that the environment is not adequately protected,
- C. whereas the functioning of the Cohesion Fund, half of which should support actions in the field of the environment, is not entirely satisfactory from an environmental point of view and presents a number of problems that are capable of being solved,
- D. whereas the functioning of the monitoring committees on the implementation of structural fund programmes must be improved with regard to the importance attached to protecting and promoting the environment,
- E. whereas Community structural actions must not prove detrimental to the environment or in any event should be implemented at the least possible cost to the environment,
- F. whereas purely environmental Community initiatives and innovative actions do not exist,
- G. whereas the objectives of development and environmental protection can to a large extent be harmonized with one another and whereas the prime objective must be the achievement of sustainable development,
- H. whereas regions with good environmental conditions are undoubtedly more attractive for making investments, and hence achieving development, than those which display environmental degradation,
- I. whereas the transfer of resources and technology from the more developed to the less developed regions of the Union through the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund can also have a positive knock-on effect on the environment of the latter regions, provided of course that the transferred resources and technology are properly utilized,
- J. bearing in mind the letter of intention of 8 December 1995 which the Commission sent to Parliament during the procedure for approving the 1996 budget, in which it pledged, firstly, that proposals for projects costing more than ECU 50 million not already implemented would be provided with a provision on respect for the environment, and secondly, that, within the framework of the available resources and with the help of the appropriate organization and of special staff training, the services concerned will be given the possibility of meeting the above-mentioned conditions by checking, monitoring and assessing the environmental impact of the structural measures,
- K. whereas direct actions and projects in the field of the environment make an important contribution to the creation of new jobs and/or the maintenance of existing ones and consequently to development,
- L. whereas undertakings active in the field of the environment (eco-businesses) — many of which are, of course, small or medium-sized enterprises — as well as other similar activities, such as eco-tourism, make an important contribution to achieving the goal of sustainability as they create jobs and at the same time help to protect the environment,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 109, 1.5.1995, p. 46.

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1. Considers, as a general principle, that it is essential to boost considerably the importance attached to the environmental dimension at every level of the planning and implementation of the Union's cohesion policy and that all activities under the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund must take into consideration the goal of sustainable development; considers that release of funds should be made conditional upon implementation and proof of application of EC environmental law relevant to the programmes and projects;
2. Insists that a larger proportion of the funding should go to nature conservation in order to protect the biotopes and habitats of endangered species and flora and fauna in general, including the construction of bridges for wildlife; as far as the Cohesion Fund is concerned calls on the Commission to ensure the equilibrium between transport infrastructure projects and environment projects;
3. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure coherent application of the principle of compensation, namely that the adverse effects of the construction of infrastructures or other activities in the landscape, the natural environment, woodland or recreational areas are counteracted or otherwise compensated for;
4. Considers that efforts should be made to further the integration of cohesion policy with agricultural policy to achieve environmental objectives;
5. Considers that the specific financing criteria of each Fund (Cohesion Fund included) should be reviewed to ensure that the Funds are able in practice to support the full range of activities needed to achieve environmentally sustainable development;
6. Regrets that, because of the criterion that projects must involve a minimum of ECU 10 million to be eligible for financing from the Cohesion Fund, many environmental projects cannot be financed from the fund because of their small scale; calls on the Commission, therefore, to create the possibility for different environmental projects to be linked so that together they satisfy the minimum size criterion;
7. Considers that very careful consideration should be given to the idea of the preferential environmental differentiation of the Community aid coefficient with the aim of promoting environmentally sustainable investments and projects which are more environmentally-friendly;
8. Considers it extremely important to increase appropriations and improve programmes in the field of direct environmental actions, and believes that the necessary greater emphasis on the environmental dimension could come from, among other things, the creation of a purely environmental Community initiative as well as from support for purely environmental actions within the framework of innovative actions (Article 10 of the ERDF Regulation); stresses that such direct and purely environmental actions should also include measures for nature conservation, preservation of biodiversity, and sustainable management of the natural heritage;
9. Believes that a particularly positive step would be the formulation of a rule according to which the actions selected from the actions possible or proposed must always be those which are most friendly – or in any event least harmful – to the environment;
10. Considers that, should the scale or the nature of a project's environmental impact give rise to divergent views, greater emphasis should be placed on the application of the precautionary principle (Article 130r(2) of the EC Treaty);
11. Considers that, with regard to the functioning of the Cohesion Fund, strenuous efforts should be made in future to ensure strict observance of the requirement that actions supported in the fields of transport and the environment should each receive a 50% share, and that greater emphasis should be placed on promoting purely environmental actions and the most environmentally-friendly modes of transport;
12. Considers that the particularly important institution of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) needs to be reformed and better implemented in practice in order to make it more effective in protecting the environment; considers, in particular, that the EIA must be carried out without fail before the project is approved, be worked out by experts other than those who designed and/or constructed the project, and above all that the study's conclusions must be vested with legal force;

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13. Urges the Commission to swiftly complete its proposal on amending Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment;
14. Urges the Commission to initiate the procedure for carrying out a research study on finding a widely accepted method of precisely determining and measuring the possible environmental impacts of projects and actions supported by the Union;
15. Believes in general that there is a need for an improvement in the functioning of the monitoring committees; considers, in particular, that that improvement could come, on the one hand, from enhancing the Commission's role without undermining the principle of subsidiarity, something which can take place through dialogue and closer cooperation between the Commission and the Member States and with local and regional authorities, and, on the other hand, from upgrading the participation in those committees of public environmental authorities and organizations as well as non-governmental environmental organizations;
16. Stresses that elected local and regional authorities should be involved at the planning, monitoring and evaluation stages of programmes financed by the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund;
17. Strongly supports the Commission's intention to involve environmental NGOs in regular dialogue and exchange of information and experience; the Commission should encourage national and regional authorities to allow NGOs access to information (documents, maps, photographs etc.) as well as to Monitoring Committees and other decision-making bodies;
18. Asks the Commission to pay particular attention to increasing evaluation and control, including the necessary inspection visits, and to according broader powers as regards project selection and managing financial resources to the monitoring committees;
19. Considers that a particularly important measure would be the setting up at Community or national level of a body of environmental monitors which could be active both during the implementation and above all in the subsequent assessment of projects in order to verify compliance with the terms of the contract, establish any breaches and impose the appropriate penalties, such as for example fines, the adoption of corrective measures, etc.; such controls would be carried out randomly or following an express complaint which is at first sight not manifestly unfounded;
20. Calls on the Commission to set up a 'Task Force for Regional Development and Environmentally Sustainable Development' with representatives of the Directorates-General XVI, XI and VI so as to integrate environmental concerns and to ensure better coordination between the Directorates-General;
21. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote training initiatives on policy guidelines and best practices for regional sustainable development for national and regional officers as well as economic and social actors — responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring EU regional policy measures;
22. Urges the Commission to make greater use of its powers to force the Member States to comply with environmental legislation, including suspension or cancelling of funding or fines (in accordance with Article 171 EC) and if necessary to make proposals for the extension of its powers;
23. Believes that the Union should support 'eco-businesses', the majority of which are small and medium-sized enterprises, while at the same time also assisting other environmentally-friendly activities, such as eco-tourism;
24. Considers that the environmental policies of the European Union should not be turned into an instrument of anti-cohesive industrial policies nor into an alibi for commercial interests in the competition to win markets, but rather into a growing and progressive framework which will enable the European industrial and commercial fabric to be adjusted;
25. Calls on the Commission to undertake to:
 - (a) communicate promptly the arrangements made with regard to the organization of the services and procedures for the implementation of the provisions contained in the letter of intent from Commissioners Wulf-Mathies and Liikanen;

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- (b) provide the budgetary authority with the information necessary for a cost-benefit analysis of actions taken as part of the greening operation of the structural funds (including under Objectives 3, 4 and 5a) and the Cohesion Fund;
 - (c) ensure that that analysis can be made on the basis of a list of major projects accompanied by a quantitative and qualitative impact statement with two parameters: cohesion and durability. The sheet will be forwarded to Parliament before Parliament's first reading of the budget;
26. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.
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The following signed:

d'Aboville, Adam, Aelvoet, Ahern, Ahlqvist, Ainardi, Alavanos, Alber, Aldo, Amadeo, d'Ancona, Andersson, André-Léonard, Andrews, Añoberos Trias de Bes, Antony, Anttila, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Arroni, Augias, Avgerinos, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldarelli, Baldi, Balfe, Banotti, Bardong, Barón Crespo, Barros Moura, Barton, Barzanti, Baudis, Bazin, Bébéar, Belleré, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Berger, Bernard-Reymond, Bernardini, Bertens, Berthu, Bertinotti, Bianco, Billingham, van Bladel, Blak, Bloch von Blottnitz, Blokland, Blot, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Boniperti, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Boulranges, Bowe, de Brémond d'Ars, Breyer, Brinkhorst, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Cabezón Alonso, Cabrol, Caccavale, Caligaris, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Campoy Zuco, Candal, Capucho, Cardona, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carniti, Carrère d'Encausse, Cars, Casini Carlo, Casini Pier Ferdinando, Cassidy, Castagnère, Castagnetti, Castellina, Castricum, Caudron, Cederschiöld, Cellai, Chanterie, Chesa, Chichester, Christodoulou, Coates, Cohn-Bendit, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Gerard, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Cornelissen, Correia, Costa Neves, Cot, Cox, Crampton, Crawley, Crowley, Cunha, Cunningham, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, Danesin, Dankert, Dary, Daskalaki, David, De Clercq, De Coene, Decourrière, De Giovanni, Dell'Alba, De Luca, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, de Vries, Díez de Rivera Icaza, van Dijk, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Dury, Dybkjær, Ebner, Eisma, Elchlepp, Elles, Elliott, Elmalan, Eriksson, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Ewing, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Ferri, Filippi, Fini, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Florenz, Florio, Fontaine, Fontana, Ford, Fourçans, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Frutos Gama, Funk, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, García Arias, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garosci, Garriga Polledo, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Giansily, Gillis, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glante, Glase, Goepel, Goerens, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, González Triviño, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, Guigou, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Herzog, Hindley, Hoff, Holm, Hoppenstedt, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Hyland, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Janssen van Raay, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jensen Lis, Jöns, Jové Peres, Junker, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kittelmann, Klaß, Klironomos, Koch, Kofoed, Kokkola, Konrad, Kouchner, Krarup, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristoffersen, Kronberger, Kuckelcorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Laignel, Lalumière, La Malfa, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lang Carl, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Larive, Le Chevallier, Le Gallou, Lehne, Lenz, Leopardi, Le Pen, Leppe-Verrier, Le Rachinel, Liese, Ligabue, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Linkohr, Linser, Lööw, Lomas, Lucas Pires, Lüttge, Lukas, Lulling, Macartney, McCarthy, McCartin, McGowan, McIntosh, McMahon, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Malone, Mamère, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Manzella, Marin, Marinho, Marinucci, Marra, Maset Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Martinez, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Mégret, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Mendonça, Menrad, Metten, Mezzaroma, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Monfils, Moniz, Moorhouse, Morán López, Moreau, Moretti, Morgan, Morris, Moscovici, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Müller, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Myller, Napolitano, Nassauer, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Novo Belenguer, Oddy, Ojala, Olsson, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Orlando, Otila, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pack, Pailier, Paisley, Palacio Vallelersundi, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Parigi, Parodi, Pasty, Peijs, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pery, Peter, Pettinari, Pex, Piecyk, Piha, Pimenta, Piquet, Pirker, des Places, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Poggiolini, Poisson, Pollack, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Pradier, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, van Putten, Rack, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Rauti, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Ribeiro, Riis-Jørgensen, Rinsche, Ripa di Meana, Robles Piquer, Rocard, Rosado Fernandes, de Rose, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roubatis, Rovsing, Rübig, Ruffolo, Rynänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sarlis, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scapagnini, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schroeder, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Secchi, Seillier, Seppänen, Sierra González, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smith, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Spaak, Speciale, Spencer, Spiers, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Stirbois, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Svensson, Swoboda, Tajani, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Todini, Tomlinson, Trakatellis, Trizza, Truscott, Tsatsos, Ullmann, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vandemeulebroucke, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Viceconte, de Villiers, Vinci, Viola, Virgin, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber,

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van der Waal, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weber, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

- (+) = For
 (−) = Against
 (O) = Abstention

1. Podestà report A4-0405/96

Amendment 2

(+)

ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Kouchner, Lalumière, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: Dybkjær, Eisma, Kofoed

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Manisco, Miranda, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjøstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Theonas

I-EDN: Blokland, Bonde, Jensen Lis, Sandbæk, van der Waal

NI: Hager, Raschhofer

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, Müller, Schroedter, Schörling, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

(−)

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, Frischenschlager, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Lindqvist, Monfils, Moretti, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Pettinari

I-EDN: Fabre-Aubrespy, Seillier, Souchet

NI: Bellere', Blot, Cellai, Dillen, Fini, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Muscardini, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Casini Pierferdinando, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Cunha, Cushnahan, Decourrière, Deprez, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Mendonça, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crawley, Cunningham, David, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr,

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Kindermann, Kinnock, Klironomos, Kokkola, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morgan, Morris, Moscovici, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Panagopoulos, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roubatis, Sanz Fernández, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: d'Aboville, Aldo, Arroni, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldi, Bazin, van Bladel, Caccavale, Cardona, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Daskalaki, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Garosci, Giansily, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Killilea, Leopardi, Mezzaroma, Parodi, Pasty, Podestà, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner, Tajani, Viceconte

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ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak

I-EDN: Berthu, de Gaulle

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 1997

(97/C 85/03)

PART I

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs HOFF
Vice-President

(The sitting opened at 9 a.m.)

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr Corrie had informed the Chair that he had been present the previous day but that his name was not on the attendance register.

The following spoke:

— Mr McMahon, who referred to the problem he had raised at the beginning of the previous day's sitting (Part I, Item 1) and asked whether the Chair could give him any clarification (the President replied that the Commission as a whole decided which Commissioner would answer which questions); in reply, Mr McMahon said that he had addressed his question to the Commissioner responsible for transport, i.e. Mr Kinnock, not to anyone else and asked whether there had been a mistake, and if so, whether it had been made by Parliament staff or Commission staff (the President repeated her previous reply adding, however, that she would forward his comments to the Commission);

— Mr Gutiérrez Díaz, on Part I, Item 18;

— Mr Cornelissen, who referred to the chaos in northern Spain caused by the continuing strike by lorry drivers, with a number of foreign lorries stranded for weeks on end, and asked the President of Parliament to take action with the Spanish authorities with a view to resolving the problem, especially given the fact that the authorities were obliged to guarantee free movement of goods and people (the President replied that he was not speaking to the minutes but that she would nevertheless forward his request to the President of Parliament);

— Mr Smith, who raised the same problem as the one raised by Mr McMahon (the President repeated her previous reply, adding that she would refer the problem to the Commission and ask for the questions concerned to be answered personally by Mr Kinnock).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Documents received

The President announced that she had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council, requests for opinions:

— Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing common rules and procedures to apply to shipments to certain

non-OECD countries of certain types of waste (COM(94)0678 — C4-0048/97 — 95/0029(ACC))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: RELA, LEGA, DEVE

legal basis: Art. 113 EC

— Draft Council Acts drawing up a Convention on the service in the Member States of the European Union of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters, and the Protocol on the interpretation, by the Court of Justice of the European Communities, of the Convention on the service in the Member States of the European Union of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters (5317/97 — C4-0062/97 — 97/0901(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CIVI
opinion: LEGA

legal basis: Art. K.3(2), K.6(2) TEU

— Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 93/113/EC concerning the use and marketing of enzymes, micro-organisms and their preparations in animal nutrition (COM(96)0715 — C4-0064/97 — 97/0014(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: ECON, ENVI

legal basis: Art. 043 EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation adopting a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the energy sector — Synergy Programme (Reconsultation) (1160/97 — C4-0065/97 — 95/0126(CNS))

referred to
responsible: RTDE
opinion: BUDG, RELA, DEVE

legal basis: Art. 235 EC

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the control of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith (COM(97)0015 — C4-0066/97 — 97/0025(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI

legal basis: Art. 043 EC

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— Proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) determining the powers and obligations of agents authorized by the Commission pursuant to Article 18(2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1552/89 (COM(96)0717 — C4-0067/97 — 97/0016(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CONT

legal basis: Art. 209 EC, Art. 183 Euratom, Art. 078 ECSC, Art. 008(2) Euratom

— Proposal for a Council Directive on transportable pressure equipment (COM(96)0674 — C4-0068/97 — 97/0011(SYN))

referred to
responsible: TRAN
opinion: ECON, ENVI

legal basis: Art. 075(1) EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision on the promotion of sustainable and safe mobility (COM(96)0654 — C4-0069/97 — 96/0306(SYN))

referred to
responsible: TRAN
opinion: BUDG, ECON, RELA, ESOC, REGI, ENVI

legal basis: Art. 075, 084, 129d(3) EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia (COM(96)0615 — C4-0070/97 — 96/0298(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CIVI
opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Art. 235 EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to continue to apply to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, existing reduced rates of excise duty or exemptions from excise duty, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC (COM(96)0549 — C4-0071/97 — 96/0263(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: TRAN

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Framework Agreement for Trade and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (COM(96)0141 — C4-0073/97 — 96/0098(CNS))

referred to
responsible: RELA
opinion: FASE, TRAN, committees concerned

legal basis: Art. 073c, 075, 084(2), 113, 235, 228(2) and (3), 1st subparagraph EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee

on statistical information in the economic and social spheres (COM(96)0439 — C4-0075/97 — 96/0223(CNS))

referred to
responsible: BUDG
opinion: ECON, ESOC

legal basis: Art. 169 (1994 Treaty of Accession)

(b) *Commission:*

(ba) *requests for transfers of appropriations:*

— Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 01/97 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Communities for the financial year 1997 (SEC(97)0271 — C4-0061/97)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

(bb) *the following texts:*

— General Report on the activities of the European Union 1996 (C4-0060/97)

referred to: all committees concerned

legal basis: Art. 156 EC, Art. 017 ECSC, Art. 125 Euratom

— Opinion on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's Common Position concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directives 90/387/EEC and 92/44/EEC for the purpose of adaptation to a competitive environment in telecommunications (COM(97)0032 — C4-0074/97 — 95/0280(COD))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: RTDE, LEGA, TRAN

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

(c) *Court of Auditors*

— Special Report No 1/97 of the Court of Auditors on the Commission Decisions of the 10.04.1996 and 20.11.1996, on the clearance of the accounts 1992 and certain expenditure for 1993 (accompanied by the reply of the Commission) (C4-0063/97)

referred to
responsible: CONT

3. Topical and urgent debate (objections)

The President announced that pursuant to Rule 47(2), second subparagraph, she had received the following objections, tabled and justified in writing, to the list of subjects for the next debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance:

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I. *Great Lakes region in Africa*

— Motion by the PPE Group to replace this subject with a new subject 'Job losses' comprising motions for resolutions B4-0103/97 on behalf of the PSE Group and B4-0128/97 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group and to make this subject a new item under subject III. Human rights

The motion was rejected by RCV (PSE):

Members voting:	351
For:	149
Against:	198
Abstentions:	4

III. *Human rights*

— Motion by the PPE Group to replace the item 'Mordechai Vanunu' with a new item 'Extradition of Alois Brunner' comprising motions for resolutions B4-0073/97 on behalf of the PSE Group and B4-0121/97 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Mrs d'Ancona, on behalf of the PSE Group, asked for the item 'Extradition of Alois Brunner' not to replace 'Mordechai Vanunu' but to be taken as a new item, and called on the V Group to withdraw its motion to include a new item 'Róisín McAliskey' (*see below*) (the President replied, with reference to Mrs d'Ancona's first point, that the motion could not be altered as the deadline for tabling motions had passed).

The motion was rejected by EV (176 for, 179 against, 10 abstentions).

— Motion by the UPE Group to replace the item 'Chad' by a new item 'indictment of Metropolitan Iakovos by the Istanbul court' comprising motions for resolutions B4-0106/97 on behalf of the UPE Group and B4-0120/97 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

The motion was rejected.

— Motion by the V Group, to add a new item 'Róisín McAliskey' comprising its motion for a resolution B4-0141/97

Mrs McKenna, on behalf of the V Group who, with reference to the remarks by Mrs d'Ancona, announced that the V Group would not withdraw its motion.

The motion was rejected by RCV (V):

Members voting:	366
For:	81
Against:	275
Abstentions:	10

(Mr Skinner, Mrs Carrère d'Encausse, Mrs Schaffner, Mrs Guinebertière, Mr Pasty, Mr Donnay, Mr Baggioni, Mr d'Aboville and Mr Giansily had intended to vote against and not in favour).

— Motion by the V Group to add a new item 'disappearance of refugees in the Mediterranean' comprising motions for resolutions B4-0068/97 on behalf of the PSE Group and B4-0132/97 on behalf of the V Group

The motion was rejected.

V. *Racism and xenophobia*

— Motion by the PSE Group to make this subject a new item in III. 'Human rights' and replace it with a new subject V. 'Exports of beef to southern Africa' comprising motions for resolutions B4-0066/97 on behalf of the PSE Group, B4-0125/97 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group and B4-0137/97 on behalf of the V Group

The motion was rejected by RCV (PSE):

Members voting:	369
For:	172
Against:	196
Abstentions:	1

— Motion by the PPE Group to replace this subject by a new subject 'Bulgaria' comprising its motion for a resolution B4-0112/97

The motion was rejected by RCV (PSE):

Members voting:	364
For:	159
Against:	201
Abstentions:	4

(Mr D'Andrea had intended to vote in favour, Mrs Zimmermann to vote against, and Mr Berthu to vote in favour and not abstain).

4. **Beef — Veterinary checks — Registration of bovine animals *** (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on three reports:

Mr Papayannakis introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal for a Council Regulation regarding the labelling of beef and beef products (COM(96)0460 — C4-0546/96 — 96/0229(CNS)) (A4-0037/97).

Mr Olsson introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposals for: I. a Council Directive laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 — C4-0334/96 — 96/0109(CNS)) II. a Council Directive amending Directives 71/118/CEE, 72/462/EEC, 85/73/EEC, 91/67/EEC, 91/492/EEC, 91/493/EEC, 92/45/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 — C4-0335/96 — 96/0110(CNS)) (A4-0033/97).

Mr Mayer introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals (COM(96)0460 — C4-0545/96 — 96/0228(CNS)) (A4-0022/97); he also spoke as draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture on proposal COM(96)0460 (A4-0037/97).

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The following spoke: Mr Kindermann, draftsman of the opinion for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on proposal COM(96)0170 (A4-0033/97), Mr McCartin, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgetary Control, on proposal COM(96)0460 (A4-0022/97), Mr Papayannakis, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection on proposal COM(96)0460 (A4-0022/97), Mr Fantuzzi, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Schnellhardt, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Santini, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Tamino, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Vandemeulebroucke, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Bellerè, Non-attached Member, Mrs Hardstaff, Mrs Schierhuber, Mrs Guinebertière, Mrs Anttila and Mrs Barthelet-Mayer.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf, Mr Happart, Mrs Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Mr Hyland, Mr Virrankoski, Mrs Stirbois, Mr Thomas, Mr Goepel, Mr Whitehead, Mr Cunha, Mr Hallam, Mr Rosado Fernandes, Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, Mr Lannoye who put a question to the Commission, Mr Mayer, rapporteur, Mr Vandemeulebroucke, who put a question to the Commission, and Mr Olsson, rapporteur, and Mr Papayannakis, rapporteur, who also put questions to the Commission which Mr Fischler answered.

The President declared the debate closed.

Vote: Item 13.

5. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the Republic of Yemen, led by Mr Mohamed Abdo Saïd, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

6. Residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs * (debate)

Mr Kenneth Collins introduced his report, drawn upon behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (COM(96)0584 — C4-0683/96 — 96/0279(CNS) (A4-0035/97).

The following spoke: Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, Mr Trakatellis, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Cabrol, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Barthelet-Mayer, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Kenneth Collins, rapporteur, and Mr Bangemann.

The President declared the debate closed.

Mr Kenneth Collins asked for the vote on his report to be postponed to voting time the following day.

The President put this request to the House which gave its approval..

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 8.

7. Consumer policy (debate)

Mr Whitehead introduced his report, drawn upon behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the communication from the Commission on priorities for consumer policy (1996-1998) (COM(95)0519 — C4-0501/95) (A4-0317/96).

As it was now voting time the debate was adjourned to 3 p.m. (Item 14).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO

President

8. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the International Centre for peace in the Middle East, drawn from the Knesset and the Palestinian Legislative Council, and Mr Moratinos, European Union special envoy for the peace process in the Middle East, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

VOTING TIME

The following spoke:

— Mr Tamino who noted that Commissioners Santer and Fischler had made contradictory statements on labelling of beef and beef products and asked what the Commission's official position was;

— Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, reminded the House that the Commission favoured compulsory labelling but believed a transitional period was necessary to achieve all the conditions necessary for its implementation;

— Mr Evans who commented that Parliament had not accorded Mr Whitehead the courtesy he deserved when he had introduced his report in as much as the President of the sitting had not succeeded in achieving silence in the House;

— Mr Cohn-Bendit, who asked Mr Fischler how long the transitional period he had referred to would last (the President cut him off);

— Mrs Fontaine, who had been in the Chair when Mr Whitehead had introduced his report, noted in reply to Mr Evans that the Chair had granted Mr Whitehead a special favour in allowing him to introduce his report as it had been voting time and Members had been taking their seats to vote.

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9. BSE (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0078, 0079, 0080, 0081, 0083, 0084, 0085 and 0096/97)

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION B4-0078, 0079, 0080, 0083 and 0096/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Green, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Martens, Böge, Viola, Redondo Jiménez, Goepel, Trakantellis, Funk, Thyssen, Gillis, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Azzolini, Pasty, Santini, on behalf of the UPE Group,
De Vries, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Aelvoet, Roth, on behalf of the V Group,
to replace these motions with a new text

Amendment adopted: 7

Amendments rejected: 5; 10; 2 by RCV; 6; 1; 3; 8 by RCV; 9; 11; 12; 4

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, para. 7 by RCV.

The following spoke during the vote:

- M. Hory, before the final vote, invoked Rules 127, 122 and 34 and protested on behalf of the ARE Group that the vote on the joint motion for a resolution on BSE had taken place before the vote on the motion of censure (the President cut him off saying that this matter had been definitively settled on Monday).

Results of RCVs:

am. 2 (I-EDN):	
Members voting:	497
For:	78
Against:	386
Abstentions:	3
am. 8 (ARE):	
Members voting:	509
For:	73
Against:	376
Abstentions:	0
para. 7 (PPE):	
Members voting:	505
For:	422
Against:	38
Abstentions:	45

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PSE, PPE)

Members voting:	519
For:	422
Against:	49
Abstentions:	48

(Part II, Item 1).

(Motions for resolutions B4-0081, 0084 and 0085/97 fell).

10. Aid for transport by rail, road and inland waterway **II (vote)

Recommendation for 2nd reading by Mr Tamino — A4-0011/97

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0584/96 — 95/0204(SYN):

Amendments rejected: 1; 2

Separate vote: Article 1(2) (V): the text was approved

The President declared the common position approved (*Part II, Item 2*).

11. Investor-compensation schemes *III (vote)**

Report by Parliament's delegation to the Conciliation Committee (rapporteur: Mr Janssen van Raay — A4-0047/97)

JOINT TEXT C4-0058/97 — 00/0471(COD)

Parliament approved the joint text (*Part II, Item 3*).

12. Social protection (vote)

Weiler report — A4-0016/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 11 (1st part) (as an addition); 32; 33 by EV (242 for, 241 against, 4 abstentions); 35 (as an addition); 12 (as an addition); 15; 25 (1st part) by EV (250 for, 231 against, 4 abstentions); 19/rev.; 13, 37 (as an addition); 39; 29; 16

Amendments rejected: 31; 11 (2nd part); 34 by EV (237 for, 261 against, 9 abstentions); 17; 1 by EV (185 for, 279 against, 15 abstentions); 24; 25 (2nd part); 2; 18; 26; 3; 36 by EV (197 for, 274 against, 4 abstentions); 20; 27 (1st part); 28; 4; 21; 22; 38; 5 by EV (211 for, 272 against, 2 abstentions); 6; 7; 10; 30

Amendment withdrawn: 8

Amendments fallen: 9; 27 (2nd part); 14; 23

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, the first part of para. 12 by EV (292 for, 162 against, 10 abstentions).

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur, before the vote on ams. 11, 35, 12 and 37, asked for these ams. to be taken as additions, to which Mr Pronk, author of the amendments, agreed;

— Mr Wolf, after the vote on am. 15, noted that a request had been tabled for a split vote on para. 5 (the President replied that the request had lapsed following the adoption of am. 15);

— the rapporteur, before the vote on am. 5, recommended that her Group vote in favour of am. 39.

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Split votes:

am. 11 (PSE):

1st part: up to 'social risks'
2nd part: remainder

para. 2 (V):

1st part: up to 'collective bargaining'
2nd part: remainder

am. 25 (PSE):

1st part: text without the words '(as is the case with multilateral surveillance)'
2nd part: these words

am. 27 (UPE):

1st part: text without the words 'and reducing'
2nd part: these words

para. 12 (PSE):

1st part: up to 'which can be supported'
2nd part: up to 'generational contract'
3rd part: remainder

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (GUE/NGL, I-EDN):

Members voting:	495
For:	418
Against:	37
Abstentions:	40

(Part II, Item 4).

13. Beef — Veterinary checks — Registration of bovine animals * (vote)

Reports by Mr Papayannakis (A4-0037/97), Mr Olsson (A4-0033/97) and Mr Mayer (A4-0022/97)

(a) A4-0037/97:

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0460 — C4-0546/96 — 96/0229(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1 (legal basis); 2; 3 by EV (278 for, 139 against, 0 abstentions); 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11 by EV (286 for, 139 against, 0 abstentions); 12; 13 to 15 collectively; 16; 17; 18 to 21 collectively

Amendments rejected: 22; 23; 24; 25; 27; 28; 29; 30; 32; 31; 34 by EV (195 for, 209 against, 1 abstention); 33

Amendment fallen: 26

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur, before the vote, pointed out that the Commission had already agreed to the proposed amendment of the legal basis (am.1), then spoke on the amendments and finally asked the Commission to accept the amendments concerning labelling of beef and beef products while including a clause establishing a transitional period; Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, proposed returning to this matter at second reading;

— following the rapporteur's proposal to take the 3rd indent of am. 32 as an addition and the request by Mr Schnellhardt, author of the amendment, for a split vote on this amendment, the President ruled that the request conflicted with the rapporteur's proposal and put the amendment to the vote in its entirety.

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (Part II, Item 5(a)).

— DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

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

(b) A4-0033/97:

I. PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0170 — C4-0334/96 — 96/0109(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1 (legal basis); 2 to 18 collectively

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (Part II, Item 5(b)).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

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

II. PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0170 — C4-0335/96 — 96/0110(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (Part II, Item 5(b)).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

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

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Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf spoke on the German version of para. 7 of the joint motion for a resolution on BSE.

(c) A4-0022/97:

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0460 — C4-0545/96 — 96/0228(CNS):

(The text of am. 17 in the report had been incorporated in the text of am. 16 as tabled for the vote)

Amendments adopted: 2 to 16, 18 to 27 and 29 to 34 collectively

Amendment withdrawn: 35

Amendments not put to the vote (Rule 125(1)(e)): 1, 28

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The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur reminded the House of his proposal during that morning's debate to change the legal basis for the consultation in his report too, whereby Article 100a EC should replace Article 43 EC (the President noted these remarks but said that it could not be changed as no formal request had been tabled to this effect); Mr Goepel asked for the Commission's position on this suggestion; Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, announced that he could support this suggestion.

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 5(c)*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

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

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The President welcomed Wole Soyinka, laureate of the Nobel Prize for literature, to the public gallery.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CAPUCHO

Vice-President

Explanations of vote:

BSE:

— *oral*: Mr Provan, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr Le Gallou

— *in writing*: the following Members: Killilea, on behalf of the UPE Group; Jové Peres, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group; Mamère, on behalf of the V Group; Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group; Pery, Philippe-Armand Martin; Poisson; Cox, Kreissl-Dörfler; Crowley; Gallagher; Lulling; Schlechter; Pimenta; Méndez de Vigo; Ewing; Berthu; Deprez; Souchet; Ferrer; Valverde López; Wibe, Theorin; Dury,

Tamino recommendation for second reading (A4-0011/97):

— *in writing*: Mr Donnay

Weiler report (A4-0016/97):

— *in writing*: the following Members: Caudron; Berthu; Wolf; Skinner; Elmalan; Carlotti, Rocard; Souchet; Booger-Quaak; Eriksson, Sjöstedt, Svensson; Holm, Olsson, Lindholm, Gahrton; Kirsten Jensen, Sindal, Iversen, Blak.

Papayannakis report (A4-0037/97):

— *in writing*: the following Members: Díez de Rivera Icaza; Schörling, Holm, Lindholm, Gahrton.

Mayer report (A4-0022/97):

— *in writing*: Schörling, Holm, Lindholm, Gahrton; Wibe, Theorin.

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Corrections to votes

BSE:

am. 2:

— Mrs Dybkjær had intended to vote against, not abstain

am. 8:

— Mr Fitzsimons had intended to vote against

para. 7:

— Mr Stasi had intended to vote for, not against

— Mrs Haug had intended to vote in favour

text as a whole:

— Mrs Schaffner and Mr Pomés Ruiz had intended to vote for, not against

— Mr Philippe-Armand Martin and Mrs Poisson had intended to vote against, not for

— Mr Hume and Mr Fitzsimons had intended to vote for

Weiler report (A4-0016/97):

text as a whole:

— Mr Posselt had intended to abstain, not vote for

— Mr Barros Moura had intended to vote for

END OF VOTING TIME

(The sitting was suspended at 1.20 and resumed at 3 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr ANASTASSOPOULOS

Vice-President

14. Consumer policy (continuation of debate)

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate: Mr Añoveros Trias de Bes, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Mrs Kuhn, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Riis-Jørgensen, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs González Álvarez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Hautala, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Sandbæk, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Garosci, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Musumeci, Non-attached Member, Mrs Malone, Mrs Jackson, Mr Alavanos, Mr Blokland, Mr Schiedermeier, on a problem concerning the German interpreting, Mr Pimenta, Mrs Bonino, Member of the Commission, Mr Whitehead, rapporteur, who put questions to the Commission, Mrs Kuhn on the Commission's remarks, and Mrs Bonino who answered the rapporteur's questions.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 10.

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IN THE CHAIR: Mrs SCHLEICHER

Vice-President

15. Green Paper on financial services (debate)

Mrs Marinucci introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the Commission Green Paper on financial services: meeting consumers' expectations (COM(96)0209 — C4-0339/96) (A4-0048/97).

The following spoke: Mrs Kestelijn-Sierens, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Economic Affairs, who also spoke on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Florio, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Mr Whitehead, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Alavanos, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Howitt, Mr Monti, Member of the Commission, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, Mrs Marinucci and Mr Monti.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 11.

16. Union policy towards Algeria (statement with debate)

Mr Patijn, President-in-Office of the Council, made a statement on the Union's policy towards Algeria.

The following spoke: Mr Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr von Habsburg, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Guinebertière, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Moreau, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Pradier, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Antony, Non-attached Member, Mr Newens, Mr Hernandez Mollar, Mr Carnero González, Mr Stasi, Mrs Izquierdo Rojo and Mr Patijn.

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

- André-Léonard and Spaak, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Algeria (B4-0061/97);
- Colajanni, Titley, Fouque and Napoletano, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Algeria (B4-0067/97);
- Saint-Pierre, Hory and González Triviño, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Algeria (B4-0086/97);
- Cohn-Bendit and Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group, on the Union's policy on Algeria (B4-0097/97);
- Piquet, Carnero González, Manisco, Pettinari, Miranda and Ephremidis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Algeria (B4-0145/97);
- von Habsburg, Hernandez Mollar, Fabra Vallés and De Melo, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Algeria (B4-0146/97)

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 12.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr MARINHO

Vice-President

17. Question Time (to the Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B4-0001/97).

Question 1 by Mr David: Police treatment of Sonia Esmeralda Gomez Guevara and Carmen Velasquez

Mr Patijn, President-in-Office of the Council, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr David.

Question 2 by Mr Camisón Asensio: Multilingual computerized services

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Camisón Asensio.

Question 3 by Mr Papayannakis: Convergence criteria and defence spending

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Papayannakis.

Question 4 by Mrs McIntosh: European Union measures to combat paedophilia

Mr Patijn answered the question and supplementaries by Mrs McIntosh and Sir Jack Stewart-Clark.

Question 5 by Mrs Lambraki: Funding Community action to deal with exceptional circumstances

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Lambraki.

Question 6 by Mr Caccavale lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 7 by Mr Sjöstedt: The consequences for Norway and Iceland of integrating Schengen

Mr Patijn answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Sjöstedt, Mr Posselt and Mr Lindqvist.

Question 8 by Mr Watts lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 9 by Mr Medina Ortega: Design of the 'Euro' banknote

Question 10 by Mr Holm: Composition of the euro coin

Mr Patijn answered the questions and supplementaries by Mr Medina Ortega and Mr Holm.

Question 11 by Mr Kaklamanis: Threats by Mrs Ciller against a Member State

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Kaklamanis.

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Question 12 by Mr Torres Couto lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 13 by Mr Megahy: Age limits in recruitment to EU institutions: advertisements in Ireland

Question 14 by Mr Crowley: Discriminatory age limits

Mr Patijn answered the questions and supplementaries by Mr Megahy, Mr Crowley, Mr Smith and Mr Seal.

Question 15 by Mr Theonas: Turkish threats over installation of missiles on Cyprus

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Theonas.

Question 16 by Mr Lomas: Hostages in Kashmir

Mr Patijn answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Lomas and Mr Truscott.

Question 17 by Sir Jack Stewart-Clark: Role of the EMCDDA in the Dutch presidency's work programme

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Sir Jack Stewart-Clark.

Question 18 by Mr Sindal: Ratification of Europe Agreements

Mr Patijn answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Sindal and Mr Cars.

Question 19 by Mr Andersson: Initiatives to curb demand for drugs

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Andersson.

Question 20 by Mrs Ahern: Prior notice of radioactive shipments to en-route countries

Mr Patijn answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Ahern.

Mr Posselt criticised the quality of the Council's reply to his supplementary to question 7.

Question 21 by Mr Morris lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 22 by Mr Smith: Nuclear reprocessing plants and leukaemia

Mr Patijn answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Smith and Mrs Ahern.

The President announced that questions 23 to 43 would receive written answers.

The President closed Question Time.

(The sitting was suspended at 7.15 and resumed at 9 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr DAVID W. MARTIN

Vice-President

18. Consumer credit ***I (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on two reports drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights.

Mrs Mosiek-Urbahn introduced her report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 87/102/EEC (as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC) relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit (COM(96)0079 — C4-0243/96 — 96/0055(COD)) (A4-0345/96).

Mr Caccavale introduced his report on the Commission report on the operation of Directive 87/102/EEC for the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit (COM(95)0117 — C4-0185/95) (A4-0010/97).

The following spoke: Mrs Kuhn, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on the Environment on COM(95)0117 (Caccavale report), Mr Añoveros Trias de Bes, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Thors, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Oddy, and Mrs Bonino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 4.

19. Recognition of diplomas ***I (debate)

Mrs Gebhardt introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a mechanism for the recognition of qualifications in respect of the professional activities covered by the Directives on liberalization and transitional measures and supplementing the general systems for the recognition of qualifications (COM(96)0022 — C4-0123/96 — 96/0031(COD)) (A4-0003/97).

The following spoke: Mrs Heinisch, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Van Bladel, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Ryyänen, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Zimmermann and Mr Monti, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 6.

20. Staff Regulations (equal treatment of men and women) * (debate)

Mrs Lindholm introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights, on the amended proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities in respect of equal treatment of men and women (COM(96)0077 — C4-0565/96 — 00/0904(CNS)) (A4-0046/97).

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The following spoke: Mrs Sornosa Martínez, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Women's Rights, Mrs Zimmermann, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Carlo Casini, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Thors, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mrs Sierra González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr HAARDER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Fabre-Aubrespy, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Falconer, Mr Pex, Mrs Eriksson, Mrs Gebhardt, Mr Liikanen, Member of the Commission, and Mr Pex who put questions to the Commission which Mr Liikanen answered.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 20.2.1997, Part I, Item 9.

21. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Thursday 20 February 1997:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 8 p.m.:

10 a.m. to 12 noon

- Read report on ONP and universal service for telecommunications ***I

- joint debate on two recommendations for second reading (W.G. van Velzen and Hoppenstedt) on telecommunications — satellite personal communication services ***II

12 noon

- voting time

3 to 6 p.m.

- vote on motion of censure
- topical and urgent debate

6 to 8 p.m.

- Baldi report on proceedings of the ACP/EU Joint Assembly in 1996
- McGowan report on development cooperation policy
- Fassa report on humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development

(The sitting closed at 11 p.m.)

Enrico VINCI
Secretary-General

António CAPUCHO
Vice-President

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PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament

1. BSE

B4-0078, 0079, 0080, 0083 and 0096/97

Resolution on the results of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 138c thereof,
 - having regard to the Decision of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Rules 37, 40 and 136 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) (A4-0020/97),
- A. whereas the measures to eradicate the BSE epidemic have led to a fundamental debate on the safety of foodstuffs, consumer protection and public health policy in the EU,
- B. whereas full clarification of all aspects of consumer protection and complete transparency of the decisions taken by both the EU and the Member States on BSE is necessary to restore consumer confidence and stabilize the beef market in the EU,
- C. regretting the fact that no Council representatives were present for its plenary debate on the results of the activities of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry into BSE,
1. Endorses the report of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry and insists that the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States take appropriate measures to implement its recommendations;
 2. Condemns the behaviour of the UK Government and its mismanagement of the BSE crisis and deplores the refusal of its Minister for Agriculture to attend and give evidence to the committee, despite the agreement of all Member States to cooperate fully with the work of the committee;
 3. Denounces the tacit support given by the Council to the UK Government's lack of action and transparency;
 4. Recognizes that lack of transparency and manipulation of the committees dealing with veterinary and health issues were a major contributory factor to the crisis;
 5. In view of the results of the inquiry, which make clear the responsibility of the Commission, calls on the Commission to take urgent and effective action to give effect to the report's recommendations;
 6. Calls on the Commission to follow up the recommendations in the report of the Committee of Inquiry into BSE and to implement without delay the legislative, organizational and personnel measures therein, and to draw up a report for the European Parliament;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 113, 19.5.1995, p. 2.

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7. Instructs its President, on the basis of Rule 136 (11) of its Rules of Procedure, to instruct its competent committee or committees responsible for each aspect to verify the actions taken by the Commission on the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry and to submit to Parliament a report on this subject; if the recommendations have not been carried out within a reasonable deadline and in any event by November 1997, a motion of censure pursuant to Article 144 of the Treaty and Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure will then be tabled;
8. Calls for reconsideration of the abovementioned Decision of 19 April 1995 with a view to including in it a sanction mechanism for Member States or institutions refusing to cooperate in the work of an inquiry;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the full report of the Temporary Committee of Inquiry to the Council, the Intergovernmental Conference, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

2. Aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway **II

A4-0011/97

Decision on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70 on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway (C4-0584/96 – 95/0204(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0584/96 – 95/0204(SYN),
 - having regard to its opinion at first reading ⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(95)0377 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(96)0381 ⁽³⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 189c of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A4-0011/97),
1. Approves the common position;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 78, 18.3.1996, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 253, 29.9.1995, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 273, 19.9.1996, p. 9.

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3. Investor-compensation schemes ***III

A4-0047/97

Decision on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Directive on Investor Compensation Schemes (C4-0058/97 – 00/0471(COD))

(Codecision procedure: third reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee, C4-0058/97 – 00/0471(COD),
 - having regard to its opinion at first reading ⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(93)0381 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to its decision on the common position ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission's opinion on Parliament's amendments to the common position (COM(96)0169 – C4-0279/96),
 - having regard to Article 189b(5) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 77(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A4-0047/97),
1. Approves the joint text;
 2. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Instructs its Secretary-General to duly sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 128, 9.5.1994, p. 85.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 321, 27.11.1993, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 96, 1.4.1996, p. 28.

4. Social protection

A4-0016/97

Resolution on the Commission Communication – The Future of Social Protection: A Framework for a European Debate and the report from the Commission on social protection in Europe 1995 (COM(95)0466 – C4-0524/95 and COM(95)0457 – C4-0518/95)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 2, 3, 117, 118 of the Treaty establishing the European Community,
- having regard to the Agreement on social policy concluded between the Member States of the European Community with the exception of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, particularly Articles 1 and 2 thereof,
- having regard to the Commission's Communication on The Future of Social Protection: A Framework for a European Debate (COM(95)0466 – C4-0524/95) and its report on social protection in Europe 1995 (COM(95)0457 – C4-0518/95),

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- having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mr Ferri on social security provision in the Community (B4-0458/94),
 - having regard to Council Recommendation 92/441/EEC of 24 June 1992 on common criteria concerning sufficient resources and social assistance in social protection systems and Council Recommendation 92/442/EEC of 27 July 1992 on the convergence of social protection objectives and policies ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to its resolutions of 13 July 1995 on a coherent employment strategy for the European Union ⁽²⁾, of 29 November 1995 on the Commission's Annual Report 'Employment in Europe — 1995' ⁽³⁾ and of 16 January 1996 on the Medium-Term Social Action Programme 1995 to 1997 ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0016/97),
- A. whereas the European model for social protection based on solidarity is crucial for maintaining social peace; whereas these systems are in need of reform, but whereas this reform must not undermine the fundamental principles on which they are based, above all the principle of social solidarity,
- B. whereas social protection systems are viewed too often as burdens on European economies when they should be seen as invaluable assets and essential cornerstones of the European social model,
- C. whereas social protection systems help to establish social consensus which is an important precondition for sustainable economic development,
- D. whereas social protection systems underpin the principle of social citizenship which guarantees recognition and integration for employed and self-employed workers and helps to combat social exclusion which is a negation of this principle,
- E. whereas social protection at European level denotes all collective systems for the transfer of payments which make use of solidarity to provide cover against social risks,
- F. whereas the first priority for the reform of social protection systems must be to make these as employment-friendly as possible not least because high unemployment is the principal reason why social protection systems are under such financial strain,
- G. whereas Article 117 of the EC Treaty provides for harmonization of standards of living and the working conditions of workers 'while the improvement is being maintained',
- H. whereas the European model of social protection forms part of a broader package of policies which should be examined in the light of the new conditions on the international economic and political stage, and, in particular, the challenges represented by the internationalization of the world market and the demand for a high level of competitiveness,
- I. whereas the current crisis in social protection systems is due in large measure to the inadequacy of financial resources and to structural problems in the Member States' social protection systems,
- J. whereas the problems facing social protection systems are joint challenges facing Member States and the European Union and should, therefore, be tackled jointly by the Member States and the Community with a view to obviating problems for workers who wish to take advantage of their right to freedom of movement within the internal market; whereas the European Union already has important competencies in this area not least because it is responsible for ensuring freedom of movement and freedom to provide services,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 245, 26.8.1992, p. 46 and p. 49.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 249 of 25.9.95, p. 143.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 339, 18.12.1995, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 32, 5.2.1996, p. 24.

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1. Welcomes the Commission's Communication as a constructive contribution to the debate on the reform of European social protection systems and, given the need for an in-depth analysis of these systems, agrees entirely with the Commission that that debate should be organized at European level;
2. Considers that the term social protection must be understood to cover not only social security, i.e. collectively provided security but also social protection provided by government as well as schemes resulting from collective bargaining and private contributions;
3. Takes the view, however, that the European Union's role in the field of social protection should be more active, taking account of the differences between social security systems in each of the Member States, and include actions in this area jointly organized with Member States, the non-governmental organizations socially active within them and welfare associations, for example in the form of a committee of inquiry or a temporary committee or a steering committee; considers that the Council's abovementioned recommendations of 1992 on the convergence of social protection objectives and policies and on common criteria concerning sufficient resources and social assistance in social protection systems should be assimilated into the policy of the Member States and further developed through Community instruments;
4. Believes, therefore, while respecting Member States' prerogatives in the organization and delivery of social protection benefits, that the European Union should seek: to ensure that Member States respect the commitment to a 'high level of ... social protection' as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty; to assist in the gradual convergence of Member State social protection systems by devising a number of minimum social convergence criteria not least as a means of preventing harmful competition within the single market based on erosion of social protection; to help to define a consensus in the reform of social protection systems so that these systems are better adapted to present economic and social realities; and to improve coordination between national social protection systems in order to remove existing barriers to free movement;
5. Takes the view, therefore, that the role of the European Union in the field of social protection is to ensure that bases for entitlement are brought into line;
6. Believes that the Union should have the proper instruments to carry out the above tasks and points to the urgent need for the IGC to incorporate the Social Protocol into the body of the Treaty and for qualified majority voting to be applied to matters connected with that Protocol;
7. Considers that conferring a social dimension on EMU and monitoring the adverse effects on social protection of reduced spending policies imposed by the convergence criteria, as well as the pressures placed on the financing of social security systems, are prerequisites for safeguarding the European social protection model in the future;
8. Is convinced that social security systems must be geared to the new needs of the labour market and expanded, as otherwise the people concerned will not be prepared to replace the security of the benefits linked to traditional standard working conditions with the insecurity and lower level of protection associated with 'atypical' work; observes that atypical employment and the associated inadequate social security currently apply mainly to women; expects the adoption of the Directive on atypical work, which is overdue, to provide for the required social security and appropriate flexibility on the labour market; calls on the Commission to make proposals as to how social security and social protection of workers can be ensured in connection with 'atypical' employment contracts;
9. Believes that certain elements in social protection can be made more employment-friendly when used in alliance with active labour market policies by: treating transfer payments not just as a possible source of income for the recipient but also as a social investment to promote the employment and education potential of the individual; bringing benefit, employment and training agencies closer together; increasing incentives for employers to assist in training, retraining and offering work experience; removing the stigma of unemployment by making these opportunities also available to those in work (sabbaticals, retraining credits, new work experience);

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10. Recalls the importance of incentives for training and life-long learning while on benefit rather than just unemployment assistance with no training;
11. Welcomes the trend to reduce employer and employee contributions particularly with respect to the lower-paid but believes that Member States must look seriously at diversifying their sources of financing, so as to ensure that social security can be financed, not least by moving tax burdens away from the labour factor to other factors such as environmentally damaging energy consumption; this could be achieved, for example, by a carbon dioxide tax; another possibility would be a tax on economic activities; recalls the suggestion in the White Paper on Growth, Competitiveness and Employment that a European framework should be developed for this;
12. Points out that a rising employment rate would do much to stabilize social security systems financially;
13. Believes that if Member States encourage citizens to make their own supplementary provisions to cover social risks, they should at the same time examine the effects on the level of social protection and ensure that this does not lead to the creation of different levels of social protection and undermine the established system of solidarity; considers moreover that the principle of solidarity should remain the basis of social security and that the general system must be safeguarded and — where necessary — improved, and in this context considers that the retention and — where necessary — expansion of the general pension system should be central and that the development of supplementary pension schemes must not be used to justify cuts in and erosion of the general pension system; warns also against privatization of social risks, particularly in the field of health care; looks forward to national and European measures to increase young people's awareness of the value of systems based on solidarity, particularly social security for the elderly;
14. Believes that lower unemployment and higher employee contributions will increase revenue from contributions to social security schemes and help relieve the financial strain currently facing pay-as-you-go state pension systems; notes that there is a trend in Member States to encourage supplementary provision based on prefunded schemes, a development which can be supported but not if used to justify cuts and downgrading of state pension systems or replacing the existing schemes with capital cover procedures, because this would impose a double burden on the present generation of employees, since they would have to pay contributions both to accumulate their own pension entitlements and to fulfil the generational contract; urges that social protection systems take account of new forms of social risk arising from these demographic trends, in particular long-term care of the elderly; points out that society must recognize the advantages of using the knowledge and experience of the elderly and must provide the right parameters for this;
15. Points out that changes in family structures are an important trend, as is ageing, and reiterates its longstanding view that social protection needs to move to independent systems for men and women if it is to take adequate account of these trends, but that it is necessary at the same time to protect the family;
16. Acknowledges that freedom of movement of persons is one of the fundamental economic and social goals of the European Union; believes that there exists real demand among European citizens to exercise their rights to free movement but that the fulfillment of this wish is often hampered, not least because of barriers created by inadequate coordination and convergence between national social protection systems which can help to protect certain areas of the labour market from European competition, for example by means of the status of public servants; asks the Commission to establish an action plan setting out what measures need to be taken in the social protection field to assist free movement, and to include legally established third-country workers;
17. Believes that the matching of supply and demand in labour markets requires that there should be an extension of the three-month period during which the unemployed can seek work in another Member State while receiving unemployment benefit from their own Member State;
18. Believes that payment of unemployment benefit to unemployed persons looking for work in another Member State should go hand in hand with giving them as much help as possible to collect the information they need;

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19. Notes that frontier workers face discriminatory practices with respect to poor coordination between neighbouring national tax and benefit systems and urges the Commission to use all instruments at its disposal to overcome all forms of discrimination in this regard; reminds the Commission of its intention to publish a study concerning the application of its recommendation 94/79/EC of 21 December 1993 on the taxation of certain items of income received by non-residents in a Member State other than that in which they are resident ⁽¹⁾; considers that the changes proposed by the Commission must alleviate the problems of frontier workers arising from the taxation of certain social security contributions; calls for any change in the methods of financing social security to be examined in advance in the light of their possible impact on the rights of migrant workers and particularly frontier workers (Europe test);
20. Is concerned at the persistently large number of people suffering from social exclusion in the European Union which is affecting certain groups very hard, such as children of under 16 years, and calls on the Commission, therefore, to submit revised proposals as to how an acceptable standard of living can be guaranteed for every citizen;
21. Considers that, in order to guarantee the effectiveness of measures supporting the European social protection model in the context of the globalization of the economy, the Commission must be in the vanguard, within the World Trade Organization, of the fight to ensure that the most-favoured-nation clause is implemented and that environmental and social clauses along the lines advocated by the International Labour Organization are included in multilateral agreements;
22. Supports the introduction into the Treaty of EC Treaty Declaration 23 on the occasion of the Intergovernmental Conference;
23. Calls on the Commission to carry out an urgent study of the population trend and its impact on social protection systems with a view to forestalling the social and economic consequences of growing population ageing in the European Union;
24. Considers that a study must be made immediately of the trend in production in the coming years, the trend in employment and working hours and of how free time – which will increase sooner or later – can be transformed into an economic commodity;
25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the European social partners.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 39, 10.2.1994, p. 22.

5. Beef – Veterinary checks – Registration of bovine animals *

(a) A4-0037/97

Proposal for a Council Regulation regarding the labelling of beef and beef products (COM(96)0460 – C4-0546/96 – 96/0229(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Preamble

The Council of the European Union

The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article **100a** thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 349, 20.11.1996, p. 14.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

(Amendment 2)

Recital 1

Whereas in order to improve the information to consumers about consumer-relevant aspects of beef and beef products, a specific labelling system should be set up in the beef sector; whereas beef and beef products shall be taken to mean certain products referred to in Article 1(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal; whereas Member States *may decide to extend* the labelling system to other processed goods containing beef;

Whereas in order to improve the information to consumers about consumer-relevant aspects of beef and beef products, **to avoid misleading consumers and to protect public health**, a specific labelling system should be set up in the beef sector; whereas beef and beef products shall be taken to mean certain products referred to in Article 1(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal; whereas Member States **should, within a reasonable period of time, harmonize the extension of the labelling system to other processed goods containing beef;**

(Amendment 3)

Recital 2

Whereas such a labelling system should be *facultative to operators and organizations marketing beef and beef products in the sense that operators and organizations wishing to label their beef and beef products shall do so in accordance with this Regulation;*

Whereas such a labelling system should be **compulsory for operators and organizations marketing beef and beef products; whereas compliance with this Regulation will ensure that this obligation is fulfilled;**

(Amendment 4)

Recital 3a (new)

Whereas the requirements made of a labelling system must satisfy minimum standards that conform to consumers' expectations and can be applied at points of sale; whereas the Member States must be free to prescribe requirements that exceed the provisions of this Regulation;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 6

Whereas operators and organizations importing beef and beef products from third countries into the Community *may also wish to label their products according to this Regulation;* whereas provisions should thus be made for imported beef to be included in the labelling system; whereas these provisions must ensure that labelling arrangements relating to imported beef and beef products be of equivalent reliability as those set up for Community beef;

Whereas operators and organizations importing beef and beef products from third countries into the Community **should** also label their products according to this Regulation; whereas provisions should thus be made for imported beef to be included in the labelling system; whereas these provisions must ensure that labelling arrangements relating to imported beef and beef products be of equivalent reliability as those set up for Community beef;

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(Amendment 6)

Article 1(1)

1. *If an operator or an organization, as defined in Article 2, wishes to label beef or beef products in a detailed manner at the point of sale, it shall do so in accordance with this Regulation.*

1. **Operators or organizations, as defined in Article 2, selling beef or beef products shall label their products in accordance with this Regulation in a detailed manner at the point of sale.**

(Amendment 7)

Article 2, first paragraph, second indent

— 'label' means a label attached to an individual piece or pieces of meat or to their packaging material, or information provided to the consumer at the point of sale,

— 'label' means a label attached to an individual piece or pieces of meat or to their packaging material, or information provided to the consumer at the point of sale; **if the label is not attached to an individual piece or pieces of meat or to their packaging material, it shall be ensured that the information is shown to the consumer at the point of sale in an easily visible form,**

(Amendment 8)

Article 2, second paragraph

Member States may decide to extend this system to processed goods containing products referred to in the first indent, including cosmetic and pharmaceutical products.

Within one year from the entry into force of this Regulation, the system and the contents of labelling laid down by this Regulation shall be extended in an appropriate manner to processed goods containing beef and beef products.

(Amendment 9)

Article 3(1), third indent

— the control system which will be applied at all stages of production and sale, including controls to be carried out by an independent body to be nominated by the operator or the organization,

— the control system which will be applied at all stages of production and sale, including controls to be carried out by an independent body to be nominated by the operator or the organization **from a list of organizations approved by the above-mentioned public authority,**

(Amendment 10)

Article 3(4), first subparagraph

4. *Where the competent authorities of all the Member States concerned approve the specifications submitted, the operator or organization concerned shall be entitled to label beef and beef products, provided that the label contains its name or logo.*

4. **Where the competent authorities of all the Member States concerned approve the specifications submitted, the operator or organization concerned shall label beef and beef products, provided that the label contains its name or logo.**

(Amendment 11)

Article 4(1)

1. *Where, in full or in part, the production of beef or beef products takes place in a third country, operators and organizations shall only be entitled to label beef and beef products according to this Regulation if, in addition to the observance of the requirements set out in Article 3, they have obtained approval of their specifications by the competent authority designated to this end by each third country concerned.*

1. **Where, in full or in part, the production of beef or beef products takes place in a third country, operators and organizations shall label beef and beef products according to this Regulation. In addition to the observance of the requirements set out in Article 3, they shall obtain prior approval of their specifications by the competent authority designated to this end by each third country concerned.**

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(Amendment 12)

Article 5(1), first indent

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| <p>— Member State, region of a Member State or third country of birth, <i>the</i> sex of the animal,</p> | <p>— Member State, region of a Member State or third country of birth, sex, breed, and method of breeding of the animal,</p> |
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(Amendment 13)

Article 5(1), indent 1a (new)

- **any genetic engineering techniques performed on the embryo or transgenic origin of the animal,**

(Amendment 14)

Article 5(1), indent 3a (new)

- **other information on antibiotics and stimulants administered,**

(Amendment 15)

Article 5(1), fourth indent

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| <p>— Member States, regions of Member States or third countries where <i>all, or at least 80%, of</i> the fattening took place,</p> | <p>— Member States, regions of Member States or third countries where the fattening took place,</p> |
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(Amendment 16)

Article 5(1a) (new)

- 1a. If beef from different countries of origin is available at a point of sale, the origin of each piece shall be evident from the labelling.**

(Amendment 17)

Article 5(2)

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| <p>2. Where beef and beef products contain meat from different animals <i>is mixed</i>, the label shall <i>only</i> contain information in accordance with paragraph 1 which is common to all such meat.</p> | <p>2. Where beef and beef products contain meat from different animals, the label shall contain information in accordance with paragraph 1 which is common to all such meat.</p> |
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(Amendment 18)

Article 6a (new)

Article 6a

- Member States shall impose administrative and financial penalties on any party failing to comply with the requirements of this Regulation or not duly carrying out the prescribed checks on labelling procedures and content.**

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(Amendment 19)

*Article 7a (new)***Article 7a****Member States shall submit annual reports to the Commission on the implementation of this Regulation, the first of these reports to be submitted by 1 July 1998.**

(Amendment 20)

Article 8

The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68. The detailed rules may cover, in particular, the information which may be contained on labels under Article 5.

By 1 April 1997 at the latest the Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68. The detailed rules may cover, in particular, the information which may be contained on labels under Article 5.

(Amendment 21)

*Article 9, second paragraph*It shall apply from 1 *January* 1997.It shall apply from 1 **July** 1997.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation regarding the labelling of beef and beef products (COM(96)0460 – C4-0546/96 – 96/0229(CNS))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, (COM(96)0460 – 96/0229(CNS)) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0546/96),
- whereas the legal basis proposed by the Commission is not appropriate, and reference should be made to Articles 189b and 100a of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0037/97),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 349, 20.11.1996, p. 14.

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4. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and requests that the conciliation procedure be initiated;
5. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
6. Points out that the Commission is required to submit to Parliament any modification it may intend to make to its proposal as amended by Parliament;
7. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

(b) A4-0033/97

I.

Proposal for a Council Directive laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 – C4-0334/96 – 96/0109(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Amendment 1)	
<i>Preamble</i>	
THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,	THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,	Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 100a thereof,
Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,	Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,
<i>Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,</i>	
Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,	Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,
(Amendment 2)	
<i>Recital 6</i>	
Whereas in the new system of veterinary checks <i>only</i> a documentary and physical check need to be carried out; whereas for that reason <i>the identity check needs to be</i> abolished;	Whereas in the new system of veterinary checks a documentary and physical check need to be carried out; whereas for that reason separate identity checks shall be abolished, since a similar check will be carried out as part of the physical check;
(Amendment 3)	
<i>Article 5(1)</i>	
1. After completion of the required veterinary checks, the official veterinarian shall issue for the consignment of products concerned a certificate certifying the checks and recording the intended place of destination.	1. After completion of the required veterinary checks, the official veterinarian shall issue for the consignment of products concerned a certificate certifying the results of the checks and recording the intended place of destination.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 245, 23.8.1996, p. 9.

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(Amendment 4)

Article 5(2) first indent

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| <p>— as long as the consignment remains under customs supervision, or</p> | <p>— as long as the consignment remains under customs supervision, in which case reference shall be made to the prescribed customs transport document, or</p> |
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(Amendment 5)

Article 9(1)(a)

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| <p>(a) if the consignment is not unloaded, the competent authority may carry out random documentary checks of the products, on the basis of the original veterinary certificate or veterinary document or other document, or an authenticated copy of them. If a documentary check has been carried out the competent authority shall issue the certificate referred to in Article 5(1) certifying the results of this check, for the benefit of the <i>authorities</i> in the port or airport of destination;</p> | <p>(a) if the consignment is not unloaded, the competent authority may carry out random documentary checks of the products, on the basis of the original veterinary certificate or veterinary document or other document, or an authenticated copy of them. If a documentary check has been carried out the competent authority shall issue the certificate referred to in Article 5(1) certifying the results of this check, for the benefit of the border inspection post in the port or airport of destination;</p> |
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(Amendment 6)

Article 9(1)(c)

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| <p>(c) if the consignment is unloaded and stored temporarily under supervision of the competent authority in the customs area of the port or airport to be forwarded to another border inspection post by sea or air transport, the competent authority shall carry out a documentary check of the products on the basis of the same documents as are referred to in paragraph (a); in exceptional cases which may present a risk to public or animal health or when irregularities are suspected, a physical check may be carried out;</p> | <p>(c) if the consignment is unloaded and stored temporarily under supervision of the competent authority in the customs area of the port or airport to be forwarded to another border inspection post by sea or air transport, the competent authority shall carry out a documentary check of the products on the basis of the same documents as are referred to in paragraph (a); in exceptional cases which may present a risk to public or animal health or when irregularities are suspected, a physical check may be carried out, which must take place at an approved border inspection post on each occasion.</p> |
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(Amendment 7)

Article 12(1)

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| <p>1. Consignments coming from a third country and destined for a free zone, a free warehouse or a customs warehouse shall undergo in the border inspection post as referred to in Article 3(2) a documentary and a physical check in order to ensure that the products comply with the import conditions.</p> | <p>1. Consignments coming from a third country and destined for a free zone, a free warehouse or a customs warehouse shall undergo in the border inspection post as referred to in Article 3(2) a documentary and a physical check in order to ensure that the products comply with the import conditions. In these cases the customs authorities and the competent veterinary authorities at the border inspection post shall authorize admission to a free zone, a free warehouse or a customs warehouse.</p> |
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(Amendment 8)

Article 12(3), indent 3a (new)

- **when the consignments in question are stored, products conforming to Community standards and those which do not shall be deposited in separate places and marked accordingly,**

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 9)

Article 12(4)(aa) (new)

(aa) shall be not permitted, in the customs area, to store goods not conforming to Community standards in customs warehouses unless the conditions are such as to constitute the essential procedural safeguards applying to type C customs warehouses as defined in Article 54(1), third indent, of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93;

(Amendment 10)

Article 12(4)(c)

(c) shall report the arrival and dispatch of products in a zone or warehouse as referred to in paragraph 2;

(c) shall report the arrival and dispatch of products in a zone or warehouse as referred to in paragraph 2; **such reporting shall replace the safety measures specified in paragraph 2;**

(Amendment 11)

Article 16(4), second subparagraph

Furthermore, where an irregularity has been found to be the result of negligence or a deliberate action, *the competent authority shall impose on the declarant* a financial penalty of at least 20% of the customs value of the product.

Where an irregularity has been found to be the result of negligence or a deliberate action, a financial penalty of at least 20% of the customs value of the product **shall be imposed on the declarant.**

(Amendment 12)

*Chapter IV, Article 24a (new)***Article 24a**

The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee set up by Decision 68/361/EEC. This committee, which shall be of an advisory nature, shall be composed of one representative per Member State and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

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

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

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

(Amendment 13)

Article 25

Where reference is made to the procedure provided for in this Article, the Standing Veterinary Committee set up by Council Decision 68/361/EEC shall *take decisions* in accordance with the rules established in Article 17 of Directive 89/662/EEC.

Where reference is made to the procedure provided for in this Article, the Standing Veterinary Committee set up by Council Decision 68/361/EEC shall **deliver its opinion** in accordance with the rules established in Article 24a of this Directive.

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BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 14)

*Article 25a (new)***Article 25a**

The committee shall as a rule meet in public, unless a specific duly motivated decision is taken to the contrary and published in good time. It shall publish agendas two weeks in advance of its meetings. It shall publish minutes of its meetings. It shall establish a public register of declarations of interests by its members. The European Parliament shall be informed of all decisions taken.

(Amendment 15)

Article 26

Where reference is made to the procedure defined in this Article, the Standing Veterinary Committee shall *take decisions* in accordance with the rules established in Article 18 of Directive 89/662/EEC.

Where reference is made to the procedure defined in this Article, the Standing Veterinary Committee shall **deliver its opinion** in accordance with the rules established in Article 24a of this Directive.

(Amendment 16)

*Article 29a (new)***Article 29a**

The Commission shall draw up a list of the bilateral agreements still in force between individual Member States and third countries, and shall set a transitional period for the harmonisation of conditions for the import into the Community of products of animal origin.

(Amendment 17)

Article 30, first paragraph

Directive 90/675/EEC is repealed with effect from 1 January 1997.

Directive 90/675/EEC is repealed with effect from 1 January **1998**.

(Amendment 18)

Article 31(1), first and second subparagraphs

1. Member States shall adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive before 1 January 1997; they shall forthwith notify the Commission thereof.

They shall apply those provisions as from 1 January 1997.

1. Member States shall adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive before 1 January **1998**; they shall forthwith notify the Commission thereof.

They shall apply those provisions as from 1 January **1998**.

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Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 – C4-0334/96 – 96/0109(CNS))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(96)0170 – 96/0109(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0334/96),
 - whereas the legal basis proposed by the Commission is not appropriate, and reference should be made to Articles 189b and 100a of the EC Treaty;
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A4-0033/97),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and requests that the conciliation procedure be initiated;
 5. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 6. Points out that the Commission is required to submit to Parliament any modification it may intend to make to its proposal as amended by Parliament;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 245, 23.8.1996, p. 9.

II.

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directives 71/118/EEC, 72/462/EEC, 85/73/EEC, 91/67/EEC, 91/492/EEC, 91/493/EEC, 92/45/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 – C4-0335/96 – 96/0110(CNS))

The proposal was approved.

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Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directives 71/118/EEC, 72/462/EEC, 85/73/EEC, 91/67/EEC, 91/492/EEC, 91/493/EEC, 92/45/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (COM(96)0170 – C4-0335/96 – 96/0110(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(96)0170 – 96/0110(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0335/96),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A4-0033/97),

1. Approves the Commission proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 245, 23.8.1996, p. 24.

(c) **A4-0022/97**

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals (COM(96)0460 – C4-0545/96 – 96/0228(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 2)

Recital 3a (new)

Whereas a Regulation on the identification of bovine animals is necessary in order to restore consumer confidence in beef and processed beef products, which has been seriously affected as a result of the BSE epidemic; whereas the Regulation must be formulated such that due emphasis is given to consumer protection;

(Amendment 3)

Recital 6

Whereas for the purpose of rapid and accurate tracing of animals for health reasons and the control of Community aid schemes each Member State should create a computerized data base which shall record the identity of the animal, all holdings on their territory and the movements of the animals;

Whereas for the purpose of rapid and accurate tracing of animals for health reasons, **complete identification of origin of animals, tracing previous movements of animals, animal breeding activities** and the control of Community aid schemes each Member State should create a computerized data base which shall record the identity of the animal, all holdings on their territory and the movements of the animals;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 349, 20.11.1996, p. 10.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 4)

Recital 6a (new)

Whereas, in order to establish an effective system of identification and registration throughout the European Union which is consistent with the objectives of this Regulation, the technical infrastructure (data bases, etc.) should be of the same standard in all the Member States;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 6b (new)

Whereas for the acceptability of the identification system to be introduced it is essential not to impose excessive demands on the producer in terms of bureaucracy; whereas, similarly, care must be taken that the cost per animal remains small;

(Amendment 6)

Recital 6c (new)

Whereas steps must be taken to ensure that the technical conditions exist to guarantee perfect communication by the producer with the data base and a comprehensive use of data bases; whereas there must also be guarantees that when data are notified to the data base the probability of error does not exceed a certain level; whereas the introduction of data bases is meaningful only under these conditions;

(Amendment 7)

Recital 6d (new)

Whereas during a transitional phase the Member States shall be free to dispense with a double collection of data in both data bases and through animal passports, except for the date of birth and the dates relating to slaughter; whereas the Member States can also dispense with animal passports, provided it is guaranteed that all animal movements are correctly notified to a central data base; whereas this shall not apply in the transitional phase;

(Amendment 8)

Recital 6e (new)

Whereas with regard to access to data bases the producers must be guaranteed adequate data protection; whereas account must be taken of the special significance of national consumer protection organizations within the framework of the existing data protection;

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 9)

Recital 7

Whereas in order to permit movements of bovine animals to be traced animals must be identified by an ear-tag applied in each ear *and accompanied by a passport* throughout any movement; whereas the form and content of the mark and the requirements of the passport must be determined on a Community basis; whereas a passport must be issued for each animal to which an ear-tag has been allocated;

Whereas in order to permit movements of bovine animals to be traced animals must be identified by an ear-tag applied in each ear throughout any movement; whereas the form and content of the mark and the requirements of the passport must be determined on a Community basis; whereas, **in so far as a country specifies a passport for bovine animals**, a passport must be issued for each animal to which an ear-tag has been allocated **and it must accompany the animal during any movement**;

(Amendment 10)

Recital 8

Whereas in the case of animals in which the ear-tag has become illegible or been lost a new mark must be applied; whereas a replacement tag shall bear the same *code* as the original ear-tag;

Whereas in the case of animals in which the ear-tag has become illegible or been lost a new mark must be applied; whereas a replacement tag shall bear the same **number** as the original ear-tag;

(Amendment 11)

Article 2, second indent

— 'keeper' shall mean any natural or legal person responsible for animals, whether on a permanent or on a temporary basis, including during transportation or *at a market*;

— 'keeper' shall mean any natural or legal person responsible for animals, whether on a permanent or on a temporary basis, including during transportation or **during trading in animals**;

(Amendment 12)

Article 3, first paragraph a (new)

The Member States shall apply these elements in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation. The Member States may dispense with issuing animal passports when it is guaranteed that all animal movements are notified to a central data base. This shall not apply, however, during the transitional phase laid down in Article 5.

(Amendment 13)

Article 3, second paragraph

The Commission and the competent authority of the Member State concerned shall have access to all information under this Regulation. They shall take the measures necessary to ensure appropriate accessibility to this data for all parties concerned, *in particular to consumer organizations having a particular interest recognized by the Member State, as well as the protection of its confidentiality.*

The Commission and the competent authority of the Member State concerned shall have access to all information under this Regulation. They shall take the measures necessary to ensure appropriate accessibility to this data for all parties concerned. **Consumer protection organizations shall receive access to this information in well-founded cases recognized by the national bodies.**

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 14)

Article 4(1)

1. All animals on a holding shall be identified by an ear-tag applied in each ear approved by the competent authority. The ear-tags shall bear the same unique identification code. The first two positions shall identify the Member State of the holding where the animal is first identified in accordance with the alpha-2 country code set down in Decision 93/317/EEC, followed by a numeric code which shall not exceed 12 characters, and which makes it possible to identify each animal individually together with the holding on which it was born.

1. All animals on a holding shall be identified by an ear-tag applied in each ear **which shall be of a type** approved by the competent authority, **shall not be forgeable and shall be legible throughout the animal's life**. The ear-tags shall bear the same unique identification code. The first two positions shall identify the Member State of the holding where the animal is first identified in accordance with the alpha-2 country code set down in Decision 93/317/EEC, followed by a numeric code which shall not exceed 12 characters, and which makes it possible to identify each animal individually together with the holding on which it was born.

(Amendment 15)

Article 4(2), first subparagraph

2. The ear-tag shall be applied within *14* days following the birth of the animal and in any case before the animal leaves the holding on which it was born.

2. The ear-tag shall be applied within **30** days following the birth of the animal and in any case before the animal leaves the holding on which it was born.

(Amendment 16)

Article 4(3), first subparagraph

3. Any animal imported from a third country which has passed the checks laid down by Directive 91/496/EEC and which remains within Community territory shall be identified *on the holding of destination by an eartag complying with the provisions of this Article, within 14 days of undergoing the aforesaid checks, and, in any event, before leaving the holding. However, it is not necessary to identify the animal* if the holding of destination is a slaughterhouse situated in the Member State where such checks are carried out *and the animal is actually slaughtered within that 14-day period.*

3. Any animal imported from a third country which has passed the checks laid down by Directive 91/496/EEC and which remains within Community territory shall be identified **officially on entry into the Community by the border inspection posts and after** undergoing the aforesaid checks. **A link shall be established at this point between the identification carried out by the third country and the identification carried out by the Member State of destination.** If the holding of destination is a slaughterhouse situated in the Member State where such checks are carried out, the animal **shall be earmarked within 72 hours.**

(Amendment 18)

Article 4(5)

5. No ear-tag may be removed or replaced without the permission of the competent authority. Where an ear-tag has become illegible or has been lost, a replacement tag bearing the same *code* shall be applied in accordance with this Article.

5. No ear-tag may be removed or replaced without the permission of the competent authority. Where an ear-tag has become illegible or has been lost, a replacement tag bearing **at least the same number** shall be applied in accordance with this Article. **Illegible or lost ear-tags must be reissued by the competent office or rewritten using indelible ink.**

(Amendment 19)

Article 4(6a) (new)

6a. Holdings may receive once each year a number of ear-tags on the basis of the number of tags used the previous year.

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(Amendment 20)

Article 4(7)

7. *Ear-tags which do not comply with the requirements as laid down in this Article, shall be replaced on 31 December 1997 at the latest.*

7. **By 1 July 1997 at the latest, only those ear-tags which comply with the requirements as laid down in this Article may be used for newborn animals.**

(Amendment 21)

Article 5, first paragraph (1), seventh indent

— identification numbers of all holdings where the animal has been kept;

— identification numbers of **the first and all subsequent** holdings where the animal has been kept;

(Amendment 22)

Article 5, first paragraph (2), first indent

— the identification number consisting of a code not exceeding 12 characters;

— the identification number consisting of a code not exceeding **14** characters;

(Amendment 23)

Article 5, third paragraph

The data base shall be fully operational *and contain all relevant data* on 31 December 1997 at the latest.

The data base shall be fully operational on 31 December 1997 **and by that date** at the latest contain **birth and slaughter data. It shall contain all other data from 31 December 1998 at the latest.**

(Amendment 24)

Article 5, third paragraph a (new)

In so far as it can be guaranteed that all the data listed in this Article is contained in the data base, the Member States may dispense with the introduction of animal passports.

(Amendment 25)

Article 5, third paragraph b (new)

The notification of data to the data base shall take place within 30 days, but at the latest before an animal leaves the holding.

(Amendment 26)

Article 5, third paragraph c (new)

For imports from third countries the necessary data shall be forwarded to the data base on entry into the Community, regardless of whether or not the Member State concerned has introduced an animal passport.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 27)

Article 6(1)

1. *The competent authority shall issue a passport for each animal to which an ear-tag has been allocated within 7 days following the notification of its birth, or, in the case of animals imported from third countries, of the notification of its re-identification by the Member State concerned, as provided for under Article 4 paragraph 3. The competent authority may issue a passport to animals from another Member State under the same conditions. In such cases, the passport accompanying the animal on its arrival shall be surrendered to the competent authority which shall return it to the issuing Member State.*

1. **Where a Member State is using or introducing an animal passport, the keeper shall receive together with the ear-tags the appropriate number of animal passports. The keeper shall be required after attaching the ear-tag to activate the animal passport. Animals imported from third countries shall receive the animal passport relating to the ear-tag on entry into the Community.** The competent authority may issue a passport to animals from another Member State under the same conditions. In such cases, the passport accompanying the animal on its arrival shall be surrendered to the competent authority which shall return it to the issuing Member State.

(Amendment 29)

Article 7(1), second indent

— report to the competent authority all movements to and from the holding and all births and deaths of animals on the holding, along with the dates of these events within *three* working days of the event occurring,

— report to the competent authority all movements to and from the holding and all births and deaths of animals on the holding, along with the dates of these events within **30** working days of the event occurring,

(Amendment 30)

Article 9, introduction

The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70. These detailed rules shall cover in particular:

By 1 April 1997 at the latest, the Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70. These detailed rules shall cover in particular:

(Amendment 31)

Article 10, second paragraph

Any penalties imposed by the Member State on keepers shall be proportionate to the gravity of the breach. The penalties may involve, where justified, a restriction on movement of the animals to or from the keeper concerned.

Any penalties imposed by the Member State on keepers shall be proportionate to the gravity of the breach. The penalties may involve, where justified, a restriction on movement of the animals to or from the keeper concerned **and, where applicable, partial or complete exclusion from Community aid schemes.**

(Amendment 32)

Article 10a (new)

Article 10a

The Commission shall ensure, through ad hoc funding, that the technical facilities are harmonized for the complete development and operation of data bases in the Member States, particularly in those not having such facilities or where the existing facilities do not meet the requirements of this Regulation.

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TEXT PROPOSED
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(Amendment 33)

*Article 10b (new)***Article 10b**

Each Member State shall submit an annual report to the Commission on the implementation of this Regulation, the first of these reports to be submitted by 1 July 1998. The Commission shall communicate a summary report to the European Parliament.

(Amendment 34)

*Article 12, second paragraph*It shall apply from 1 *January* 1997.It shall apply from 1 **July** 1997.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals (COM(96)0460 – C4-0545/96 – 96/0228(CNS))

(Consultation procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(96)0460 – 96/0228(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0545/96),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Budgetary Control (A4-0022/97),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 349, 20.11.1996, p. 10.

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Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Frutos Gama, Funk, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, García Arias, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garosci, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gillis, Glante, Glase, Goepel, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, González Triviño, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graenitz, Graziani, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, Guigou, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Herzog, Hindley, Holm, Hoppenstedt, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Hyland, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Jarzembowski, Jensen Lis, Jöns, Jové Peres, Junker, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijñ-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klab, Klironomos, Koch, Kofoed, Kokkola, Konrad, Kouchner, Krarup, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristoffersen, Kronberger, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Laignel, Lalumière, La Malfa, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lang Carl, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Le Chevallier, Le Gallou, Lehne, Lenz, Leopardi, Le Pen, Leperre-Verrier, Le Rachinel, Liese, Ligabue, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Linkohr, Linser, Lööw, Lomas, Lucas Pires, Lüttge, Lukas, Lulling, Macartney, McCarthy, McCartin, McGowan, McIntosh, McKenna, McMahon, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Malerba, Malone, Mamère, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Manzella, Marin, Marinho, Marinucci, Marra, Marset Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Martinez, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Mendonça, Menrad, Metten, Mezzaroma, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Monfils, Moniz, Moorhouse, Morán López, Moreau, Moretti, Morgan, Morris, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Müller, Mulder, Murphy, Musumeci, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Novo Belenguer, Oddy, Ojala, Olsson, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Orlando, Otila, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pack, Pailler, Paisley, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Parigi, Parodi, Pasty, Peijs, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pery, Peter, Pettinari, Pex, Piecyk, Piha, Pimenta, Piquet, Pirker, des Places, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Poggiolini, Poisson, Pollack, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Pradier, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, van Putten, Rack, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Rauti, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Ribeiro, Riis-Jørgensen, Rinsche, Ripa di Meana, Robles Piquer, Rocard, Rosado Fernandes, de Rose, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roubatis, Rovsing, Rübig, Ruffolo, Ryyänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Sakellariou, Salafrañca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sarlis, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scapagnini, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlechter, Schlüter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Secchi, Seillier, Seppänen, Sierra González, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smith, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Spaak, Speciale, Spencer, Spiers, Stasi, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Svensson, Tajani, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Tittley, Todini, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Truscott, Tsatsos, Ullmann, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vandemeulebroucke, Vanhecke, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Viceconte, de Villiers, Vinci, Viola, Virgin,

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Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, van der Waal, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weber, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

(+) = For

(-) = Against

(O) = Abstention

1. Urgencies

Objection 1 – Job losses

(+)

GUE/NGL: Camero González, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Mohamed Ali, Ojala, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas

PPE: Deprez

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Augias, Avgerinos, Balfé, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crampton, Crawley, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Howitt, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Junker, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klironomos, Kokkola, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Lööw, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Manzella, Marinucci, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Napoletano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Paasilinna, Paasio, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pery, Peter, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Ruffolo, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusi, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Van Lancker, Vecchi, Waddington, Watts, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Hory, Kouchner, Lalumière, Macartney, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Cars, Cox, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, La Malfa, Lindqvist, Mulder, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Watson, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, Sandbæk, van der Waal

NI: Hager, Lukas

PPE: Alber, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bannasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Brok, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Costa Neves, Cunha, D'Andrea, Decourrière, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hoppenstedt, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klauf, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langenhagen, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Roving, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: d'Aboville, Andrews, Baggioni, van Bladel, Cabrol, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Daskalaki, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Killilea, Pasty, Santini, Schaffner, Todini

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann

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I-EDN: Berthu, de Villiers**NI:** Dillen, Martinez

2. Urgencies**Objection III – Róisín Mc Aliskey**

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ARE: Ewing, Macartney**GUE/NGL:** Alavanos, Carnero González, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Ojala, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas**I-EDN:** Berthu, Sandbæk**PPE:** Banotti, Burtone, Flemming, Gillis, Imaz San Miguel**PSE:** Klironomos, Lomas, Malone, Miller, Morris, Ruffolo, Schmid, Seal, Skinner, Smith, Van Lancker**UPE:** d'Abouville, Andrews, Baggioni, van Bladel, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Daskalaki, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Killilea, Leopardi, Ligabue, Malerba, Pasty, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner, Todini**V:** Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Mamère, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Wolf

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Hory, Kouchner, Lalumière, Taubira-Delannon, Vandemeulebroucke**ELDR:** André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofeod, La Malfa, Lindqvist, Mulder, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wijsenbeek**I-EDN:** Blokland, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal**NI:** Hager, Lukas**PPE:** Alber, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Brok, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, D'Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klauf, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langenhagen, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Virgin**PSE:** Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Augias, Avgerinos, Balfé, Barón Crespo, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crawley, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, García Arias, Gebhardt, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Howitt, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kokkola, Krehl, Kuhn, Lambraki, Lange, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Marinucci, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Murphy, Needle, Newens, Newman, Paasilinna, Paasio, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Vecchi, Waddington, Watts, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ELDR: Cox

I-EDN: des Places

NI: Dillen, Martinez, Vanhecke

PPE: Bianco

PSE: Crampton, Kuhne, Napoletano

UPE: Cabrol

3. Urgencies

Objection V – Exports of beef

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ARE: Ewing, Macartney

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Carnero González, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Ojala, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas

PPE: Berend

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Augias, Avgerinos, Balfé, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crampton, Crawley, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Howitt, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klironomos, Kokkola, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Löow, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Manzella, Marinucci, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Murphy, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Paasilinna, Paasio, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pery, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Ruffolo, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Watts, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Mamère, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Wolf

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Hory, Kouchner, Lalumière, Pradier, Taubira-Delannon, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, La Malfa, Lindqvist, Moretti, Mulder, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryynänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wijzenbeek

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, des Places, Sandbæk, Souchet, de Villiers, van der Waal

NI: Dillen, Hager, Lukas, Martinez, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Brok, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, D'Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, Gillis, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langenhagen, Lenz, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Pex, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi,

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Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: d'Aboville, Baggioni, van Bladel, Cabrol, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Danesin, Daskalaki, Guinebertière, Hermange, Janssen van Raay, Leopardi, Ligabue, Malerba, Pasty, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner, Todini

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PSE: Ford

4. Urgencies

Objection V – Bulgaria

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ELDR: Nordmann**I-EDN:** Blokland, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal**NI:** Dillen, Hager, Lukas, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Brok, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langenhagen, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Pex, Pimenta, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: d'Aboville, Baggioni, van Bladel, Cabrol, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Danesin, Daskalaki, Guinebertière, Hermange, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Leopardi, Ligabue, Malerba, Pasty, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner, Todini

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Ewing, Hory, Kouchner, Lalumière, Macartney, Pradier, Taubira-Delannon, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, La Malfa, Lindqvist, Moretti, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Alavanos, Carnero González, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Ojala, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas

I-EDN: Sandbæk**PPE:** D'Andrea

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Augias, Avgerinos, Balfé, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Bontempi, Bowe, Bösch, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crampton, Crawley, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Howitt, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klironomos, Kokkola, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Lomas, Lüttge, Lööw, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Manzella, Marinucci, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Miller, Miranda

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de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Murphy, Napolitano, Needle, Newman, Paasilinna, Paasio, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pery, Peter, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Ruffolo, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Seal, Simpson, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Watts, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wynn,

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Mamère, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Wolf

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ELDR: Cars

I-EDN: Berthu

NI: Martinez

PSE: Botz

5. Joint resolution — BSE

Amendment 2

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ARE: Weber

ELDR: André-Léonard, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Eisma

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, des Places, de Rose, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers, van der Waal

NI: Dillen, Hager, Kronberger, Le Pen, Linser, Lukas, Raschhofer

PPE: Baudis, Bernard-Reymond, de Brémond d' Ars, Decourrière, Grossetête, Herman, Soulier

PSE: Campos, Laignel

UPE: d'Aboville, Andrews, Baggioni, van Bladel, Cabrol, Cardona, Carrère d'Encausse, Chesa, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Donnay, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Jacob, Kaklamanis, Martin Philippe, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Ripa di Meana, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Ewing, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: Anttila, Bertens, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Farassino, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Lindqvist, Monfils, Moretti, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wiebenga

I-EDN: Nicholson

NI: Amadeo, Bellere', Féret, Muscardini, Musumeci, Paisley, Parigi

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoberos Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bianco, Böge, Boulranges, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cunha, Cushnahan, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Iaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Oomen-Ruijten,

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Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stasi, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Barzanti, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Baldi, Boniperti, Danesin, Florio, Janssen van Raay, Ligabue, Malerba, Podestà, Santini, Scapagnini, Todini

V: Soltwedel-Schäfer

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ELDR: Dybkjær

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Herzog, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Theonas

NI: Lang Carl, Le Rachinel, Vanhecke

PPE: Dimitrakopoulos, Fourçans

PSE: Happart

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Amendment 8

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ARE: Dary, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Novo Belenguier, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke, Weber

ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Farassino, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Lindqvist, Monfils, Moretti, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Spaak, Teverson, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Amadeo, Bellere', Féret, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Lukas, Muscardini, Musumeci, Parigi, Raschhofer

PPE: Bourlanges, Deprez, Imaz San Miguel, Viola

PSE: Campos, Happart, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas

UPE: Baldi, Boniperti, Danesin, Di Prima, Florio, Malerba, Marin, Podestà, Santini, Todini

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ELDR: Anttila, Ryyänänen, Virrankoski, Väyrynen

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, des Places, de Rose, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers, van der Waal

NI: Paisley

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cunha, Cushman, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lenz, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stasi, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Barzanti, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Speciale, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Theorin, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: d'Aboville, Andrews, Baggioni, van Bladel, Cabrol, Cardona, Carrère d'Encausse, Chesa, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Donnay, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Killilea, Ligabue, Martin Philippe, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

V: Soltwedel-Schäfer

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ELDR: Thors

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Herzog, Jové Peres, Manisco, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Theonas

NI: Dillen, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Vanhecke

PPE: Dimitrakopoulos, Fourçans

PSE: Bontempi, Laignel, Spiers

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Ripa di Meana, Roth, Schroedter, Tamino, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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Paragraph 7

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ARE: Ewing, Macartney, Weber**ELDR:** Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Farassino, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Lindqvist, Moretti, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wiebenga**NI:** Amadeo, Bellere', Féret, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Lukas, Muscardini, Musumeci, Parigi, Raschhofer**PPE:** Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Baudis, Bébéar, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Cunha, Cushnahan, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Langen, Langenhagen, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, Majj-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Menrad, Mombaur, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau**PSE:** Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Barzanti, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahan, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusi, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann**UPE:** d'Aboville, Andrews, Baggioni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Cardona, Carrère d'Encausse, Chesa, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Di Prima, Florio, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Ligabue, Malerba, Marin, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Scapagnini, Schaffner, Todini**V:** Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Ripa di Meana, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Monfils, Olsson**I-EDN:** Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, des Places, de Rose, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers, van der Waal

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NI: Blot, Le Pen, Paisley

PPE: Cassidy, Chichester, Corrie, Donnelly Brendan, Elles, Jackson, Kellett-Bowman, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Mather, Méndez de Vigo, Moorhouse, Perry, Plumb, Provan, Spencer, Stasi, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy

PSE: Haug

V: Soltwedel-Schäfer

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Herzog, Jové Peres, Manisco, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Theonas

I-EDN: Bonde, Jensen Lis, Sandbæk

NI: Antony, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Rachinel, Vanhecke

PPE: Dimitrakopoulos, Fourçans

PSE: Happart

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Ewing, Macartney, Weber

ELDR: Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Farassino, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Lindqvist, Moretti, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wiebenga

NI: Amadeo, Bellere', Féret, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Lukas, Muscardini, Musumeci, Parigi, Raschhofer

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoberos Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bébéar, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Burenstam Linder, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Cushnahan, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Langen, Langenhagen, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, Majj-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Menrad, Mombaur, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Poettering, Poggiolini, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra, Sarlis, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stasi, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfé, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Barzanti, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo

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Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnoek, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Trautmann, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: d'Aboville, Andrews, Arroni, Baggioni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Caccavale, Carrère d'Encausse, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Di Prima, Florio, Gallagher, Hermange, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Ligabue, Malerba, Marin, Martin Philippe, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Santini, Scapagnini, Todini

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blotnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Lannoye, Lindholm, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Ripa di Meana, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Monfils

I-EDN: Berthu, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Jensen Lis, Nicholson, de Rose, Sandbæk, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang Carl, Le Chevallier, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Paisley, Vanhecke

PPE: Cassidy, Chichester, Corrie, Donnelly Brendan, Elles, Jackson, Kellett-Bowman, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Mather, Moorhouse, Perry, Plumb, Pomés Ruiz, Provan, Spencer, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy

PSE: Campos, Laignel

UPE: Chesa, Guinebertière, Jacob, Schaffner

V: Soltwedel-Schäfer

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ARE: Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Alavanos, Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Herzog, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sjöstedt, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Theonas

I-EDN: Blokland, des Places, van der Waal

PPE: Cunha, Decourrière, Dimitrakopoulos, Fourçans, Grossetête, Méndez de Vigo, Soulier

PSE: Dury, Happart

UPE: Cardona, Kaklamanis, Killilea, Rosado Fernandes

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Resolution

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Lalumière, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen

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PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barton, Barzanti, Berger, Billingham, Blak, Bontempi, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Guigou, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morgan, Morris, Murphy, Myller, Napoletano, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyrizias, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Trautmann, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, Vecchi, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Waidelich, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, West, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Andrews, Arroni, Baggioni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Caccavale, Cardona, Carrère d'Encausse, Chesa, Crowley, Danesin, Di Prima, Donnay, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Jacob, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Ligabue, Malerba, Marin, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Scapagnini, Schaffner, Todini

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hautala, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Mamère, Müller, Orlando, Ripa di Meana, Roth, Schroedter, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Bonde, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Jensen Lis, Nicholson, des Places, de Rose, Sandbæk, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers, van der Waal

NI: Paisley

PPE: Cassidy, Chichester, Corrie, Donnelly Brendan, Elles, Jackson, Kellett-Bowman, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Mather, Moorhouse, Perry, Plumb, Provan, Spencer, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy

PSE: Barros-Moura

V: Holm, Lindholm

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Farassino, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Lindqvist, Monfils, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Eriksson, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

NI: Blot, Dillen, Féret, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Stirbois, Vanhecke

V: Gahrton, Schörling

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Thursday, 20 February 1997

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1997

(97/C 85/04)

PART I

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CAPUCHO

Vice-President

(The sitting opened at 10 a.m.)

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr Goepel had informed the Chair that he had been present the previous day but that his name was not on the attendance register.

Mr Marinho had informed the Chair that he had intended to vote in favour of the motion for a resolution on BSE (*Part I, Item 9*).

Mr Sakellariou spoke on Part I, Item 16.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

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The following spoke:

— Mr Andrews who, pointing out that he had already spoken on this subject (Minutes of 17.2.1997, Item 10), called on the Chair to ask the President of Parliament to take measures to obtain the urgent release from a British prison of Róisín McAliskey, who was seven months pregnant;

— Mrs Oomen-Ruijten who remarked that the House had rejected the previous day a Green Group motion to include this among the items under subject III. 'Human rights' in the topical and urgent debate (Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 3).

2. ONP and universal services for telecommunications *I (debate)**

Mrs Read introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony and on universal service for telecommunications in a competitive environment (replacing European Parliament and Council Directive 95/62/EC) (COM(96)0419 — C4-0581/96 — 96/0226(COD)) (A4-0049/97).

The following spoke: Mr Ettl, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr W. G. Van Velzen, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Lindqvist, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Wolf, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Ewing, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mrs Muscardini, Non-attached Member, Mrs Thors, draftsman of the opinion of the

Committee on Legal Affairs, Mr Herman, Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, and Mrs Read, rapporteur, who asked for an assurance that the vote on her report would be taken during voting time at 12 noon, if necessary by changing the voting order of the various reports (the President replied that he would forward this request to the services responsible)

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 7.

3. Telecommunications — Satellite personal communications services *II (debate)**

The next item was a joint debate on two recommendations for second reading on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy.

Mr W.G. van Velzen introduced the recommendation for second reading on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on a common framework for general authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services (C4-0633/96 — 95/0282(COD)) (A4-0051/97).

Mr Hoppenstedt introduced the recommendation for second reading on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision on a coordinated authorization approach in the field of satellite personal communication services in the Community (C4-0634/96 — 95/0274(COD)) (A4-0050/97).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PODESTÀ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mrs Read, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Malerba, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Frischenschlager, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Wolf, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Glante, Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, Mr W.G. van Velzen who put a question to the Commission which Mr Bangemann answered, and Mr Hoppenstedt.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 5.

(The sitting was suspended at 11.50 a.m. until voting time at 12 noon)

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IN THE CHAIR: Mr ANASTASSOPOULOS

Vice-President

Mr Gollnisch condemned a tract being circulated inside Parliament calling for demonstrations against the organization by his party, the French National Front, of its Congress in Strasbourg.

VOTING TIME

The President decided in view of the insufficient number of Members in the Chamber to begin the votes with the Mosiek-Urbahn report (A4-0345/96) which did not require a qualified majority.

4. Consumer credit *I (vote)**

Mosiek-Urbahn report — A4-0345/96

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0079 — C4-0243/96 — 96/0055(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1, 3 to 6, 8 collectively; 2 by EV (161 for, 118 against, 5 abstentions); 7 by EV (176 for, 142 against, 0 abstentions)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 1*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 1*).

5. Telecommunications — satellite personal communication services *II (vote)**

Recommendations for 2nd reading by Mr W.G. van Velzen (A4-0051/97) and Mr Hoppenstedt (A4-0050/97)

(a) A4-0051/97:

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0633/96 — 95/0282(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 6 collectively

The President declared the common position approved as amended (*Part II, Item 2(a)*).

(b) A4-0050/97:

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0634/96 — 95/0274 (COD)

Amendment adopted: 1

The President declared the common position approved as amended (*Part II, Item 2(b)*).

6. Recognition of diplomas *I (vote)**

Gebhardt report — A4-0003/97

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0022 — C4-0123/96 — 96/0031(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 3 and 7 to 11 collectively

Amendments not put to the vote: (Rule 125(1)(e)): 4, 5, 6

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 3*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 3*).

7. ONP and universal service for telecommunications *I (vote)**

Read report — A4-0049/97

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0419 — C4-0581/96 — 96/0226(COD):

Amendments adopted: 1; 2; 3 by EV (252 for, 163 against, 4 abstentions); 41 by RCV; 5; 6 by EV (253 for, 164 against, 5 abstentions); 7; 8; 9 (without 'mobile'); 10; 44; 12; 13; 14 (corrected); 45 by EV (215 for, 208 against, 3 abstentions); 15 (1st part) (without 'mobile'); 46 (2nd part) by EV (229 for, 189 against, 6 abstentions); 16 (without 'mobile'); 17; 18 by EV (205 for, 199 against, 17 abstentions); 47 by EV (217 for, 194 against, 4 abstentions); 38 (1st part) (without 'mobile'); 19 by EV (265 for, 154 against, 10 abstentions); 20 by EV (270 for, 151 against, 8 abstentions); 21 (1st part) (without 'mobile'); 50 by RCV; 22 to 24 collectively (23 without 'mobile'); 25; 26 (without 'mobile') by EV (243 for, 167 against, 20 abstentions); 51 by EV (216 for, 196 against, 16 abstentions); 52 by EV (222 for, 203 against, 2 abstentions); 28 and 30 to 33 collectively; 29 (without 'mobile') by EV (267 for, 165 against, 6 abstentions); 35; 36 (1st part) by EV (261 for, 172 against, 6 abstentions); 36 (2nd part); 37 (without 'mobile')

Amendments rejected: 15 (2nd part); 38 (2nd part); 21 (2nd part); 34 by EV (185 for, 240 against, 12 abstentions)

Amendments fallen: 11; 27;

Amendments withdrawn: 39, 40, 53, 42, 43, 46 (1st part), 48; 49

Amendment not put to the vote: (Rule 125(1)(e)): 4

The following spoke during the vote:

— Mr W.G. van Velzen at the start of the vote withdrew am. 53 of which he was co-author, and then requested separate votes on ams. 25 and 29;

— Mr von Wogau, chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs, asked for clarification on the separate vote on the word 'mobile' in ams. 9, 15, 16, 38, 21, 23, 26, 29 and 37; the rapporteur provided the necessary clarification;

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— the President pointed out a mistake in am. 14 where 'European Commission' should be replaced by 'European Parliament' in the last sentence;

— Mrs Oomen-Ruijten requested separate votes on ams. 25 and 26;

Separate votes: the word 'mobile' in ams. 9, 15, 16, 38, 21, 23, 26, 29 and 37 (PPE); ams. 25, 26 (PPE); ams. 29, 34 (PSE)

Split votes:

am. 15 (PSE) (corrigendum):

1st part: text without the word 'exclusively'
2nd part: this word

am. 38 (PSE) (corrigendum):

1st part: text without the word 'exclusively'
2nd part: this word

am. 21 (PSE) (corrigendum):

1st part: text without the word 'exclusively'
2nd part: this word

am. 36 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'service concerned'
2nd part: remainder

Results of RCVs:

ams. 9, 15, 16, 38, 21, 23, 26, 29 and 37: 'mobile' (PPE):

Members voting:	425
For:	204
Against:	216
Abstentions:	5

am. 41 (PSE):

Members voting:	406
For:	220
Against:	172
Abstentions:	14

am. 50 (PSE):

Members voting:	430
For:	234
Against:	193
Abstentions:	3

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended ⁽¹⁾ (*Part II, Item 4*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 4*).

⁽¹⁾ With the agreement of the committee responsible, certain amendments have had to be adapted to make them clearer.

8. Residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs * (vote)

Kenneth D. Collins report — A4-0035/97

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0584 — C4-0683/96 — 96/0279(CNS):

The following spoke:

— the rapporteur who explained the procedure to be used for the vote in the light of the Council's request for urgent procedure on the Commission's proposed amendment of Article 14 in the proposal for a Regulation (am. 8) concerning the extension of the deadline; he pointed out that a vote by Parliament to extend the deadline in no way meant it was giving an opinion on the proposal for a Regulation and that a revised draft legislative resolution had been prepared with the backing of the political groups to take account of the situation; he noted that only am. 8 and the revised draft legislative resolution should be put to the vote;

— Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, who confirmed that the Council had requested urgent procedure only on the proposed amendment of Article 14 to avoid a legal vacuum and that, in strict legal terms, Parliament's opinion could only cover this point; he pointed out that the Council had given a written undertaking not to act on the text as a whole until Parliament, which had not yet been consulted on the proposal itself, had given its opinion on the substance of the proposal; in the unlikely event of the Council acting or announcing its intention to act, the Commission undertook to withdraw its proposal.

Amendment adopted: 8

Amendments not put to the vote: 1 to 6; (am. 7 had been cancelled)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 5*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

The President read out the revised version of the draft legislative resolution.

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

9. Staff Regulations (equal treatment of men and women) * (vote)

Lindholm report — A4-0046/97

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0077 — C4-0565/96 — 00/0904(CNS):

The President announced that the V Group had requested a linguistic modification of the Dutch version of the proposal.

The following spoke on this request: Mr Blokland, Mrs Van Dijk and Mrs Maij-Weggen.

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Amendments adopted: 1; 2; 3 by RCV; 4; 5 by RCV; 6 (1st part); 6 (2nd part) by EV (for 249, against 150, abstentions 2); 7; 8 by RCV; 9; 10 by RCV; 11; 16; 18 by EV (for 201, against 199, abstentions 4); 12; 13; 15; 14; 17

The following spoke during the vote:

Mrs Zimmermann before the votes on ams. 8 and 17, requested a change to the German version of each of these amendments (the President replied that the language services would examine this request);

Split votes:

am. 6 (PPE):

1st part: text without the words 'do not apply ... in one Member State'

2nd part: these words

Results of RCVs:

am. 3 (PSE, PPE, I-EDN):

Members voting:	416
For:	263
Against:	139
Abstentions:	14

am. 5 (PSE):

Members voting:	391
For:	341
Against:	46
Abstentions:	4

am. 8 (PPE):

Members voting:	415
For:	263
Against:	141
Abstentions:	11

am. 10 (PPE, I-EDN):

Members voting:	396
For:	252
Against:	130
Abstentions:	14

am. 11 (PSE, PPE, I-EDN):

Members voting:	383
For:	348
Against:	121
Abstentions:	14

Mr Fabre-Aubrespy on behalf of the I-EDN Group, asked for the report to be referred back to committee pursuant to Rule 129(1).

The following spoke on this request: Mr Cot, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Florio and the rapporteur.

Parliament rejected the request by EV (152 for, 247 against, 10 abstentions).

Parlement approved the Commission proposal as amended by RCV (PPE, I-EDN):

Members voting:	407
For:	253
Against:	139
Abstentions:	15

(Part II, Item 6).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by RCV (PSE, V, I-EDN):

Members voting:	400
For:	247
Against:	140
Abstentions:	13

(Part II, Item 6).

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Mr Caccavale asked for his report to be voted that morning (the President replied that he hoped that this would still be possible).

10. Consumer policy (vote)

Whitehead report — A4-0317/96

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendment adopted: 1

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Separate votes: paras. 13, 19 (GUE/NGL)

Split votes:

para. 14 (ELDR):

1st part: introduction and 1st indent
2nd part: 2nd indent
3rd part: 3rd indent

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

11. Green Paper on financial services (vote)

Marinucci report — A4-0048/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments rejected: 1; 2; 3; 4

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Split votes:

para. 37 (ELDR):

1st part: 1st introductory phrase and first four indents
2nd part: 5th indent
3rd part: 6th indent
4th part: 2nd introductory phrase and first indent
5th part: last indent

Parliament adopted the resolution (Part II, Item 8).

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12. Union policy towards Algeria (vote)

Motions for resolutions B4-0061, 0067, 0086, 0097, 0145 and 0146/97

The President announced that he had received a request for a two-month postponement of the vote on the motions, tabled by Mr Robles Piquer and 28 other Members.

The following spoke: Mr Robles Piquer and Mr Cohn-Bendit.

Parliament rejected the request.

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0061, 0067, 0086, 0097 and 0146/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Colajanni, Titley, Fouque, Wiersma and Napolitano, on behalf of the PSE Group,
von Habsburg, Hernandez Mollar and Fabra Vallés, on behalf of the PPE Group,
André-Léonard and Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Cohn-Bendit and Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group,
Saint-Pierre, Pradier, Kouchner, Hory, González Triviño, on behalf of the ARE Group,

to replace these motions with a new text:

(Mr Sakellariou had withdrawn his signature from motion for a resolution B4-0067/97)

Amendment adopted: 1

The different parts of the text were adopted in order except for para. 8, 1st part, which was rejected by RCV (the 2nd part consequently fell).

Separate vote: para. 9 (UPE, PSE)

Split votes:

para. 8 (v):

1st part: up to 'conflict'
2nd part: remainder

Results of RCVs:

para. 8 (1st part) (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	308
For:	131
Against:	172
Abstentions:	5

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution by EV (152 for, 160 against, 8 abstentions).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0061/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0067/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution by EV (137 for, 153 against, 15 abstentions).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0086/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0097/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0145/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0146/97

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution by EV (118 for, 181 against, 4 abstentions)

The President established that the House did not wish to continue voting time to enable the Caccavale report (A4-0010/97) to be put to the vote.

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Explanations of vote:

W.G. van Velzen recommendation (A4-0051/97)

– *in writing:* Mr Kellett-Bowman

Whitehead report (A4-0317/96)

– *in writing:* Mrs Díez de Rivera Icaza, Mr Caudron; Mr Lindqvist, Mr Holm, Mr Gahrton, Mr Lindholm; Mr Svensson, Mr Eriksson

Read report – (A4-0049/97)

– *in writing:* Mr Caudron; Mrs Roth; Mr Svensson, Mr Eriksson, Mrs Kirsten Jensen, Mr Iversen, Mr Sindal, Mr Blak

Kenneth D. Collins report – (A4-0035/97)

– *in writing:* Mrs Breyer, on behalf of the V Group; Mrs Marinucci; Mrs Lindqvist

Gebhardt report (A4-0003/97)

– *in writing:* Mr Caudron; Mr Mezzaroma; Mr Titley,

Lindholm report (A4-0046/97)

– *oral:* Mr Gollnisch

– *in writing:* Mrs van Dijk, on behalf of the V Group; Mr Wijsenbeek; Mrs Roth; Mr Caudron; Mrs Kirsten Jensen, Mr Blak, Mr Sindal, Mr Iversen; Mr Holm, Mr Gahrton, Mr Lindholm, Mrs Schörling,

Marinucci report (A4-0048/97)

– *in writing:* Mr Lindqvist

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Corrections to votes

Lindholm report (A4-0046/97)

Am. 5: Mr Hallam had intended to vote for, not abstain,

Am. 10: Mr Robles Piquer intended to vote against.

Algeria

Final vote: Mr Puerta had intended to vote against.

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END OF VOTING TIME

(The sitting was suspended at 1.25 and resumed at 3 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO

President

The following spoke:

— Mr Caccavale, who deplored the fact that his report (A4-0010/97), which had been due to be voted at voting time at midday, had not been put to the vote and asked for the vote to be held immediately after the vote on the motion of censure or alternatively postponed to the next part-session (the President accepted his suggestion to postpone the vote to the next part-session);

— Mr Kenneth D. Collins who noted that it should be established whether the Council was not planning in the meantime to include this item on its agenda (the President replied that this would be checked);

— Mrs Green who saw no reason why the report could not be voted before the end of the week (the President replied that he had agreed to the request to postpone the vote in order to avoid disrupting the agenda).

13. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the United States Congress, led by Mr Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the Committee for International Relations of the House of Representatives, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

14. Membership of Parliament

The President announced that the French authorities had informed him that Mr Michel Scarbonchi had been appointed Member of Parliament, to replace Mr Tapie with effect from 5 February 1997.

He welcomed the new Member and drew attention to the provisions of Rule 7(4).

15. BSE (motion of censure) (vote)

Motion of censure on the Commission tabled by Mr Happart and others — B4-0056/97/rev. 2)

(Mrs Fouque had also signed the motion of censure).

Mr Happart spoke (the President cut him off, pointing out that the debate had already taken place).

The vote was held by roll-call pursuant to Rule 34(5) and Article 144, 1st subparagraph, EC.

Parliament rejected the motion of censure:

Members voting:	459
For:	118
Against:	326
Abstentions:	15

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Explanations of vote:

— *oral*: the following Members: Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, Cot, Fontaine, Fabre-Aubrespy, Bourlanges, Paisley, Nordmann and Bonde,

— *in writing*: the following Members: Jové Peres, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Pery, de Brémond d'Ars, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Vaz da Silva, Ferrer, Souchet, Bernard-Reymond, Bébéar, Cars, Papayannakis, Soulier, Grossetête, Ford, Lindqvist, Berthu and Lucas Pires; Carlotti, McCartin; Ryyänänen, Anttila, Virrankoski; Caudron, Schlechter.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs HOFF

Vice-President

TOPICAL AND URGENT DEBATE

The next item was the topical and urgent debate (*for titles and authors of motions for resolutions, see Minutes of 18.2.1996, Part I, Item 4*).

16. Great Lakes region in Africa (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on seven motions for resolutions (B4-0058, 0076, 0092, 0101, 0114, 0116 and 0129/97).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Bertens, Mrs Dury, Mrs van Bladel, Mr Hory, Mr Tindemans, Mr Pettinari and Mr Telkämper.

The following spoke Mrs Günther, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Carrero González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission, and Mr Telkämper.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 21.

17. Albania (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on seven motions for resolutions (B4-0082, 0089, 0093, 0105, 0113, 0126 and 0138/97).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Bertens, Mrs Baldi, Mr Dupuis, Mr Titley, Mrs Pack, Mr Papayannakis and Mr Tamino.

The following spoke: Mr Lambrias, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 22.

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18. Human rights (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on 23 motions for resolutions (B4-0063, 0077, 0091, 0094, 0111, 0123, 0142, 0062, 0095, 0124, 0134, 0098, 0059, 0075, 0108, 0119, 0143, 0070, 0144, 0057, 0118, 0065 and 0130/97).

53rd session of the UN Human Rights Commission

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Bertens, Mr Schulz, Mrs van Bladel, Mr Dupuis, Mrs Lenz, Mr Pettinari, Mr Kreissl-Dörfler, Mr Cars, Mr Dell'Alba and Mr Gahrton, chairman of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr Macartney spoke on behalf of the ARE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr MARINHO
Vice-President

Iran

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Cars, Mr Newens, Mrs Lenz, Mr Pettinari and Mrs Roth.

Mordechai Vanunu

Mr Crampton and Mr Telkämper introduced motions for resolutions.

The following spoke: Mrs Van Bladel, on behalf of the UPE Group, and Mr Bertens on behalf of the ELDR Group.

Chad

Mrs André-Léonard introduced motion for a resolution B4-0057/97.

Mr McGowan spoke on behalf of the PSE Group (he also welcomed the Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad, who was in the official gallery).

Indigenous peoples of Indonesia

Mrs Hautala introduced motion for a resolution B4-0130/97.

The following spoke in the 'human rights' debate: Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission, Mr Hory and Mr de Silguy.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 23.

19. Former Yugoslavia and non-compliance with Dayton Agreements (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on seven motions for resolutions (B4-0087, 0090, 0099, 0104, 0127, 0139 and 0156/97).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Cars, Mr Macartney, Mr Titley, Mr Pettinari, Mr Tamino and Mrs Pack.

The following spoke: Mr Habsburg-Lothringen, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 24.

20. Racism and xenophobia (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on five motions for resolutions (B4-0069, 0100, 0117, 0131 and 0136/97).

The following introduced motions for resolutions: Mr Ford, Mr Hory, Mrs Pailler and Mrs Roth.

The following spoke: Mrs Fontaine, Mr Rocard, on Mrs Fontaine's remarks, and Mrs Lindeperg, on behalf of the PSE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr DAVID W. MARTIN
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mrs Schaffner, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Goerens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Mohamed Ali, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Berthu, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Vanhecke, Non-attached Member, Mrs d'Ancona, Mr Nordmann, Mr Amadeo, Mr Schulz, Mr Berthu, on Mr Schulz's remarks, Mr Vanhecke, to make a personal statement following Mr Schulz's remarks, Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission, Mrs Roth-Behrendt, who put a question to the Commission which Mr de Silguy undertook to forward to Mrs Gradin for a written reply, Mr Fabre-Aubrespy, to make a personal statement on behalf of his group following Mr Schulz's remarks, and Mr Schulz, on Mr Fabre-Aubrespy's remarks.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 25.

VOTE

21. Great Lakes region in Africa (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0058, 0076, 0092, 0101, 0114, 0116 and 0129/97)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0058/97:

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0076, 0092, 0114, 0116 and 0129/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Pons Grau and Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Fernández Martín and Tindemans, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Andrews and van Bladel, on behalf of the UPE Group,
Carnero González and Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Aelvoet and Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendment rejected: 1

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

(Motion for a resolution B4-0101/97 fell.)

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22. Albania (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0082, 0089, 0093, 0105, 0113, 0126 and 0138/97).

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0082, 0093, 0105, 0113, 0126 and 0138/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Roubatis, Swoboda, Imbeni, Hoff, Colajanni, Wiersma and Titley, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Pack, Castagnède and Stewart-Clark, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Bertens, Cars and La Malfa, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Alavanos, Theonas, Pettinari, Marset Campos and Gutiérrez Díaz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Aelvoet, Cohn-Bendit, Gahrton and Tamino, on behalf of the V Group,
Dupuis, on behalf of the ARE Group,
Caccavale,

to replace these motions with a new text:

Separate vote: recital C (PPE)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, recital C by EV (113 for, 76 against, 5 abstentions).

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

(Motion for a resolution B4-0089/97 fell.)

23. Human rights (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0063, 0077, 0091, 0094, 0111, 0123, 0142, 0062, 0095, 0124, 0134, 0098, 0059, 0075, 0108, 0119, 0143, 0070, 0144, 0057, 0118, 0065 and 0130/97).

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MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0062, 0063, 0077, 0091, 0094, 0095, 0098, 0111, 0123, 0124, 0134, 0142/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Barros Moura and Mr Imbeni, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Lenz, Moorhouse and Soulier, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Van Bladel and Caccavale, on behalf of the UPE Group,
Bertens and Larive, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Sjöstedt and Sornosa Martinez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Müller, Ripa di Meana, Aglietta and Kreissl-Dörfler, on behalf of the V Group,
Dupuis, Dell'Alba and Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group,

to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendments adopted: 1/rev. by EV (118 for, 81 against, 1 abstention)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

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

Iran

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0059, 0075, 0108, 0119 and 0143/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
García Arias, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Lenz, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Van Bladel and Caccavale, on behalf of the UPE Group,
Cars, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Vinci, Pettinari and Sornosa Martínez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Roth, Aglietta and Gahrton, on behalf of the V Group,
Vandemeulebroucke, Dupuis and Saint-Pierre, on behalf of the ARE Group,
- to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendments adopted: 3; 1; 4; 2 by EV (100 for, 92 against, 17 abstentions)

Amendments rejected: 5; 6; 7

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

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

Mordechai Vanunu

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0070 and 0144/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Coates, Pollack, Morris and Crampton, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Manisco, Sierra González and Marset Campos on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Telkämper, Ullmann, McKenna and Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group,
Dupuis, on behalf of the ARE Group,
- to replace these motions with a new text:

The President announced that all the political groups that had signed the joint motion had agreed to withdraw paragraph 4.

Separate votes: para. 2 (ELDR)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, para. 3 by EV (120 for, 85 against, 4 abstentions), except for para. 2 which was rejected by EV (28 for, 176 against, 1 abstention).

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV:

Members voting:	212
For:	121
Against:	85
Abstentions:	6

(*Part II, Item 11(c)*).

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Chad

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0057, 0118/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Vecchi, on behalf of the PSE Group,
André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Pettinari, Sierra González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Aelvoet, Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

Separate votes: recital D, para. 5 (UPE)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, recitals A to C by EV (108 for, 90 against, 8 abstentions) and para. 5 by EV (112 for, 87 against, 6 abstentions).

Mr McGowan asked the authors of the motion, in the light of the statements by the Prime Minister of Chad while visiting Strasbourg, to postpone the final vote on the motion by a month (the President established that the motion was not withdrawn and did not grant the request for postponement).

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

Indigenous peoples of Indonesia

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0065 and 0130/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Pollack, on behalf of the PSE Group,
van Bladel, on behalf of the UPE Group,
Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Ribeiro and Vinci, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Hautala, McKenna, Telkämper and van Dijk, on behalf of the V Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

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

24. Former Yugoslavia and non-compliance with Dayton Agreements (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0087, 0090, 0099, 0104, 0127, 0139 and 0156/97).

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0087, 0099, 0104, 0127, 0139 and 0156/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Wiersma, Hoff, Titley, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Oostlander, Castagnède, Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, Pack, on behalf of the PPE Group,

Cars, Bertens, La Malfa, Frischenschlager, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Carnero González, Gutiérrez Díaz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Aelvoet, Cohn-Bendit, Müller, Tamino, on behalf of the V Group,
Dupuis, Vandemeulebroucke, Saint-Pierre, on behalf of the ARE Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 12*).

(Motion for a resolution B4-0090/97 fell.)

25. Racism and xenophobia (vote)

Motions for resolutions (B4-0069, 0100, 0117, 0131 and 0136/97).

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0069, 0100, 0117, 0131 and 0136/97:

- joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Ford, Guigou, Carlotti, Bernardi, Lindeberg, Dury, Imbeni and Barros Moura, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Goerens and Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Pailler and Mohamed Ali, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group,
Roth, Cohn-Bendit, Mamère and Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group,
Hory, Lalumière, Dell'Alba and Saint-Pierre, on behalf of the ARE Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendments adopted: 1 by EV (105 for, 104 against, 0 abstentions); 2 (1st part) by EV (167 for, 30 against, 7 abstentions); 2 (2nd part) by EV (106 for, 101 against, 2 abstentions)

Separate votes: recital C, 1st and 2nd indents; recital C, 3rd to 5th indents; recital D; recital E; recitals G and H; para. 1; para. 2; para. 3; para. 5 (PPE); para. 6 (ARE, PPE); para. 7 (PPE)

Split votes:

am. 2 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'xenophobia'
2nd part: remainder

Votes by RCV:

para. 1 (PPE):

Members voting:	206
For:	200
Against:	5
Abstentions:	1

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, Recital C and the 3rd to 5th indents by EV (180 for, 85 against, 2 abstentions).

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Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE/PSE):

Members voting:	213
For:	118
Against:	86
Abstentions:	9

(Part I, Item 13).

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Corrections to votes

Joint motion for a resolution on racism and xenophobia, para. 1: Mr Berthu, Mr Souchet and Mr Fabre-Aubrespy had intended to vote for, not against.

*END OF TOPICAL AND URGENT DEBATE***26. Proceedings of the ACP/EU Joint Assembly in 1996 (debate)**

Mrs Baldi introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the outcome of the proceedings of the ACP/EU Joint Assembly in 1996 (A4-0019/97).

The following spoke: Mr Robles Piquer, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Nordmann on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group and Mr Pinheiro, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 21.2.1997, Part I, Item 10.

27. Development cooperation policy (debate)

Mr McGowan introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on complementarity between the Community's development cooperation policy and the policies of the Member States (COM(95)0160 – C4-0178/95) (A4-0028/97).

Mr Howitt spoke on behalf of the PSE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs SCHLEICHER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mrs Maij-Weggen, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group and Mr Pinheiro, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 21.2.1997, Part I, Item 11.

28. Humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development (debate)

Mr Fassa introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on European Union humanitarian aid and the role of ECHO and the Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament on linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) (COM(96)0153 – C4-0265/96) (A4-0021/97).

The following spoke: Mr Dupuis, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Mr Torres Couto, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Robles Piquer, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Sandbæk, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Amadeo, Non-attached Member, Mr Smith, Mrs Günther and Mr Pinheiro, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 21.2.1997, Part I, Item 12.

29. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Friday 21 February 1997:

9 a.m.

- vote on procedures without report
- votes on texts on which the debate had closed
- Mulder report on EAGGF discharge ⁽¹⁾
- Lulling report on spouses of the self-employed ⁽¹⁾
- oral question on leghold trap legislation ⁽¹⁾
- joint debate on seven oral questions on genetically modified maize ⁽¹⁾

(The sitting closed at 8.05 p.m.)

⁽¹⁾ Texts would be put to the vote at the close of each debate.

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PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament

1. Consumer credit ***I

A4-0345/96

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 87/102/EEC (as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC) relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit COM(96)0079 – C4-0243/96 – 96/0055(COD))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
	(Amendment 1)
	<i>Recital 3a (new)</i>
	Whereas, if credit offers are to be compared, this will require not only the harmonization of methods for calculating the annual percentage rate of charge but also the adoption of a standard definition of the components of the annual percentage rate of charge, in order to avoid the risk of creating a false transparency as regards credit offers;
	(Amendment 2)
	<i>Recital 8</i>
Whereas <i>accuracy to two decimal places and the use of a 365 or 366 day year is necessary;</i>	Whereas the annual percentage rate of charge should be calculated on the basis of a uniform calculation method which assumes a 365-day year;
	(Amendment 3)
	ARTICLE 1
<i>Article 1</i>	Deleted
<i>Whenever the term 'annual percentage rate of charge', or the equivalent term in another Community language, is used as required by Directive 87/102, it shall be accompanied by the following symbol:</i>	
<i>(symbol)</i>	
	(Amendment 4)
	ARTICLE 5
	<i>Article 3 (Directive 87/102/EEC as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC)</i>
Without prejudice to Council Directive 84/450/EEC of 10 September 1984 relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning misleading advertising, as amended by	Without prejudice to Council Directive 84/450/EEC of 10 September 1984 relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning misleading advertising, as amended by

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 235, 13.8.1996, p. 8.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Council Directive .../96 of ... 1996 concerning comparative advertising, and to the rules and principles applicable to unfair advertising, any advertisement, or any offer which is displayed at business premises, in which a person offers credit or offers to arrange a credit agreement and in which a rate of interest or any figures relating to the cost of the credit are indicated, shall also *include a statement of the annual percentage rate of charge, accompanied by the symbol as mentioned in Article 1 of this Directive, by means of a representative example if no other means is practicable.*

Council Directive .../96 of ... 1996 concerning comparative advertising, and to the rules and principles applicable to unfair advertising, any advertisement, or any offer which is displayed at business premises, in which a person offers credit or offers to arrange a credit agreement and in which a rate of interest or any figures relating to the cost of the credit are indicated, shall also **mention** the annual percentage rate of charge.

(Amendment 5)

ARTICLE 6

Article 4(2)(a)

(Directive 87/102/EEC as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC)

Article 4(2)(a) shall be amended as follows:

Deleted

'(a) a statement of the annual percentage rate of charge, accompanied by the symbol as mentioned in Article 1 of this Directive.'

(Amendment 6)

ARTICLE 9(1), first subparagraph

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary for them to comply with this Directive no later than *31 December 1996* and shall inform the Commission thereof.

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary for them to comply with this Directive no later than **1 January 1999** and shall inform the Commission thereof.

(Amendment 7)

ANNEX I

Annex II, remark (c)

(Directive 87/102/EEC as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC)

(c) Intervals between dates used in the calculations shall be expressed in years or in fractions of a year. A year is presumed to have 365 or 366 days.

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(Amendment 8)

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Annex II, remark (d)

(Directive 87/102/EEC as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC)

(d) *The result of the calculation shall be expressed with an accuracy of 2 decimal places. If the figure at the third decimal place is greater than or equal to 5, the figure at the second decimal place shall be increased by one.*

Deleted

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Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 87/102/EEC (as amended by Directive 90/88/EEC) relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit (COM(96)0079 – C4-0243/96 – 96/0055(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(96)0079 – 96/0055(COD) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 189b(2) and 100a of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C4-0243/96),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0345/96),
1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and requests that the conciliation procedure be initiated;
 5. Points out that the Commission is required to submit to Parliament any modification it may intend to make to its proposal as amended by Parliament;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 235, 13.8.1996, p. 8.

2. Telecommunications – Satellite personal communication services *II**

(a) A4-0051/97

Decision on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Directive on a common framework for general authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services (C4-0633/96 – 95/0282(COD))

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0633/96 – 95/0282(COD),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading ⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(95)0545 ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(96)0342 ⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 166, 10.6.1996, p. 78.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 90, 27.3.1996, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 291, 4.10.1996, p. 12.

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- having regard to Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 72 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0051/97),
1. Amends the common position as follows;
 2. Calls on the Commission to support Parliament's amendments in the opinion it is required to deliver pursuant to Article 189b(2)(d) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to approve all Parliament's amendments, amend its common position accordingly and definitively adopt the act;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

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(Amendment 1)

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(3) Whereas a common framework should be established for general authorizations and individual licences granted by Member States in the field of telecommunications services; whereas under Community Law and in particular under Commission Directive 90/388/EEC of 28 June 1990 on competition in the markets for telecommunications services, market entry should be restricted on the basis only of objective, non-discriminatory, proportionate and transparent selection criteria relating to the availability of scarce resources or on the basis of the implementation by national regulatory authorities of objective, non-discriminatory and transparent award procedures; whereas Directive 90/388/EEC also sets out principles regarding, inter alia, fees and rights of way; whereas these rules should be supplemented and enlarged by this Directive to determine this common framework;

(3) Whereas a common framework should be established for general authorizations and individual licences granted by Member States in the field of telecommunications services; whereas under Community Law and in particular under Commission Directive 90/388/EEC of 28 June 1990 on competition in the markets for telecommunications services, market entry should be restricted on the basis only of objective, non-discriminatory, proportionate and transparent selection criteria relating to the availability of scarce resources or on the basis of the implementation by national regulatory authorities of objective, non-discriminatory and transparent award procedures; whereas Directive 90/388/EEC also sets out principles regarding, inter alia, fees, **numbers** and rights of way; whereas these rules should be supplemented and enlarged by this Directive to determine this common framework

(Amendment 2)

Recital 18a (new)

(18a) Whereas a degree of harmonization of the procedures is already provided for in this Directive; whereas further harmonization may be desirable in order to achieve a more integrated telecommunications market; whereas this possibility should be assessed in the report to be drawn up by the Commission;

(Amendment 3)

Article 7(1) (c) and (d) and (2)

(c) to impose obligations and requirements on the licensee relating to the mandatory provision of publicly available telecommunications services and/or public telecommunications networks, including obligations *under ONP legislation and/or which require the licensee to provide universal service*;

(c) to impose obligations and requirements on the licensee relating to the mandatory provision of publicly available telecommunications services and/or public telecommunications networks, including obligations **which require the licensee to provide universal service and other obligations under ONP legislation**;

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(d) to impose specific obligations, in accordance with Community competition rules, where the licensee has significant market power, as defined in Article 4(3) of the Interconnection Directive in relation to the provision of public telecommunications networks and publicly available telecommunications services.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the provision of voice telephony services, the establishment and provision of public telecommunications networks as well as other networks involving the use of radio frequencies may be subject to individual licences.

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2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the provision of **publicly available** voice telephony services, the establishment and provision of public telecommunications networks as well as other networks involving the use of radio frequencies may be subject to individual licences.

(Amendment 4)

Article 19

Without prejudice to sections II and III, where the provision of a telecommunications service is not yet covered by a general authorization and where such a service and/or network cannot be provided without authorization, Member States shall, not later than six weeks after they have received an application, adopt provisional conditions or reject the application and inform the undertaking concerned of the reasons therefor. As soon as possible thereafter, Member States shall adopt definitive conditions or consent to the provision of the service concerned without authorization or provide reasons for any refusal to do so.

Without prejudice to sections II and III, where the provision of a telecommunications service is not yet covered by a general authorization and where such a service and/or network cannot be provided without authorization, Member States shall, not later than six weeks after they have received an application, adopt provisional conditions **allowing the undertaking to start providing the service** or reject the application and inform the undertaking concerned of the reasons therefor. As soon as possible thereafter, Member States shall adopt definitive conditions or consent to the provision of the service concerned without authorization or provide reasons for any refusal to do so. **Member States shall lay down an appropriate procedure for appealing to an institution independent of the national regulatory authority against refusals to adopt provisional or definitive conditions, rejections of applications or refusals to consent to the provision of the service concerned without authorization.**

(Amendment 5)

Article 23

Before 1 January 2000, the Commission shall prepare a report to be submitted to the European Parliament and Council. The report shall include an assessment, on the basis of the experience gained, of the need for further development of the regulatory structures as regards authorizations, in particular in relation to the scope of individual licences, to harmonization and to trans-European services and networks. Any amendments necessary to adapt the content of the Annex to new technological developments and appropriate practical procedures, together with Article 7(2), shall also be considered in this report.

Before 1 January 2000, the Commission shall prepare a report to be submitted to the European Parliament and Council **and to be accompanied, where appropriate, by new legislative proposals.** The report shall include an assessment, on the basis of the experience gained, of the need for further development of the regulatory structures as regards authorizations, in particular in relation to **the harmonization of the procedures and the scope of individual licences, to other aspects of harmonization and to trans-European services and networks. The report shall also include proposals with a view to consolidating the various committees existing in Community telecommunications legislation.** Any amendments necessary to adapt the content of the Annex to new technological developments and appropriate practical procedures, together with Article 7(2), shall also be considered in this report.

(Amendment 6)

Annex, final paragraph, first indent

— any other conditions which are not specific to the telecommunications sector;

— any other **legal** conditions which are not specific to the telecommunications sector;

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(b) A4-0050/97**Decision on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision on a coordinated authorization approach in the field of satellite personal-communication services in the Community (C4-0634/96 – 95/0274(COD))**

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0634/96 – 95/0274(COD),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading ⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(95)0529 ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(96)0467 ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 72 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0050/97),

1. Amends the common position as follows;
2. Calls on the Commission to support Parliament's amendment in the opinion it is required to deliver pursuant to Article 189b(2)(d) of the EC Treaty;
3. Calls on the Council to approve Parliament's amendment, amend its common position accordingly and definitively adopt the act;
4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

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(Amendment 1)

Annex II, timetable

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL		AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT	
1997		1997	
<i>March/April</i>	Work on mandates on harmonization for the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands	July	Work on mandates on harmonization for the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands
<i>March</i>	One-stop-shopping procedure for services planning to operate in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands	July	One-stop-shopping procedure for services planning to operate in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands
<i>March</i>	Determination whether the scarcity of frequencies in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands represents a constraint on the number of satellite personal-communications services which can be provided in those bands in the Community	July	Determination whether the scarcity of frequencies in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands represents a constraint on the number of satellite personal-communications services which can be provided in those bands in the Community
<i>July</i>	Harmonization of procedures for the authorization of systems planning to operate in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands	September	Harmonization of procedures for the authorization of systems planning to operate in the 1,6/2,4 GHz and 1,9/2,1 GHz frequency bands

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 198, 8.7.1996, p. 93.⁽²⁾ OJ C 15, 20.1.1996, p. 6.⁽³⁾ OJ C 350, 21.11.1996, p. 14.

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3. Recognition of diplomas *I**

A4-0003/97

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a mechanism for the recognition of qualifications in respect of the professional activities covered by the Directives on liberalization and transitional measures and supplementing the general systems for the recognition of qualifications (COM(96)0022 – C4-0123/96 – 96/0031(COD))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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(Amendment 1)

Recital 5

(5) Whereas appropriate procedures need to be introduced for updating *the categories of professional experience* and the lists of professional activities *to which these categories refer*;

(5) Whereas appropriate procedures need to be introduced for updating the lists of professional activities;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 6

(6) Whereas Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration and Council Directive 92/51/EEC of 18 June 1992 on a general system for the recognition of professional education and training to supplement Directive 89/48/EEC, as last amended by Commission Directive 95/43/EC, do not apply to certain professional activities covered by the Directives applying to this subject-matter; whereas recognition machinery in respect of qualifications should, therefore, be introduced for those professional activities not covered by Directives 89/48/EEC and 92/51/EEC;

(6) Whereas Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration and Council Directive 92/51/EEC of 18 June 1992 on a general system for the recognition of professional education and training to supplement Directive 89/48/EEC, as last amended by Commission Directive 95/43/EC, do not apply to certain professional activities covered by the Directives applying to this subject-matter (**Part One of Annex A to this Directive**); whereas recognition machinery in respect of qualifications should, therefore, be introduced for those professional activities not covered by Directives 89/48/EEC and 92/51/EEC; **whereas the professional activities listed in Part Two of Annex A to this Directive fall within the scope of Directive 92/51/EEC where the recognition of diplomas is concerned;**

(Amendment 3)

Article 3(1)

1. Without prejudice to Article 4, a Member State may not, on the grounds of inadequate qualifications, refuse to permit

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⁽¹⁾ OJ C 115, 19.4.1996, p. 16.

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a national of another Member State to take up or pursue any of the activities listed in Part One of Annex A on the same conditions as apply to its own nationals, without having first compared the skills certified by the qualifications obtained by the applicant with a view to pursuing the same activity elsewhere in the Community with those required under its own national rules. Where the comparative examination shows that the knowledge and skills certified by a qualification awarded by another Member State correspond to those required by the national rules, the host Member State cannot refuse the holder the right to pursue the activity in question. Where, however, the comparative examination shows only partial correspondence, the host Member State shall give the applicant the opportunity to demonstrate that he has acquired the knowledge and skills which were lacking.

a national of another Member State to take up or pursue any of the activities listed in Part One of Annex A on the same conditions as apply to its own nationals, without having first compared the skills certified by the qualifications obtained by the applicant with a view to pursuing the same activity elsewhere in the Community with those required under its own national rules. Where the comparative examination shows that the knowledge and skills certified by a qualification awarded by another Member State correspond to those required by the national rules, the host Member State cannot refuse the holder the right to pursue the activity in question. Where, however, the comparative examination shows only partial correspondence, the host Member State shall give the applicant the opportunity to demonstrate that he has acquired the knowledge and skills which were lacking, **especially by attending an updating course or taking an aptitude test by analogy with Directives 89/48/EEC and 92/51/EEC.**

(Amendment 7)

Article 5, introduction

A person shall be regarded as having pursued an activity *in a managerial capacity* within the meaning of Article 4 if he has pursued such an activity in an *industrial or commercial enterprise* in the occupational field in question:

A person shall be regarded as having pursued an activity as **manager of an undertaking** within the meaning of Article 4 if he has pursued such an activity in an **undertaking** in the occupational field in question:

(Amendment 8)

Article 6

Proof that the conditions laid down in Article 4 are satisfied shall be established by a certificate issued by the competent authority or body in the home Member State or in the Member State from where the applicant comes and which the applicant shall submit in support of his application for authorization to pursue the activity or activities in question in the host Member State.

Proof that the conditions laid down in Article 4 are satisfied shall be established by a certificate **concerning the nature and duration of the activity** issued by the competent authority or body in the home Member State or in the Member State from where the applicant comes and which the applicant shall submit in support of his application for authorization to pursue the activity or activities in question in the host Member State.

(Amendment 9)

Article 9

The *provisions of Article 4 and the lists* shown in Annex A may be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 10.

The lists shown in Annex A may be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 10.

(Amendment 10)

Article 11(2), second indent

— collecting all useful information for its application in the Member States.

— collecting all useful information for its application in the Member States, **and especially for gathering and comparing information on the different professional qualifications in the areas of activity falling within the scope of this Directive.**

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(Amendment 11)

*Article 13a (new)***Article 13a**

Not later than five years after the date referred to in Article 14 the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the state of application of this Directive in the Member States.

After undertaking all the necessary hearings, the Commission shall submit its conclusions regarding any changes to the existing arrangement. If necessary, the Commission shall also submit proposals for improving the existing arrangements with the aim of facilitating freedom of movement, the right of establishment and the free movement of services.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a mechanism for the recognition of qualifications in respect of the professional activities covered by the Directives on liberalization and transitional measures and supplementing the general systems for the recognition of qualifications (COM(96)0022 – C4-0123/96 – 96/0031(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(96)0022 – 96/0031(COD) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 189b(2), 49, 57(1) and (2), first and third sentences, and 66 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C4-0123/96),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights and the opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A4-0003/97),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and requests that the conciliation procedure be initiated;
 5. Points out that the Commission is required to submit to Parliament any modification it may intend to make to its proposal as amended by Parliament;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 115, 19.4.1996, p. 16.

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4. ONP and universal service for telecommunications *I**

A4-0049/97

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony and on universal service for telecommunications in a competitive environment (COM(96)0419 – C4-0581/96 – 96/0226(COD))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION ⁽¹⁾	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Amendment 2)	
<i>Recital 4</i>	
<p>(4) Whereas the basic universal service requirement is to provide users on request with a connection to the fixed public telephone network at a fixed location, at an affordable price; whereas there should be no constraints on the technical means by which the connection is provided, allowing for wire or wireless technologies; whereas affordability is a matter to be determined at national level in the light of specific national conditions, including town and country planning aspects; whereas the affordability of telephone service is related to the information users receive about telephone usage expenses as well as the relative cost of telephone usage compared to other services;</p> <p>Whereas tariff rebalancing is leading to a move away from uniformly low and non-cost-oriented tariffs; whereas until competition is effectively established safeguards may be necessary to ensure that price increases in remote or rural areas are not used to compensate for losses in revenue resulting from price decreases elsewhere; whereas price caps and similar schemes may be used to ensure that the necessary rebalancing does not affect users adversely, and that the differences between prices in high-cost areas and prices in low-cost areas do not endanger the affordability of telephone services;</p>	<p>(4) Whereas the basic universal service requirement is to provide users on request with a connection to the fixed public telephone network at a fixed location, at an affordable price and without discrimination; whereas there should be no constraints on the technical means by which the connection is provided, allowing for wire or wireless technologies; whereas affordability must be specified on the basis of guidelines, drawn up at European level, which take account of various conditions that can serve as guidance for the precise determination of affordability at national level;</p> <p>Whereas tariff rebalancing is leading to a move away from uniformly low and non-cost-oriented tariffs; whereas until competition is effectively established safeguards may be necessary to ensure that price increases in remote or rural areas are not used to compensate for losses in revenue resulting from price decreases elsewhere; whereas tariff rebalancing is an essential feature of a competitive market; whereas, however, price caps and similar schemes may be used to ensure that the necessary rebalancing does not affect users adversely, and that the differences between prices in high-cost areas and prices in low-cost areas do not endanger the affordability of telephone services;</p>
(Amendment 3)	
<i>Recital 5</i>	
<p>(5) Whereas the importance of the telephone network and service is such that it should be available to anyone reasonably requesting it; whereas in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, it is for Member States to decide which organisations have the responsibility for providing the various elements of the universal service for telecommunications as</p>	<p>(5) Whereas the importance of the telephone network and service is such that it should be available to anyone reasonably requesting it; whereas in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, it is for Member States to decide on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria which organisations have the responsibility for providing the various elements</p>

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 371, 9.12.1996, p. 22.

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defined in this Directive; whereas corresponding obligations could be included as conditions in authorisations to provide voice telephony services; whereas only the net cost of obligations covered in this Directive should be shared under a universal service financing scheme;

of the universal service for telecommunications as defined in this Directive, **taking into account the ability of all operators who are willing to provide all or part of these elements**; whereas corresponding obligations could be included as conditions in authorisations to provide voice telephony services; whereas only the net cost of obligations covered in this Directive should be shared under a universal service financing scheme;

(Amendment 41)

Recital 6a (new)

(6a) Whereas free access to directory enquiry services for handicapped people, especially blind or partially sighted and deaf or speech-impaired people, as well as for certain other groups with special social needs is essential to guarantee their equal access to information available to the general public;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 14

(14) Whereas in view of the forecast convergence of fixed and mobile telephone services, the *applicability of the Directive* with respect to mobile services should be re-examined when the Directive is reviewed; whereas the review date of 31 December 1999 will allow for a coordinated review of all the ONP Directives in the light of experience with the liberalization of public telecommunications networks and voice telephony services;

(14) Whereas in view of the forecast convergence of fixed and mobile telephone services, the **extent to which the Directive is applicable** with respect to mobile services should be re-examined when the Directive is reviewed; whereas the review date of 31 December 1999 will allow for a coordinated review of all the ONP Directives in the light of experience with the liberalization of public telecommunications networks and voice telephony services;

(Amendment 7)

Article 1 (2), second subparagraph (new)

The Commission shall also regularly examine to what extent further provisions of this Directive can be applied to mobile telephony, given the continuing integration of fixed and mobile telecommunications technology.

(Amendment 8)

Article 2(2), indents 6 and 7

— 'universal service' means a defined minimum set of services of specified quality which is available to all users independent of their geographical location and, *in the light of specific national conditions*, at an affordable price,

— 'universal service' means a defined minimum set of services of specified quality which is available to all users **in the European Union** independent of their geographical location and, **on the basis of guidelines drawn up at European level**, at an affordable price,

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- 'national regulatory authority' means the body or bodies in each Member State entrusted by that Member State, inter alia, with the regulatory functions addressed in this Directive,

- 'national regulatory authority' means the body or bodies in each Member State, **as defined in Directive 96.../EC amending Directives 90/387/EEC and 92/44/EEC on the application of open network provision to leased lines ⁽¹⁾ for the purpose of adaptation to a competitive environment in telecommunications**, entrusted by that Member State, inter alia, with the regulatory functions addressed in this Directive,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 165, 19.6.1992, p. 27.

(Amendment 10)

Article 3, second paragraph

Where these services cannot be commercially provided on the basis of conditions laid down by the Member State, Member States *may* set up universal service *schemes for the shared financing of these services*, in conformity with Community law.

Where these services cannot be commercially provided on the basis of conditions laid down by the Member State, Member States **shall** set up a universal service **financing scheme**, in conformity with Community law.

Member States may to some extent impose additional universal service requirements. Such additional requirements may not, under any circumstances whatever, have an impact on the costing of universal service provision as laid down at EU level and may not be financed from a mandatory contribution by market players.

(Amendment 44)

Article 4(1), first subparagraph

1. Member States shall ensure, in the light of their national conditions, the affordability of the services specified in this chapter.

1. Member States shall ensure, in the light of their national conditions, the affordability of the services specified in this chapter, **on the basis of guidelines to be set by Community law. The Commission shall make the necessary proposals to this end after having consulted all interested parties.**

(Amendment 12)

Article 4(1), second subparagraph

Taking into account the progressive adjustment of tariffs towards costs, Member States shall in particular maintain the affordability of the specified services for users in rural or high cost areas, where necessary by taking measures to ensure that *price increases in rural areas are not used to compensate losses in revenue resulting from price decreases elsewhere*, and for vulnerable groups of users such as the elderly, those with disabilities, those who do not use the telephone very much.

Taking into account the progressive adjustment of tariffs towards costs, Member States shall in particular maintain the affordability of the specified services for users in rural or high cost areas, where necessary by taking measures to ensure that **losses in revenue resulting from price decreases elsewhere are not compensated by price increases in rural areas**, and for vulnerable groups of users such as the elderly, those with disabilities, those who do not use the telephone very much.

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(Amendment 13)

Article 4(1), third subparagraph

To this end, Member States shall remove obligations which prevent or restrict the use of special or targeted tariff schemes for the provision of the services specified in this Directive and *may*, in accordance with Community law, implement price caps or other similar schemes for some or all of the specified services, for an appropriate period of time.

To this end, Member States shall remove obligations which prevent or restrict the use of special or targeted tariff schemes for the provision of the services specified in this Directive, **unless they are set up upon a geographic segmentation and shall**, in accordance with Community law, implement price caps or other similar schemes for some or all of the specified services, for an appropriate period of time.

(Amendment 14)

Article 4(2)

2. Member States shall publish regular reports on the evolution of tariffs.

2. Member States shall publish regular reports on the evolution of tariffs. **They shall submit this information on tariff evolution to the Commission. The Commission shall publish regular reports on the evolution of tariffs throughout the European Union. These reports should be accessible to the European Parliament as well as to all consumers and their representatives.**

(Amendment 45)

Article 4(2a) (new)

2a. The Commission shall develop common rules for monitoring the tariffs and shall determine the frequency of the monitoring by the Member States.

(Amendment 46)

Article 5(2), second subparagraph (new)

The Commission should consider in its report on universal service to be published before 1 January 1998 whether and to what extent other beneficiaries of the liberalisation process in the telecommunications sector could contribute to the financing of universal service.

(Amendment 16)

Article 6(1)(a)

(a) subscribers have the right to have an entry in publicly available directories, and to verify and if necessary correct or request removal of that entry;

(a) subscribers have the right, **free of charge**, to have an entry in publicly available directories, and to verify and if necessary correct or request removal of that entry; **in the case of incorrect entry of details through the fault of the operator or publisher, the subscriber shall be entitled to compensation;**

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(Amendment 17)

Article 6(1)(b)

(b) directories of all subscribers who *consent to be* listed, including fixed and personal numbers, are available to users in printed and where appropriate, electronic form, and updated on a regular basis;

(b) directories of all subscribers who **have not expressed opposition to being** listed, including fixed and personal numbers, are available to users in printed and where appropriate, electronic form, and updated on a regular basis;

(Amendments 18 and 47)

Article 6(1)(ba) (new)

(ba) subscribers have the right to withhold their details from publicly available directories and to restrict the use of that information for commercial purposes without any charge, and are duly informed of these rights; moreover, the information contained in the directories should only be used for commercial purposes after the consent of the subscriber. The subscriber can revise his consent at any moment;

(Amendment 19)

Article 7(1)

1. Member States shall ensure that public payphones are provided to meet the reasonable needs of users, in terms of both numbers and geographical coverage.

1. Member States shall ensure that public payphones **and public pay text telephones** are provided to meet the reasonable needs of users, in terms of both numbers and geographical coverage.

(Amendment 20)

Article 7 (2)

2. Member States shall ensure that it is possible to make emergency calls from public payphones using the single European emergency call number '112' referred to in Decision 91/396/EEC, and other national emergency numbers, all free of charge.

2. Member States shall ensure that it is possible to make emergency calls from public payphones **and public pay text telephones** using the single European emergency call number '112' referred to in Decision 91/396/EEC, and other national emergency numbers, all free of charge **and without having to make use of coins or cards.**

(Amendment 50)

Article 8

Member States shall, where appropriate, take specific measures to ensure access to and affordability of telephone services for disabled users and users with special needs.

Member States shall, where appropriate, take specific measures to ensure access to and affordability of telephone **equipment and** services for disabled users and users **or geographical areas** with special **social** needs, **in particular for the availability of social rates and flexible payment schemes for low-income consumers and for the provision of public access to information society resources.**

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(Amendment 22)

Article 9

Member States shall ensure that all users provided with a connection to the fixed public telephone network can:

- (a) connect and use terminal equipment suitable for the connection provided, in accordance with national and Community law;
- (b) access operator assistance services, and directory enquiry services in accordance with Article 6;
- (c) access emergency services at no charge, using the dialling code '112' and any other dialling codes specified by national regulatory authorities for use at a national level.

All connections to the fixed public telephone network installed after 1st January 1998 should be of a quality that supports, in addition to speech, data communications at rates suitable for access to online information services, i.e. 14 400 bit/s or more.

Member States shall ensure that all users, **including disabled users**, provided with a connection to the fixed public telephone network can:

- (a) connect and use terminal equipment suitable for the connection provided, in accordance with national and Community law;
- (b) access operator assistance services, and directory enquiry services in accordance with Article 6 **at no charge or at a nominal cost**;
- (c) access emergency services at no charge, using the dialling code '112' and any other dialling codes specified by national regulatory authorities for use at a national level.

All connections to the fixed public telephone network installed after 1st January 1998 should be of a quality that supports, in addition to speech, data communications at rates suitable for access to online information services, i.e. 14 400 bit/s or more. **Member States shall ensure that all reasonable requests for converting an older connection are satisfied.**

(Amendment 24)

Article 10(2), first subparagraph

2. Without prejudice to other rights of appeal provided for by national law, Member States shall ensure that users and, *where national law so provides*, organizations representing user and/or consumer interests, can bring before the national regulatory authority cases *where compensation and/or refund arrangements are deemed to be unsatisfactory for users*.

2. Without prejudice to other rights of appeal provided for by national law, Member States shall ensure that users and organizations representing user and/or consumer interests, can bring before the national regulatory authority cases **where there is non-compliance of the contract by the service provider, in accordance with the provisions of Article 26;**

(Amendment 25)

Article 10(2), second subparagraph a and b (new)

Alterations may be called for only on the basis of predetermined criteria.

The Commission shall ensure that the alterations called for do not interfere with fair competition on the market.

(Amendment 51)

Article 11(2)

2. National regulatory authorities shall ensure that organizations providing fixed public telephone networks provide them with details of technical interface specifications for network access, as identified in Part 1 of Annex II to be made available

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in accordance with paragraph 4. Changes in existing network interface specifications and information on new network interface specifications shall be communicated to the national regulatory authority in advance of the implementation. The national regulatory authority *may* lay down a suitable period of notice.

in accordance with paragraph 4. Changes in existing network interface specifications and information on new network interface specifications shall be communicated to the national regulatory authority in advance of the implementation. The national regulatory authority **shall** lay down a suitable period of notice. **Moreover, the national regulatory authority shall consult the interested parties, and especially the representatives of the users and consumers, on the changes in existing network interface specifications.**

(Amendment 52)

Article 12(3), first subparagraph

3. Where appropriate, and in particular as a result of consultation with interested parties in accordance with the provisions of Article 24, national regulatory authorities shall ensure publication of the performance data referred to in paragraph 1, and *may* set performance targets for organisations providing fixed public telephone networks and/or publicly available telephone services where these do not exist already in accordance with Article 11(4).

3. Where appropriate, and in particular as a result of consultation with interested parties in accordance with the provisions of Article 24, national regulatory authorities shall ensure publication of the performance data referred to in paragraph 1, and **shall** set performance targets for organisations providing fixed public telephone networks and/or publicly available telephone services where these do not exist already in accordance with Article 11(4).

(Amendment 28)

Article 12(4)

4. National regulatory authorities shall have the right to call for independent audits of the performance data in order to ensure the accuracy and comparability of the data made available by the organizations referred to in paragraph 1.

4. National regulatory authorities shall have the right to call for independent audits of the performance data in order to ensure the accuracy and comparability of the data made available by the organizations referred to in paragraph 1. **Such audits shall be treated in confidence, and the facts emerging from these investigations may be used only to secure the relevant quality levels.**

(Amendment 29)

Article 14(1), first subparagraph, second indent

— itemized billing and selective call barring as facilities available on request.

— itemized billing and selective call barring as facilities available on request, **and in alternative formats for blind and partially sighted people.**

(Amendment 30)

Article 15(3a) (new)

3a. Where the facility of number portability, as referred to in Article 12(5) of Directive 97/.../EC on interconnection in telecommunications to ensure universal service and interoperability through open network provision is not yet in use, national regulatory authorities shall ensure that, once a user has changed supplier, a telephone call to his old number can be rerouted to the user against a reasonable fee approved by the national regulatory authority, or that

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during a reasonable period callers are given an indication of the new number, without charging the user or the callers for this service.

(Amendment 31)

Article 16(1)

1. National regulatory authorities shall ensure that the organisations with significant market power in the provision of fixed public telephone networks deal with reasonable requests from organisations providing telecommunications services for access to the fixed public telephone network at network termination points other than the commonly provided network termination points referred to in part 1 of Annex II.

1. National regulatory authorities shall ensure that the organisations with significant market power in the provision of fixed public telephone networks deal with reasonable requests from organisations providing telecommunications services for access to the fixed public telephone network at network termination points referred to in part 1 of Annex II. **This obligation may only be limited if there are technically and commercially viable alternatives to the special access requested, and if the requested access is inappropriate in relation to the resources available to meet the request.**

(Amendment 32)

Article 16(4)

4. National regulatory authorities may intervene on their own initiative *at any time*, and shall do so if requested by either party, in order to set conditions that are non-discriminatory, are fair and reasonable for both parties and offer the greatest benefit to all users.

4. National regulatory authorities may intervene on their own initiative **in case of failure of the commercial negotiation**, and shall do so if requested by either party, in order to set conditions that are non-discriminatory, are fair and reasonable for both parties and offer the greatest benefit to all users.

(Amendment 33)

Article 16(9)

9. Details of agreements for special network access shall be made available to the national regulatory authority upon its request.

9. Details of agreements for special network access shall be made available to the national regulatory authority upon its request. **National regulatory authorities shall keep those parts which deal with the commercial strategy of the parties as laid down in paragraph 3 strictly confidential.**

(Amendment 35)

Article 19, first paragraph

Member States shall ensure that, where an organization has an obligation for its tariffs to follow the principle of cost orientation in accordance with Article 17, discount schemes for end users (including consumers) are fully transparent and published and applied in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination.

Member States shall ensure that, where an organization has an obligation for its tariffs to follow the principle of cost orientation in accordance with Article 17, discount schemes for end users (including consumers) are fully transparent and published and applied in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination. **Price transparency shall guarantee that residential subscribers do not subsidise discounts to industrial customers. Moreover, Member States shall ensure that there is consultation before the introduction of the different discount schemes.**

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(Amendment 36)

Article 21, second paragraph

Except in cases of *persistent late or non-payment*, these measures shall ensure, as far as is technically feasible, that any service interruption is confined to the service concerned, and that complete disconnection takes place only after a stated period during which *calls are permitted that do not incur a charge to that subscriber*.

Except in cases **where late or non-payment persists, and, in the case of consumers, in spite of a flexible paying scheme having been implemented**, these measures shall ensure, as far as is technically feasible, that any service interruption is confined to the service concerned, and that complete disconnection takes place only after a stated period during which **only incoming calls and calls to those emergency services described in Article 9(c) are permitted**.

(Amendment 37)

Article 26(2) to (5)

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| <p>2. A user or an organization may, where the dispute involves organizations in more than one Member State, invoke the <i>conciliation</i> procedure provided for in points 3 and 4 by means of a written notification to the national regulatory authority and to the Commission. Member States may also allow their national regulatory authority to invoke <i>the conciliation</i> procedure.</p> | <p>2. A user or an organization may, where the dispute involves organizations in more than one Member State, invoke the dispute resolution procedure provided for in points 3 and 4 by means of a written notification to the national regulatory authority and to the Commission. Member States may also allow their national regulatory authority to invoke this procedure. The national regulatory authorities concerned shall coordinate their efforts in order to bring about a resolution of the dispute and shall inform the Commission.</p> |
| <p>3. Where <i>the</i> national regulatory authority or the Commission finds that there is a case for further examination, following a notification based on point 2, it can refer the matter to the chairman of the ONP Committee.</p> | <p>3. Where a national regulatory authority or the Commission finds that there is a case for further examination, following a notification based on point 2, it can refer the matter to the chairman of the ONP Committee.</p> |
| <p>4. In the circumstances referred to in point 3, the chairman of the ONP Committee shall initiate the procedure described below if satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken at national level:</p> <p>(a) the chairman of the ONP Committee shall convene as soon as possible a working group including at least two members of the ONP Committee and one representative of the national regulatory authorities concerned, and the chairman of the ONP Committee or another official of the Commission appointed by him. The working group shall be chaired by the representative of the Commission and shall normally meet within 10 days of having been convened. The chairman of the working group may decide, upon proposal by any of the members of the working group, to invite a maximum of two other persons as experts to advise it;</p> <p>(b) the working group shall give the party invoking this procedure, the national regulatory authorities of the Member States involved and the organizations involved the opportunity to present their opinions in oral or written form;</p> | <p>4. In the circumstances referred to in point 3, the chairman of the ONP Committee shall initiate the procedure described below if satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken at national level:</p> <p>(a) the chairman of the ONP Committee shall convene as soon as possible a working group including at least two members of the ONP Committee and one representative of the national regulatory authorities concerned, and the chairman of the ONP Committee or another official of the Commission appointed by him. The working group shall be chaired by the representative of the Commission and shall normally meet within 10 days of having been convened. The chairman of the working group may decide, upon proposal by any of the members of the working group, to invite a maximum of two other persons as experts to advise it;</p> <p>(b) the working group shall give the party invoking this procedure, the national regulatory authorities of the Member States involved and the organizations involved the opportunity to present their opinions in oral or written form;</p> |

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(c) the working group shall endeavour to reach agreement between the parties involved within three months of the date of receipt of the notification referred to in paragraph 2. The chairman of the ONP Committee shall inform that Committee of the results of the procedure so that it may express its views.	(c) the working group shall endeavour to reach agreement between the parties involved or otherwise define its position within three months of the date of receipt of the notification referred to in paragraph 2. The chairman of the ONP Committee shall inform that Committee of the results of the procedure so that it may express its views. The position agreed in accordance with this procedure shall form the basis of a solution to be implemented at a national level without delay. If an agreed position is not reached or if an agreed position is not implemented within a reasonable time which shall not, except in justified cases, exceed two months, the appropriate solution shall be adopted with binding effect by the Commission.
5. The party invoking the procedure shall bear its own costs of participating in this procedure.	5. Without prejudice to the right of the users to claim for damages if it appears that the behaviour of the other party has incurred financial losses, the party invoking the procedure shall bear its own costs of participating in this procedure.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony and on universal service for telecommunications in a competitive environment (COM(96)0419 – C4-0581/96 – 96/0226(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council, COM(96)0419 – 96/0226(COD) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C4-0581/96),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0049/97),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189(2) of the EC Treaty;
4. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and requests that the conciliation procedure be initiated;
5. Points out that the Commission is required to submit to Parliament any modification it may intend to make to its proposal;
6. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 371, 9.12.1996, p. 22.

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5. Residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs ***A4-0035/97**

Proposal to extend the time-limit laid down in Article 14 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (COM(96)0584 – C4-0683/96 – 96/0279(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendment:

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(Amendment 8)

ARTICLE 1(8)

Article 14, second and third subparagraphs (Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90)

With regard to substances whose use was authorized in veterinary medicinal products before the date on which this Regulation entered into force and for which applications to establish maximum residue limits were submitted either to the Commission or to the Agency before 1 January 1996, the prohibition date indicated in the previous subparagraph shall be deferred to 1 January 1999. Within three months of the adoption of this Regulation, the Agency will publish a list of these substances.

As from 1 January 1997, the Member States shall not allow foodstuffs destined for human consumption to originate from animals that have been subjected to clinical trials unless the substance in question is mentioned in Annex III(a).

With regard to substances whose use was authorized in veterinary medicinal products before the date on which this Regulation entered into force and for which applications to establish maximum residue limits were submitted either to the Commission or to the Agency before 1 January 1996, the prohibition date indicated in the previous subparagraph shall be deferred to 1 January 1999, **provided that the potentially most dangerous substances, such as pyrazolone derivates, nitroimidazoles, arsanil acid and phenylbutazon are assessed before 31 December 1997. If these most dangerous substances are not assessed before 31 December 1997 or this assessment is not completed, these substances shall be prohibited within the Community from 1 January 1998 onwards.** Within three months of the adoption of this Regulation, the Agency will publish **both lists** of these substances.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 381, 17.12.1996, p. 9.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal to extend the time-limit laid down in Article 14 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (COM(96)0584 – C4-0683/96 – 96/0279(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's and the Council's requests of 11 February 1997 for urgency solely on the extension of the time-limit of 1 January 1997 for the revision of so-called old substances, COM(96)0584 (Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90) – 96/0279(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0683/96),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (A4-0035/97),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 381, 17.12.1996, p. 9.

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1. Approves the proposal to extend the time-limit of 1 January 1997 until 1 January 1999 for the setting of maximum residue limits for so-called old substances, as provided for in Article 14, subject to Parliament's amendment;
2. Calls on the Council to consult the Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
3. Calls on the Commission to present the remainder of its proposal anew;
4. Calls on the Council to consult Parliament on this new proposal;
5. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

6. Staff Regulations (equal treatment of men and women) *

A4-0046/97

Amended proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities in respect of equal treatment of men and women (COM(96)0077 – C4-0565/96 – 00/0904(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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(Amendment 1)

Recital -1 (new)

Whereas Article 2(4) of Directive 76/207/EEC ⁽¹⁾ states that it shall be without prejudice to measures to promote equal opportunity for men and women, in particular removing existing inequalities which affect women's opportunities as regards access to employment, including promotion, and to vocational training and as regards working conditions;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 40.

(Amendment 2)

Recital 1a (new)

Whereas the Community institutions must set an example by showing particular determination to implement the principles and objectives laid down in Directive 76/207/EEC as well as the positive action referred to in Council Recommendation 84/635/EEC ⁽¹⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 144, 16.5.1996, p. 14.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 331, 19.12.1984, p. 34.

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(Amendment 3)

Recital 1b (new)

Whereas the European Community should take into account the fact that an increasing number of people, primarily young people, are living together without contracting marriage, and should therefore change its rules governing the conditions of employment of the Community's public service, following the example set by the European Monetary Institute;

(Amendment 4)

Recital 2

Whereas the institutions should be *asked* to determine, by *agreement*, positive actions to promote equal opportunities for female and male officials in the areas covered by the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants;

Whereas the institutions should be **required** to determine, **within the powers conferred on them by the Treaty establishing the European Community**, positive actions to promote equal opportunities for female and male officials in the areas covered by the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 2a (new)

Whereas positive actions, in the sense of actions simply to promote genuine equal opportunities, have proved insufficient to achieve the objective of balanced representation of men and women in the Community's public service; whereas the institutions should therefore be required to bear this objective in mind when selecting, training and promoting officials and other servants, taking into account the circumstances in individual cases, and particularly the personal circumstances of those concerned;

(Amendment 6)

Recital 2b (new)

Whereas age limits for the recruitment of applicants should be declared inadmissible, since they are not indispensable for avoiding friction within the hierarchy, do not apply anyway to the Community's internal selection procedures and have already been banned in legislation in one Member State; whereas such age limits glaringly contradict a generally recognized theme of the Member States' present-day labour market policy, namely that of easing the reintegration of the unemployed into working life and enhancing the status of older citizens' contribution to work;

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(Amendment 7)

Recital 2c (new)

Whereas equal opportunities committees, where they already exist on a voluntary basis, e.g. the Commission and the European Parliament, have proved their worth as a means of turning the principle of equal opportunities for women and men into reality in the Community's public service; whereas they should be established for all the institutions;

(Amendment 8)

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 1a(1) (Staff Regulations)

1. Officials shall be entitled to equal treatment under these Staff Regulations without reference, direct or indirect, to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation *without prejudice to the relevant provisions requiring a specific marital status.*

1. Officials shall be entitled to equal treatment under these Staff Regulations without reference, direct or indirect, to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation.

(Amendment 9)

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 1a(2) (Staff Regulations)

2. The institutions shall determine, *by agreement*, after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee, measures and actions to promote equal opportunities for female and male officials in the areas covered by these Staff Regulations, and shall adopt the appropriate provisions, notably to redress such *de facto* inequalities as hamper opportunities for women in these areas.

2. **Within the powers conferred on them by the Treaty establishing the European Community**, the institutions shall determine, after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee **and the Equal Opportunities Committee**, measures and actions to promote equal opportunities for female and male officials in the areas covered by these Staff Regulations, and shall adopt the appropriate provisions, notably to redress such **de facto** inequalities as hamper opportunities for women in these areas, **in particular through positive action programmes.**

(Amendment 10)

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 1a(2a) (new) (Staff Regulations)

2a. Details of officials' entitlements in respect of non-marital partnerships stemming from the principle of non-discrimination expressed in paragraph 1 shall be laid down in rules adopted by the Community institutions, after the Staff Regulations Committee and the Equal Opportunities Committee have been consulted.

Amendment 11

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 1a(2b) (new) (Staff Regulations)

2b. When reference is made in the Staff Regulations to marital status as a basis for rights of officials and other

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servants, including remunerations and social security benefits, it shall apply also to a partnership which is registered or acknowledged in a Member State or by the European Communities as having equal status with marriage with respect to social security benefits and legal consequences related thereto.

(Amendment 16)

*ARTICLE 1(1a) (new)**Article 9(1)(a) first indent a (new) (Staff Regulations)*

1a. The following new indent is inserted after the first indent of Article 9(1)(a):

‘— an Equal Opportunities Committee for staff with the task of promoting and monitoring implementation of the principle of equal treatment for women and men and of proposing and drawing up programmes of positive measures to that end;’

(Amendment 18)

*ARTICLE 1(1b) (new)**Article 26, seventh subparagraph a (new) (Staff Regulations)*

1b. The following paragraph is added to the end of Article 26:

‘The work experience of an official shall, however, be made available on request to Members of Parliament or to the staff representatives.’

(Amendment 12)

*ARTICLE 1(2)**Article 27, second paragraph (Staff Regulations)*

Officials shall be selected without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation.

Officials shall be selected without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation. **In selecting officials the objective of as balanced a representation as possible of women and men within the institution concerned at the relevant career step shall be borne in mind, taking into account individual circumstances.**

(Amendment 13)

*ARTICLE 1(2a) (new)**Article 45 (1), first subparagraph (Staff Regulations)*

2a. Article 45(1), first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘1. Promotion shall be by decision of the appointing authority. It shall be effected by appointment of the official to the next higher grade in the category or service to which he belongs. Promotion shall be

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exclusively by selection from among officials who have completed a minimum period in their grade, after consideration of the comparative merits of the officials eligible for promotion and of the reports on them. In promoting officials the objective of as balanced a representation as possible of women and men within the institution concerned at the relevant career step shall be borne in mind, taking into account individual circumstances.'

(Amendment 15)

ARTICLE 1(2b) (new)

Annex III, Article 1(1), third subparagraph (g) (Staff Regulations)

2b. Point (g) of the third subparagraph of Article 1(1) of Annex III to the Staff Regulations is deleted.

(Amendment 14)

ARTICLE 2(2)

Article 12(1), second subparagraph (Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)

Temporary staff shall be selected without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation.

Temporary staff shall be selected without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation. **In selecting temporary staff the objective of as balanced a representation as possible of women and men within the institution concerned at the relevant career step shall be borne in mind, taking into account individual circumstances.**

Amendment 17

ARTICLE 2 (2a) (new)

Article 47(2)(a) (Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)

2a. Article 47(2)(a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) at the end of the period of notice stipulated in the contract; the length of the period of notice shall not be less than two days for each completed month of service, subject to a minimum of 15 days and a maximum of three months. In the case of a servant within the meaning of Article 2(d) the period of notice shall not be less than one month for each completed year of service, subject to a minimum of three months and a maximum of 10 months. The period of notice shall not, however, commence running during maternity or parental leave or sick leave, provided such sick leave does not exceed three months. It shall, moreover, be suspended during maternity or sick leave subject to the limits aforesaid;'

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(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amended Commission proposal to the Council, COM(96)0077 – 00/0904(CNS) (1),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 24 of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities (C4-0565/96),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights and the opinion of the Committee on Women's Rights (A4-0046/97),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

(1) OJ C 144, 16.5.1996, p. 14.

7. Consumer policy

A4-0317/96

Resolution on the communication from the Commission on priorities for consumer policy (1996-1998) (COM(95)0519 – C4-0501/95)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission, COM(95)0519 – C4-0501(95),
 - having regard to Article 129a of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the Commission's work programme for 1996 (1),
 - having regard to the second Commission three-year action plan for consumers (1993-1995), COM(93)0378,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0317/96),
1. Considers consumer protection to be one of the cornerstones of a genuine single market;
 2. Welcomes the communication but regrets the lack of an assessment of the previous period and the absence of a timetable and concrete proposals to take consumer policy forward;

(1) OJ C 282, 26.9.1996, p. 4.

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3. Urges the Commission to bring forward as soon as possible a detailed Action Plan, equal in scope to that of its predecessor, setting out proposals upon which it intends to act, and a timetable for their completion;

4. Notes that, applying the principle of subsidiarity (EC Treaty, Article 3b, second paragraph), the priority objectives and measures of a European consumer policy, particularly in view of the consequences of the single market for the consumer, can be attained more successfully at Community level than at Member State level; stresses that the subsidiarity principle must not be abused to prevent action in the interest of Europe's consumers;

A. Completion of work from the preceding period

5. Calls on the Commission to secure the rapid adoption of the Council Directive on distance selling and the Council Directive on comparative advertising and to come forward with a new proposal for a Directive on service liability;

6. Stresses that the creation of a single market for consumers must be advanced by thorough implementation and enforcement of consumer legislation in Member States and calls on the Commission to scrutinize the implementation process to ensure that consumers' interests are fully taken into account;

B. New priorities

7. Urges the Commission to focus on action under the following headings:

(a) Facilitating access to justice

8. Calls on the Commission to pay greater attention in the future to whether the Member States transpose Directives promptly; this is the only way of guaranteeing that consumers enjoy a minimum of protection and can also insist on such protection throughout the Union;

9. Believes that, at an initial stage, all Member States must implement the international conventions referred to in the Commission communication 'Action Plan on the access of consumers to justice and the settlement of consumer disputes in the single market' (COM(96)0013 – C4-0195/96);

10. Calls on the Commission to adopt swiftly the Directive on injunctions, and to complete the measures needed to secure for consumers access to justice inside the courts through legislative actions to:

- secure the mutual recognition of conditions for receiving legal aid,
- enable consumer organisations as well as public bodies to bring class actions,
- establish the right to sue for infringements of Community law;

11. Calls on the Commission to reduce the periods set out in Annex I to the abovementioned action plan on consumer access to justice, containing an indicative timetable concerning measures to be taken to implement the initiatives envisaged therein, since the observation period for the promotion of out-of-court procedures is too long;

12. Calls on the Commission to consider the concept of legal expenses insurance;

13. Calls on the Commission to come forward with legislation to secure the establishment of EU-wide legal and commercial guarantees;

(b) Representing consumers' financial interests

14. Calls on the Commission to come forward with legislation that:

- renders mandatory the 1988 Recommendation on payment systems,
- regulates the sales of financial services at a distance,
- establishes a single mathematical formula for calculating APR (Annual Percentage Rate) across the EU;

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15. Calls on the Commission to follow up the Green Paper on mortgage credit with concrete action to enable consumers to participate in the single European market;

16. Believes that adherence to payment periods in commercial transactions is essential for the achievement of a genuine single market and calls on the Commission, therefore, to consider measures which allow for statutory interest payments to creditors which would be automatic and appropriate as a penalty for non-payment. Such measures should encourage legal recognition of compensation for costs incurred in connection with the recovery of debts in accordance with tariffed fees to be determined by a suitable public authority;

17. Believes that the Commission should consider the possibility of harmonizing legal procedures for the recovery of late payments and the costs these entail;

18. Calls on the Commission to follow up its report (COM(95)0117) on the operation of Directive 87/102/EEC on consumer credit ⁽¹⁾ by amending the Directive, particularly with regard to its scope and its provisions concerning advertising and information, types of credit agreements, the cooling-off period, improvements to the rules on default, usury, over-indebtedness, protection of privacy and consumer intermediaries;

19. Welcomes the public awareness campaign that the Commission and Parliament are conducting regarding the introduction of the Euro and supports in this respect the decentralized approach which makes it possible to tailor information to local consumers;

(c) Converting consumer information into consumer power

20. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the Citizen's First Information Campaign has a strong consumer dimension and that it takes into account the lessons from the evaluation of the 1995 radio campaign on consumer issues;

21. Calls on the Commission to base its information campaign on organisations consisting of representatives of consumers in whom they have confidence;

22. Calls on the Commission to develop the network of cross-border information centres providing free legal advice and information to consumers;

23. Calls on the Commission to take measures to improve the systematic integration of consumer representatives into decision-making structures and to take action to ensure that decision-making is open and transparent;

24. Stresses the importance of promoting strong consumer associations in the developing countries as an important instrument to contribute towards the marketing of safer and healthier products and a more sustainable development;

25. Calls on the Commission to come forward with proposals for a product safety network to coordinate action in this field;

26. Asks the Commission to launch consciousness-raising campaigns to stimulate the use of durable products and to encourage consumers to use environment-friendly products;

(d) Promoting a sustainable food policy in the interests of consumers

27. Calls on the Commission to support the establishment of an independent food safety agency at European level;

28. Believes that it is essential to impose greater control on dangerous or unsafe European products marketed in developing countries with the aim of gradually imposing the same standards — as regards safety, health and the environment — as those applied to products marketed in the European Union; demands in this regard that European legislation allowing double standards be eliminated;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 42, 12.2.1987, p. 48.

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29. Calls on the Commission to take concrete action to develop and promote sustainable products and services;

30. Believes in this context that fair-trade operations should be promoted both in the developing countries and in the European Union, so that European consumers are fully aware of these new ways of producing and trading;

31. Calls on the Commission to present without delay its long-announced Green Paper on future food legislation in which consumer protection issues should be of prime importance;

32. Calls on the Commission to undertake, after a thorough evaluation, a review of existing legislation and the establishment of new legislation on labelling, considering among other things the increasing number of citizens with allergies and the fact that very few consumers understand the present system of E codes, and also that many consumers are expressing growing concern about the ethical and environmental implications and the origin of what they eat, bearing the following considerations in mind:

- the Commission is under an obligation — to date neglected — clearly expressed in Article 8 of Directive 94/36/EC on colours for use in foodstuffs, to launch a campaign, in conjunction with the European Parliament, national ministries, the food and retail industries and consumer bodies, to inform consumers about the evaluation and authorization procedures for permitted colours, and the meaning of the 'E' number system,
- the information on the label must at least be such as to afford the consumer the possibility of making a conscious, well-founded choice regarding a certain product,
- the label must warn the consumer in a universally accessible and understandable way of any health or safety risk attaching to a product,
- the amount of information on a label must not be such that warnings that are really important for the safety and health of the consumer are difficult to distinguish from purely informative and, for the consumer, irrelevant information,

the relevant information should be investigated and selected for each case and for each group of products in the light of the above considerations and should consequently be included on the label;

33. Stresses that the revision and simplification of food labelling legislation announced by the Commission must take full account of the principle of a high level of consumer protection (EC Treaty, Article 129a) and must therefore provide the consumer with complete information;

34. Calls on the Commission to come forward with legislation to regulate food claims and environmental claims and to take measures to promote the development of the eco-label;

(e) Securing consumer access to a universal service

35. Calls on the Commission urgently to agree a single basic definition of universal service that guarantees access to all consumers, everywhere and at an affordable price;

36. Asks the Commission to lay down as soon as possible rules making providers of public services — both public and private undertakings — liable in the event of misconduct in the carrying out of the public service so that the consumer, who in many cases is dependent on such service, is guaranteed a certain protection;

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

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8. Green Paper on financial services

A4-0048/97

Resolution on the Commission Green Paper on financial services – meeting consumers' expectations (COM(96)0209 – C4-0339/96)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 129a of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the Commission's Green Paper 'Financial Services – Meeting consumers' expectations' (COM(96)0209 – C4-0339/96),
 - having regard to the 1980 Rome Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations,
 - having regard to the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament Directive on the protection of consumers in respect of distance contracts,
 - having regard to the Second Banking Directive (89/646/EEC),
 - having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (CES 802/96),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0048/97),
- A. whereas the aim of the Green Paper is not to be exhaustive and cover all aspects of financial services, but rather to launch a general debate on these services involving consumer organizations, industry, other EU institutions and Member States,
- B. whereas the cross-border nature of financial services offered to consumers is destined to expand rapidly,
- C. whereas, in the perspective of the single currency, the Community's legislative framework regulating financial services must be carefully assessed,
- D. whereas an effective European market in financial services will enhance the consumer's freedom of choice and thus market efficiency,
- E. whereas consumer legislation should be elaborated in parallel with internal market legislation,
- F. whereas EU legislation on financial services has until now primarily served the achievement of the internal market and taken only limited account of consumer protection; whereas, in particular as a result of recent technological developments, shortcomings have emerged in the legislation on consumer protection,
- G. whereas Community legislation must be updated with provisions for the dynamics of the financial services sector as expressed by:
- the globalization of financial markets and the introduction of new technology, which have created both new financial products and new marketing techniques,
 - the economic, social and cultural impact of these developments,
 - the introduction of the euro which will change fundamentally the working conditions for the financial sectors and make crossborder financial services more accessible to the consumer,
- H. whereas the present restrictions and costs attached to cross-border transactions prevent consumers from taking advantage of the internal market's benefits,
- I. whereas there have been cases where vulnerable persons have been defrauded or misled by unscrupulous financial operators, demonstrating the need for strong consumer protection at European level,

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1. Recognizes the importance to the consumer of a completed, competitive internal market in financial services, which must lead to lower prices, greater choice and a high quality of products and services;
2. Notes that, regrettably, the internal market in financial services and insurance has still not been completed, and that the consumer consequently is unable to enjoy its advantages to the full;
3. Welcomes, for this reason, the Commission Green Paper on 'Financial services: meeting consumers' expectations' and regards it as a serious attempt to identify and remedy shortcomings in the law;
4. Notes that the Green Paper clearly shows that there are asymmetries and imbalances on the market for financial services and that the consumer — in general — is the weaker party in the contractual relationship;
5. Considers it, however, to be insufficient if the Commission concentrates on distance selling and new electronic means of payment and believes a thorough analysis of consumer protection is urgently needed in the area of legislation on banking, securities and insurance;
6. Believes that Community legislation should aim to guarantee greater competition on the supply side, effective freedom of movement on both the supply and demand sides, provision of adequate, accurate and effective information for individual consumers, and greater transparency and certainty regarding cross-border contracts;
7. Believes that a global approach is needed, which takes into account the dynamics of the financial services sector on the one hand, and the expectations of European consumers on the other;
8. Believes that the Community should employ its powers under Articles 100a and 129a to enable European consumers to enjoy the full benefits of the internal market for financial services;
9. Notes that the legal framework governing financial services is fragmented and sometimes even potentially contradictory as demonstrated by the rules on taxation in the field of insurance;
10. Believes that contracting parties should be able to opt, wherever possible, for the application of national law, bearing in mind the principles laid down in the case-law of the Court of Justice and in the Rome Convention of 1980;
11. Notes that the absence of fiscal harmonization represents a serious obstacle to the operation of the internal market in the banking and insurance sector and regrets that some Member States are introducing national fiscal measures on protectionist grounds;
12. Calls on the Commission consequently to act more strictly against fiscal measures (in particular the non-tax-deductibility of expenses such as life insurance or loan contracts incurred in another Member State) that obstruct the operation of the internal market, and welcomes in that connection the Judgment of the Court of Justice in the Wielockx case ⁽¹⁾;
13. Notes that the concept of the 'general good' is not subject to a common non-discriminatory definition and may hence be applied in a way that creates barriers to competition and the free movement of services;
14. Urges the Commission consequently to act on its own draft communication on the freedom to provide services and the interest of the general good in the Second Banking Directive ⁽²⁾ and to request the Member States to make available to the Commission and also to market operators a list of all rules in the 'interest of the general good' that are applicable to the banking sector; calls on the Commission to lay down guidelines, by analogy with the banking sector, for the use of the term 'interest of the general good' also in the insurance sector;

⁽¹⁾ Case C-80/94, Judgment of the Court of 11 August 1995, G.H.E.J. Wielockx vs Inspector of Direct Taxation.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 291, 4.11.1995, p. 7.

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15. Calls on the Commission to submit proposals for a definition of 'interest of the general good' such that excessive deviations from the principle of reciprocal recognition can be avoided;
16. Notes that the activity of some non-regulated financial intermediaries is detrimental to both European consumers and the financial industry and therefore calls on the Commission to bring forward a proposal for a Directive on non-regulated financial intermediaries;
17. Calls on the Commission to act urgently on the European Parliament's resolution of 26 October 1995 on the settlement of claims arising from traffic accidents occurring outside the claimant's country of origin ⁽¹⁾;
18. Asks the Commission, in accordance with the principle of freedom to fix prices as laid down in the Third Insurance Directive, to take action against Member States that impose a no-claim discount scale for motor vehicle insurance as the uniform and compulsory system under national legislation;
19. Calls on the Commission, with a view to the smoother operation of the internal market, in cooperation with the sectors concerned to investigate in what way general minimum provision for insurance contracts could be harmonized without jeopardizing the existing range of insurance products;
20. Believes that consumers are entitled to equal levels of information and education on their rights throughout the European Union;
21. Considers that the consumer must as a matter of urgency be well advised as to the available options in an internal market in financial services and insurance; considers that the 'Citizen in Europe' initiative is an appropriate means of meeting that requirement;
22. Takes the view that the introduction of Economic and Monetary Union will put the consumer in a better position to make comparisons between financial services in more than one country, and so will make cross-border financial services more accessible;
23. Believes that equal rights of redress should be enjoyed by consumers throughout the European Union and that existing inequalities in the opportunities for exercising these rights must therefore be addressed;
24. Notes that the concept of and the regulatory framework for ombudsmen and comparable arbitration schemes in financial services differ widely in Member States;
25. Supports arbitration and conciliation units for the financial and insurance sector, on condition that there are comprehensive guarantees of impartiality and that consumer and service-provider interests enjoy equal representation on such arbitration and conciliation units; takes the view that the arbitration and conciliation units should report on the complaints lodged and on their outcome, and that extensive publicity should be given to that information in respect of both providers and consumers;
26. Hopes that the ombudsmen will be closely associated with the preparation, introduction and assessment of legislation in the financial and insurance sector;
27. Calls on the Commission to look carefully into the correct implementation of and compliance with the Directives relating to financial services and insurance by the Member States, and to take more stringent action against Member States that fail to implement existing Community legislation;
28. Notes the low compliance with Recommendation 87/598/EEC on a European Code of Conduct on Electronic Payments and Recommendation 88/590/EEC on Payment Systems and Payment Cards;
29. Therefore invites the Commission to carry out a thorough and exhaustive analysis of the existing legislation with a view to identifying the scale and the dimensions of the dysfunctionalities of the consumer aspects of the legislation covering financial services in the sector of electronic payments and payment cards and to draw up on the basis of that analysis a legislative proposal on electronic payments and credit and payment cards;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 308, 20.11.1995, p. 108.

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30. Regrets the fact that the Green Paper does not take into account the changes to which the introduction of the euro will give rise;
31. Believes that the Commission should be wary of the consequences for the financial services sector of setting up a monetary area without frontiers;
32. Considers that transnational contracts should use the euro as their basic currency as soon as it becomes legal tender;
33. Believes that the Directive on cross-border transfers must be amended in the light of the disappearance of the exchange transactions which underlie the provisions currently in force;
34. Urges the Commission to introduce the concept of 'eurocompatibility' in all its actions in this field, i.e. to take into account the introduction of the euro by 1 January 1999 in whatever steps it takes;
35. Urges the Commission to encourage dialogue between the consumer associations and the professional associations and bodies of the various financial services with a view to identifying every opportunity for non-legislative solutions based on common agreement;
36. Calls on the Commission to propose as swiftly as possible legislation on the outstanding matters requiring solutions;
37. Suggests that this legislation could consist partly of a horizontal framework legislation covering issues common to all financial services, and specifically including:
- information of consumers and transparency of markets and prices;
 - protection of the contractual rights of the weaker party, including the right to withdraw from long-term contractual relationships and access to redress;
 - quality and safety of financial products;
 - competence and integrity of intermediaries;
 - access to basic services, i.e. the right not to be excluded from the financial circuit of modern society;
 - over-indebtedness, in relation to which the Commission should also be asked to examine the possibility of devising minimum provisions for positive credit rating by non-profit-making organizations, so as to prevent consumers becoming over-indebted;
- and partly of vertical measures covering:
- technological aspects other than credit and payment cards and home-banking that require a specific approach;
 - property/mortgage credit including financial schemes targeted at vulnerable groups;
38. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, within a year at the latest, a proposal for a Directive on distance selling of financial products and contracts;
39. Calls on the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the findings of the different studies and research carried out on behalf of the Commission in the area of financial services;
40. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.
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9. Great Lakes region in Africa

B4-0076, 0092, 0114, 0116 and 0129/97

Resolution on the situation in the Great Lakes region, particularly eastern Zaire

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in eastern Zaire, particularly that of 12 December 1996 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 20 January 1997,
 - having regard to the recent mission by Commissioner Bonino to Zaire,
 - having regard to the UN Security Council declaration of 7 February 1997,
- A. extremely concerned by the escalation of the conflict in eastern Zaire, the presence of foreign troops and mercenaries in the area and the grave risk of a generalized and open war among the countries of the region,
 - B. highly alarmed at the fate of hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced Rwandan, Burundian and Zairean citizens who are on the move in eastern Zaire and falling victim to the civil war,
 - C. deploring the deep divisions in the Council, which, added to the position adopted by the United States, have caused refugees to be abandoned to their fate, obstructed any substantial diplomatic initiative to find a solution to the regional crisis, and, in effect, prevented the deployment of the multinational force that could have prevented the escalation of the conflict and saved the lives of many defenceless civilians,
 - D. shocked by the recent murders and attacks committed in western Rwanda against foreign personnel and in particular the killing of three Spanish members of Médecins du Monde on 19 January 1997 in Ruhengeri, a Canadian priest on 2 February 1997 in the same area and four UN personnel and their driver on 4 February 1997 in Cyangugu, which constitute a grave threat to the reintegration of refugees and to the reconciliation process,
 - E. pointing out the strong denunciation by Amnesty International of the human rights violations in Burundi, where the army is responsible for massacres of civilians, and having regard to the political stalemate facing the country — despite the mediation efforts of former President Nyerere and the EU special envoy, Mr Ajello — and the arrest in Bujumbura of the Secretary-General of Frodebu, Augustin Nzojibwani,
 - F. convinced that the solution to the problems confronting the refugees and displaced persons is intrinsically linked to lasting comprehensive political solutions at regional level,
 - G. regretting that the UN International Tribunal for Rwanda, based in Arusha, so far seems unable to implement its mandate,
1. Condemns the escalation of the fighting in eastern Zaire that constitutes a grave threat to the stability of the region and endangers the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians; expresses its profound concern at the humanitarian consequences of the situation in the African Great Lakes and eastern Zaire, and at the difficulties encountered by the international organizations in bringing assistance to those in need;
 2. Calls on all the warring parties to end the fighting and sign a cease-fire immediately;
 3. Condemns the presence of foreign troops and mercenaries in eastern Zaire and calls for all the militias operating in the region to be disarmed; calls on all foreign governments presently involved in the conflict to withdraw their troops; and reaffirms its commitment to respect for the territorial integrity of the States in the region and the inviolability of their borders;

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 10.

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4. Urges that humanitarian corridors be set up as a matter of urgency, under the aegis and protection of the United Nations, in order to reach the thousands of refugees and displaced persons still without humanitarian assistance;
5. Supports strongly the organization of a 'regional conference for peace, security and stability' envisaged by the Commission and the Council, and calls on the governments in the region to seize this opportunity; considers that this conference, under the aegis of the UN and the OAU, should identify the conditions for peace, reconciliation and the relaunching of the processes of democratization in these countries, in order to end the spread of violence in the African Great Lakes;
6. Regrets profoundly the absence of a coherent and coordinated European policy for the Great Lakes region and considers that the Council must adopt urgently a joint action in accordance with the Treaty to promote national reconciliation, the rule of law and democracy in the countries in the region in order to find a political solution to this regional crisis;
7. Supports the decision of Commissioner Bonino to demand a full explanation from the EU and the UN Secretary-General on the inadequate response of the international community to the refugee crisis in eastern Zaire;
8. Calls on the UN Secretary-General, the Council and the Member States to do what is necessary so that the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda can function properly to judge those responsible for the genocide in 1994;
9. Demands that the Kigali Government fully respects the security of the refugees returning to Rwanda and their right to recover all their possessions abandoned in 1994;
10. Condemns strongly the murders in Rwanda of local people and expatriates and sends its condolences to the families of the victims and to the organizations to which they belonged;
11. Demands that the Government of Rwanda set up an ad hoc commission to investigate these murders and bring the guilty parties to justice; calls on the Member States of the European Union to assist the Government of Rwanda to set up this commission of inquiry and to monitor its proceedings thoroughly until the facts have been satisfactorily investigated;
12. Calls on the Government of Burundi and the various political forces to engage without hesitation in a political process of national dialogue so as to arrive at a consensual institutional transition which can put an end to the violence in the country; calls for the immediate release of the Secretary-General of Frodebu, Mr Nzojibwani;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Secretaries-General of the UN and the OAU, and the governments of Burundi, Rwanda, Zaire, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and the United States.

10. Albania

B4-0082, 0093, 0105, 0113, 0126 and 0138/97

Resolution on the situation in Albania

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Albania,
- A. noting with great concern that, as a result of the collapse of the so-called 'pyramid investment schemes', Albania is facing a deep financial and economic crisis,
- B. noting that the collapse of these investment funds has meant a personal disaster for a large part of the population in Albania,

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- C. noting that the unsatisfactory reaction by President Sali Berisha and the Government to the fate of the people has provoked severe protests in many Albanian towns which were violently suppressed by the authorities,
- D. noting that, during these protests, people have been killed and several hundred wounded and that many representatives of the opposition and of the media were arrested,
- E. emphasizing that further political and economic destabilization in Albania may have serious repercussions for the whole region,
- F. alarmed by the reports on the involvement of international crime networks in these activities and illegal actions,
1. Expresses its deep concern regarding the severe economic disruption in Albania and the serious implications which this may have for the country's future economic development;
2. Expresses, furthermore, its deep concern about the violent way in which protests against the Government's handling of the economic crisis have ended, and deplores the fact that during these demonstrations, people were killed and many hundreds of people were wounded;
3. Calls on the President and the Government of Albania to end their harassment of representatives of the opposition and to enter into serious and meaningful negotiations with the opposition in order to bring the country's economic and political instability to an end;
4. Calls on the Albanian Government to return the funds of the failed savings companies to the savers who have been hardest hit, while informing the public of the risks posed by such companies;
5. Calls on the Albanian government to act rapidly so as to support the newly appointed inquiry committees with the technical assistance of the international financial institutions;
6. Calls on the Commission, as part of its various programmes, to provide technical assistance for reform of the financial and banking sectors;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Government and Parliament of Albania.

11. Human rights

(a) B4-0062, 0063, 0077, 0091, 0094, 0095, 0098, 0111, 0123, 0124, 0134 and 0142/97

Resolution on the 53rd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article J.1(2) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 130u of the EC Treaty, which establish the promotion of human rights as an objective of the CFSP,
- having regard to its resolution of 12 December 1996 on human rights throughout the world in 1995-1996 and the Union's human rights policy ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 27 March 1996 on the 52nd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 117, 22.4.1996, p. 13.

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- having regard to its previous resolutions on the abolition of the death penalty, and to its resolution of 17 May 1995 on the functioning of the Treaty on European Union with a view to the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference — implementation and development of the Union ⁽¹⁾, in which it called for an article specifically referring to a ban on capital punishment to be incorporated into the Treaty,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the People's Republic of China,
- A. whereas the Final Act of the Vienna Human Rights Conference (July 1993) reaffirmed the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights,
- B. whereas a number of Union Member States are currently members of the UN Commission on Human Rights,
1. Calls on the Council and the Member States to pursue vigorously those human rights cases referred to in its resolutions, and in particular the human rights situation in Burma, China, Colombia, East Timor, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Sudan and Turkey;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Member States to make China a main priority for the forthcoming session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in view of China's worsening human rights record and to oppose any attempt to prevent the UN Commission from discussing the situation in China, while making every effort to gain support for this resolution from other members of the UN Commission on Human Rights;
 3. Calls on the EU Working Party on Human Rights to begin drafting a resolution on China forthwith and suggests that it include points such as the release of China's political prisoners, a guarantee in writing that international humanitarian organizations will be allowed regular and confidential access to detainees in Chinese prisons, the abolition of arbitrary administrative detention and the holding of fair trials in line with international standards, the repealing of laws on crimes of 'counter-revolution', and the signing of the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
 4. Calls, further, on the EU and the Member States to employ all political and diplomatic means to ensure that a resolution on the human rights situation in occupied Tibet and in Inner Mongolia and East Turkestan, which takes account of the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament, is adopted by the UN Commission on Human Rights;
 5. Proposes that the EU should submit a draft of an International Convention against Impunity at the forthcoming session of the UN Commission on Human Rights;
 6. Urges the adoption of improved legal standards concerning the protection of children against sexual abuse, exploitative labour practices, and the consequences of war;
 7. Calls on all Member States to support a resolution urging a universal moratorium on executions during the 1997 session of the UN Commission on Human Rights as a first step towards the abolition of the death penalty for all crimes by the year 2000;
 8. Calls for the adoption of the UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the UN Commission on Human Rights, as agreed by all parties involved, including indigenous peoples;
 9. Calls on the Council and the Member States to help improve the effectiveness of the UN Human Rights Centre, both through continued reforms and the provision of the necessary financial resources;
 10. Calls on the UN Commission on Human Rights to discuss the allegations of human rights abuses in connection with some oil companies and some other transnational companies;
 11. Asks the Council Presidency to submit a written report to Parliament on the Council's activities during the forthcoming session of the UN Commission on Human Rights;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 151, 19.6.1995, p. 56.

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12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, and the states which are members of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

(b) B4-0059, 0075, 0108, 0119 and 0143/97

Resolution on Iran

The European Parliament,

- A. recalling its previous resolutions condemning the gross and systematic violations of human rights in Iran and the use of terrorism by the Islamic Republic of Iran against its opponents in exile and their families,
 - B. underlining the importance of the Declaration by the Council Presidency on behalf of the European Union of 13 February 1997 on the eighth anniversary of the fatwa against Salman Rushdie which holds the Iranian government responsible for the fatwa,
 - C. noting the latest report in October 1996 by the UN Special Representative to the General Assembly which states that the human rights situation in Iran has deteriorated over the past year,
 - D. strongly concerned at recent reports of the shooting, killing and arrests of people during recent demonstrations throughout the country,
 - E. concerned at the high number of executions in Iran, which according to the January 1997 report of Amnesty International at least doubled in 1996,
 - F. deeply concerned about the terrorist activities of the Iranian regime and the threats made against the judicial officials of a Member State which has accused the leaders of the Iranian regime of direct involvement in the assassinations of Iranian opponents in exile,
 - G. concerned that an Iranian foundation has raised the reward for carrying out the fatwa on Salman Rushdie from two to two and a half million US dollars, an offer which has now been extended to non-Muslims,
 - H. deploring the arrest on 28 January 1997 of writer and publisher Faraj Sarkuhi, his fourth arrest in 12 months, despite the pressure from international human rights organizations, and concerned for his safety,
 - I. appalled at the crackdown on dissident intellectuals in Iran and in particular the mysterious deaths among the signatories of the 'Declaration of the 134', which Faraj Sarkuhi also supported,
 - J. gravely concerned by reports of intensifying repression against members of the Baha'i community, particularly the death sentences against imprisoned members of this religious minority,
 - K. deploring the recent mortar attack aimed at the Baghdad office of the Mujahedin opposition, which resulted in the death and injury of civilians,
 - L. alarmed at the continuing persecution of women who transgress the moral code, one example being Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani, who has recently been sentenced to death,
1. Condemns the repeated violations of human rights in Iran and demands that the Iranian regime conform to international human rights standards;
 2. Reiterates its total condemnation of the fatwa against Mr Rushdie;
 3. Condemns the arrest of Mr Sarkuhi by the Iranian authorities and calls for his immediate release;

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4. Calls for the judicial authorities in Iran to re-examine the cases of Iranian Baha'i prisoners who have been sentenced to death for their beliefs;
5. Condemns the continuing discrimination against women in Iran and the violation of their rights;
6. Condemns the outlawing of oil workers' organizations and the repression of their freedom of association through the arrest of oil workers;
7. Condemns the Iranian regime's use of missiles against Baghdad as an act of extra-territorial terrorism;
8. Deplores the recent widespread arrests and torture of prisoners of conscience, and the broadcasting of so-called confessions of political detainees by Persian-language radio stations in violation of international conventions;
9. Calls on the Council and the Member States to increase the diplomatic pressure on Iran to meet international human rights standards and to discuss with the European Parliament the policy of 'critical dialogue' with Iran;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the United Nations Secretary-General and the President of the UN Human Rights Commission.

(c) **B4-0070 and 0144/97**

Resolution on the continued imprisonment in solitary confinement of Mordechai Vanunu

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the case of Mordechai Vanunu, in particular those of 14 June 1990 ⁽¹⁾, 22 November 1990 ⁽²⁾ and 10 October 1991 ⁽³⁾,
- A. recalling that Mordechai Vanunu has been held in solitary confinement in Israel since he was kidnapped in Rome on 30 September 1986 and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment,
 - B. deeply concerned that such incarceration for over ten years in a small cell will cause permanent psychological damage,
 - C. aware that Mr Vanunu told the press everything he knew about Israel's nuclear weapons capacity more than ten years ago, and that he does not now constitute a security risk,
 - D. noting that Amnesty International described this prolonged solitary confinement as 'cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment' and called for his immediate release 'to redress the human rights violations he has suffered',
1. Deeply regrets no mercy has been shown to Mordechai Vanunu since it adopted the previous resolutions referred to above;
 2. Calls upon the competent Israeli authorities to show clemency to Mordechai Vanunu by removing him from solitary confinement and considering his early release;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of Israel and Italy.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 175, 16.7.1990, p. 168.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 324, 24.12.1990, p. 211.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 280, 28.10.1991, p. 135.

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Resolution on human rights violations in Chad*The European Parliament,*

- A. alarmed at the continuing human rights violations in Chad, a country where the armed forces and the police are systematically resorting to extrajudicial executions of citizens suspected of belonging to opposition groups or considered to be criminals,
- B. appalled by the fact that rape is among the usual means of persecuting and intimidating victims and by the widespread use of torture, certain traditional and particularly cruel forms of which, such as 'arbatachar', are considered to be perfectly normal by the security forces,
- C. appalled by the telegram of instructions to the 'specialized army units' which legalized violence in the most arbitrary form possible, ordering the physical elimination of anyone caught in the act of stealing,
- D. whereas certain Member States have given their political, financial and, above all, military backing to the Chad regime, without considering the consequences for victims of human rights violations,
- E. having regard to the elections under way in Chad and the fact that Chad is a signatory to the Lomé Convention, which requires full respect for human rights,
 1. Condemns all the forms of violence currently being perpetrated in Chad, including executions, arbitrary arrests, torture and rape;
 2. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, journalists and human rights activists;
 3. Calls on the Chad authorities to revoke forthwith the instructions to the 'specialized army units' and to defend the rule of law and the notion of justice based on respect for human dignity;
 4. Considers that human rights violations must be ended, their perpetrators brought to justice and the judicial system and the forces of law and order reorganized; calls on the Council and Commission to make these reforms a priority for the indicative programme for Chad;
 5. Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States to assume their responsibility in relation to the situation in Chad, to tie their cooperation to respect by the authorities for human rights and to ensure, especially, that military aid is not used to violate human rights;
 6. Considers that Chad's status as a recipient of aid under the Lomé Convention should be reviewed in the light of the progress made on respect for human rights by the new national authorities;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government of Chad, the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly, the UN Commission on Human Rights and the OAU.

(e) B4-0065 and 0130/97

Resolution on the violation of indigenous rights and on the depletion of the tropical forests on Yamdena Island, Indonesia*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on indigenous peoples,

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- A. aware of the Indonesian Government's licensing for logging operations to PT Inhutani 1 and PT Mohtra Agung on Yamdena Island in the Moluccan Archipelago,
 - B. aware that these licences allow these companies to log a total of 164 000 ha of pristine tropical rainforest, which could lead to the complete erosion of the island,
 - C. concerned that these concessions are in violation of the 1971 Decree of the Director-General of Forests which stipulates that Yamdena is a conservation and protected area,
 - D. noting that the indigenous peoples of Yamdena consider the whole island as part of the traditional collective land, which they need for their economic, physical and cultural survival,
 - E. noting the lack of real grassroots participation in the government-sponsored consultations on logging in Yamdena,
1. Welcomes the concerns of the Indonesian Government to stop all illegal logging in Yamdena and the rest of the Moluccan archipelago;
 2. Calls on the Indonesian Government to withdraw the proposed concessions;
 3. Requests the Indonesian Government to start a real dialogue with the indigenous peoples of Yamdena, with the aim of finding socially acceptable proposals for the sustainable development of Yamdena and the whole of the Moluccan Archipelago;
 4. Considers the recognition of the traditional land rights of the peoples of Yamdena to be prerequisite of any such development, and therefore urges the Indonesian Government to set up a process for the titling of the land;
 5. Requests the Commission to support grassroots programmes for the further development of the indigenous peoples of the Moluccan archipelago;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the Government of Indonesia, and the Tanimbar Intellectuals' Association.

12. Former Yugoslavia and non-compliance with Dayton Agreements

B4-0087, 0099, 0104, 0127, 0139 and 0156/97

Resolution on the situation in Mostar and Brcko

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Bosnia Herzegovina and especially on the situation in Mostar,
- A. noting with great concern that since the withdrawal of the European Union Administration of Mostar on 1 January 1997 a number of violent incidents have taken place in the city of Mostar,
 - B. noting that these incidents are aimed at reinforcing further the segregation between the Croat and Muslim parts of the city,
 - C. noting with concern that the international police force does not possess the means to act effectively against these violent acts of continuing ethnic cleansing and that some members of the local police force even seem to be participating in these incidents,
 - D. noting that these acts of violence may completely destroy the European Union's investment in the reconstruction of the city and its efforts to rebuild a multicultural, multiethnic and multireligious society, which remains a political and moral responsibility of the European Union,

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- E. whereas Croats are still illegally evicting Muslims living in the Croat part of Mostar, bringing the total of such illegal moves to well over 100,
- F. whereas violent clashes have been taking place in Mostar, notably on 10 February 1997 when Muslims headed for a cemetery in the Croatian part of the town were attacked by Croats, resulting in one Muslim dead and 22 injured,
- G. whereas the status of the city of Brcko was to be decided by binding arbitration no later than 14 December 1996, according to Annex 2, Article V of the Dayton Agreement,
- H. whereas the arbitrators proposed on 14 February 1997 that Brcko be put under international supervision for about a year, putting off a final decision on its status until March 1998,

On Mostar

- 1. Strongly condemns the recent acts of violence in the city of Mostar aimed at reinforcing further segregation in the city and the process of ethnic cleansing;
- 2. Is convinced that a further escalation of the incidents in Mostar will endanger the continuation of the peace process in the whole of Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- 3. Calls on the Council and the Commission to exert all necessary pressure on the Government of the Republic of Croatia to urge those in power in western Mostar to refrain from illegal activities which threaten the implementation of the Dayton Agreement;
- 4. Calls on the Commission and the Council and especially on the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina to take the necessary steps to put an end to these incidents with all necessary means and to guarantee the implementation of the peace process in the whole of Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- 5. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the role, reinforce the mandate and increase the capacity of the international police task force whose action is crucial for any peaceful development of the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in particular in Mostar;
- 6. Calls on the Commission to halt aid for western Mostar as long as the safety, the property rights and the right to reside for Muslims present in that area and of returning refugees cannot be sufficiently guaranteed, while urging the Commission to increase reconstruction aid for eastern Mostar, in view of the unwillingness of the Croatian side of Mostar to cooperate;

On Brcko

- 7. Believes that the international temporary solution for the Brcko corridor can only be successful if the proposed provisions are fully implemented with the return of refugees in security and dignity and the Deputy High Representative is provided with the necessary resources to enforce his mandate;

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- 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Office of the High Representative and the governments and the parliaments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.
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13. Racism and xenophobia

B4-0069, 0100, 0117, 0131 and 0136/97

Resolution on racism, xenophobia and the extreme right

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the conclusions of its Committee of Inquiry into Racism and Xenophobia,
 - having regard to the reports of the Advisory Committee on Racism and Xenophobia (the Kahn committee) drawn up for the meetings of the European Council in Essen, Cannes, Madrid and Florence, and the feasibility study submitted by the Advisory Committee with a view to establishing a European observatory for racism and xenophobia,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the rise of racism and xenophobia in Europe and, more particularly, its resolution of 30 January 1997 on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism and the European Year against Racism (1997) ⁽¹⁾,
- A. whereas one of the principal *raison d'être* of the European Union is to oppose racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; whereas that objective is embodied in the common principles subscribed to by the signatories and laid down in the preamble to the Treaty on European Union,
- B. whereas a number of recent events in various Member States of the European Union point to a worrying increase in racism, xenophobia and intolerance and the rising popularity of the extreme right,
- C. noting with particular concern the following facts:
- the letter bombs sent on Friday, 10 January 1997 to London from Malmo by a suspected extreme right-wing group;
 - the many attacks against asylum-seekers, foreigners and ethnic minorities which have been carried out in recent weeks, particularly in Germany, where, on 7 February 1997, a Vietnamese was attacked and injured, followed on 8 February 1997 by a Lebanese asylum-seeker and on 10 February 1997 by two Poles;
 - the collective expulsions which contravene the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
 - the death, on 8 February 1997 in Magdeburg, of a 17-year-old punk who was the victim of an attack prompted by intolerance;
 - the decisions taken by the Toulon Mayor's office, which is run by the Front National: the censorship of the writer Marek Halter; the destruction of the work of the sculptor René Guiffrey; the action taken against the group NTM and the sacking of Gérard Paquet, the Director of the Théâtre National de la Danse et de l'Image (TNDI) in Chateaufallon, which is a favoured target because it is open to all temporary creative forms and has helped to foster knowledge and the dissemination of foreign cultures,
- D. having regard to the electoral rise of the extreme right in France, which has just won its fourth victory in municipal elections,
- E. whereas the responses of certain EU governments to this rise in the popularity of the extreme right are likely to strengthen rather than combat racist and xenophobic thinking,
- F. having regard to the Debré bill, currently before the French Parliament, which further strengthens the 1993 'Pasqua laws' and which requires people to inform by making it compulsory for any individual to declare the departure of foreigners he or she has put up,
- G. whereas the German Federal Government has issued an order introducing a visa requirement for members of the families of immigrants from Turkey, Tunisia, Morocco and the states of the former Yugoslavia who are minors; whereas hundreds of thousands of children are affected,
- H. having regard to the extent of the protest movement aroused among various groups of French artists and intellectuals and other French citizens by the provisions of the Debré bill,

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

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1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms all acts of racism, xenophobia and intolerance committed on the territory of a Member State of the European Union and expresses its solidarity with the victims of racist attacks and their families;
 2. Deplores the upsurge of the extreme right and regrets the endorsement of its main arguments (tie-up between immigration and job insecurity) by certain democratic political parties;
 3. Affirms that merely to condemn on principle, however vigorously, all forms of racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and intolerance is insufficient in itself and notes that there is an urgent need to tackle the underlying causes of the upsurge of racism in the Union, including the high unemployment rate, decaying urban fabric, petty crime, inadequate public amenities, etc.;
 4. Calls on the governments of the Union to abandon any policy likely to strengthen racial hatred and xenophobia, the French Government to withdraw the Debré bill and the German Government to repeal its order introducing a visa requirement for minors;
 5. Condemns all forms of cultural censorship and any attack on the freedom of expression and creation;
 6. Urges the one remaining government which has not yet done so to give its agreement to the establishment of a European observatory on racism, taking Article 235 of the EC Treaty as the legal basis;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.
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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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The following signed:

d'Abouville, Adam, Aelvoet, Ahern, Ainardi, Alber, Amadeo, Anastassopoulos, d'Ancona, Andersson, André-Léonard, Andrews, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Antony, Anttila, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Arroni, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Baldi, Balfe, Banotti, Bardong, Barros Moura, Barthet-Mayer, Barton, Baudis, Bébéar, Belleré, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Berès, Berger, Bernard-Reymond, Bernardini, Bertens, Berthu, Bianco, Billingham, van Bladel, Blak, Bloch von Blotnitz, Blokland, Blot, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Boniperti, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Bourlanges, Bowe, de Brémond d'Ars, Breyer, Brinkhorst, Brok, Cabezón Alonso, Caccavale, Caligaris, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Campoy Zueco, Candal, Capucho, Carlotti, Carnero González, Carniti, Cars, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnède, Castagnetti, Castricum, Caudron, Cederschiöld, Cellai, Chanterie, Chesa, Chichester, Christodoulou, Coates, Cohn-Bendit, Colino Salamanca, Collins Gerard, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Cornelissen, Correia, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cot, Cox, Crampton, Crowley, Cunha, Cunningham, Cushnahan, Danesin, Dankert, Dary, David, De Clercq, De Coene, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Giovanni, Dell'Alba, De Luca, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, de Vries, Díez de Rivera Icaza, van Dijk, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Dury, Dybkjær, Ebner, Eisma, Elchlepp, Elles, Elliott, Elmalan, Eriksson, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Ewing, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Farassino, Fassa, Fayot, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Florenz, Florio, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Fouque, Fourçans, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Funk, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garosci, Gasòliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gebhardt, Gillis, Glante, Glase, Goepel, Goerens, Görlach, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Álvarez, González Triviño, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graenitz, Graziani, Green, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hindley, Hoff, Holm, Hoppenstedt, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Hyland, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Janssen van Raay, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jöns, Jové Peres, Junker, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Kofoed, Konrad, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristoffersen, Kronberger, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Laignel, Lalumière, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lang Carl, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Larive, Le Chevallier, Le Gallou, Lehne, Lenz, Le Pen, Leperre-Verrier, Le Rachinel, Liese, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Linkohr, Linser, Lööw, Lomas, Lucas Pires, Lüttge, Lulling, Macartney, McCarthy, McCartin, McGowan, McIntosh, McKenna, McMahon, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Malerba, Malone, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Marin, Marinho, Marinucci, Marra, Maset Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Martinez, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mégret, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Menrad, Metten, Mezzaroma, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Monfils, Moniz, Moorhouse, Morán López, Moreau, Moretti, Morgan, Moscovici, Mosiak-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Musumeci, Myller, Nassauer, Needle, Nencini, Newman, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Novo Belenguer, Oddy, Ojala, Olsson, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Orlando, Otila, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pack, Pailler, Paisley, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Pasty, Peijs, Pérez Royo, Perry, Pery, Peter, Pettinari, Pex, Piecyk, Piha, Pimenta, Piquet, Pirker, des Places, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Poggiolini, Poisson, Pollack, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Pradier, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, van Putten, Rack, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Rauti, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Ribeiro, Riis-Jørgensen, Rinsche, Ripa di Meana, Robles Piquer, Rocard, Rosado Fernandes, de Rose, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rovsing, Rübig, Rynänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Scapagnini, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Secchi, Seillier, Seppänen, Sierra González, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Skinner, Smith, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Spaak, Speciale, Spiers, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Svensson, Swoboda, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Trizza, Truscott, Tsatsos, Ullmann, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vandemeulebroucke, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Viceconte, de Villiers, Vinci, Viola, Virgin, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, van der Waal, Waddington, Walter, Watson, Watts, Weber, Wemheuer, West, Whitehead, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

- (+) = For
 (–) = Against
 (O) = Abstention

1. Read report A4-0049/97

word 'mobile'

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ARE: Barthes-Mayer, Castagnède, Dary, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: Dybkjær, Olsson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Paisley

PPE: Argyros, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Elles

PSE: Adam, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusi, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Väyrynen, Watson, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Blot, Dillen, Féret, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang Carl, Le Rachinel, Linser, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Bardong, Baudis, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman,

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Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Majj-Weggen, Malangré, Martens, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Danesin, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Kaklamanis, Malerba, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Schaffner

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NI: Raschhofer

PPE: Mann Thomas, Matikainen-Kallström, Otila

PSE: Torres Marques

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ARE: Barthes-Mayer, Castagnède, Dary, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Sainjon, Vandemeulebroucke

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Miranda, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, de Gaulle, Sandbæk

NI: Antony, Blot

PPE: Chanterie

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Candal, Carloti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahan, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blotnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Cars, De Clercq, Eisma, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Nicholson

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PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Bardong, Baudis, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Costa Neves, Cunha, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Mayer, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stewart-Clark, Theato, Thyssen, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Danesin, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Kaklamanis, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Schaffner

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I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Féret, Hager, Trizza

PPE: Matikainen-Kallström, Otila, Piha

3. Read report A4-0049/97

Amendment 50

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dary, Ewing, González Triviño, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke

GUE/NGL: Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Berthu, Bonde, de Gaulle, des Places, Sandbæk, Seillier

NI: Blot, Dillen, Féret, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang Carl, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Stirbois

PPE: Chanterie, Glase, Stenzel

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusi, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blotnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Trizza

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Argyros, Arias Cañete, Bardong, Baudis, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klauf, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Majj-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, van Bladel, Boniperti, Caccavale, Danesin, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Kaklamanis, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Santini, Schaffner

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NI: Martinez

PPE: Matikainen-Kallström, Otila

4. Lindholm report A4-0046/97

Amendment 3

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer

PPE: Bébéar, de Brémond d'Ars, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Garriga Polledo, Grosch, Grossetête, Imaz San Miguel, Kristoffersen, Majj-Weggen, Martens, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stenmarck, Thyssen, Tindemans, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque,

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Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Röth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Wolf

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ELDR: Anttila, Virrankoski

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mégret, Stirbois, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Argyros, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bourlanges, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chichester, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Jackson, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, McCartin, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Otila, Pack, Perry, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Tillich, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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PPE: Camisón Asensio, Cederschiöld, De Esteban Martín, Elles, Fernández-Albor, Fourçans, Glase, Heinisch, Kellett-Bowman, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Virgin

PSE: Hallam

UPE: Kaklamanis

5. Lindholm report A4-0046/97

Amendment 5

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ARE: Lalumière

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynänen, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Puerta, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linsler, Raschhofer

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PPE: Alber, Bardong, Baudis, Bébéar, Bennasar Tous, Bernard-Reymond, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Dimitrakopoulos, Ferber, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Aygerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Happart, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusi, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Kaklamanis

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blotnitz, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Wolf

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Macartney, Vandemeulebroucke

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Mégret, Stirbois, Vanhecke

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Caccavale, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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PPE: Argyros, Donnelly Brendan, Posselt

PSE: Hallam

6. Lindholm report A4-0046/97

Amendment 8

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

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GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer

PPE: Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Garriga Polledo, Imaz San Miguel, Kristoffersen, Maij-Weggen, Martens, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Thyssen, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G.

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambarki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Kaklamanis

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Wolf

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I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang Carl, Stirbois, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Argyros, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Jackson, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Lehne, Liese, Lucas Pires, McCartin, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Mather, Mayer, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Pack, Perry, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübiger, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Soulier, Stenzel, Stevens, Sturdy, Theato, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Verwaerde, Virgin, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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PPE: Cederschiöld, De Esteban Martin, Heinisch, Kellett-Bowman, Lambrias, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Otila, Spencer

PSE: Hallam

UPE: Caccavale

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Wiebenga, Wijzenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer

PPE: Bébéar, Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Garriga Polledo, Imaz San Miguel, Kristoffersen, Maij-Weggen, Martens, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Robles Piquer, Sonneveld, Spencer, Thyssen, Trakatellis, van Velzen W.G.

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Lööw, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Wolf

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I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Lang Carl, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Argyros, Bardong, Baudis, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Jackson, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Liese, Lucas Pires, McCartin, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Pack, Perry, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Sisó Cruellas, Soulier, Stenzel, Stevens, Sturdy, Theato, Tillich, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Verwaerde, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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PPE: Bennasar Tous, Cederschiöld, De Esteban Martin, Glase, Heinisch, Kellett-Bowman, Lambrias, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Stenmarck, Virgin

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PSE: Hallam**UPE:** Caccavale, Kaklamanis*8. Lindholm report A4-0046/97**Amendment 11*

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ARE: Barthes-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Saint-Pierre, Vandemeulebroucke**ELDR:** André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Mulder, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Rynnänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek**GUE/NGL:** Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson**I-EDN:** Bonde, Sandbæk**NI:** Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer**PPE:** Chanterie, Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Garriga Polledo, Imaz San Miguel, Kristoffersen, Maij-Weggen, Martens, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Sonneveld, Thyssen, Trakatellis, van Velzen W.G.**PSE:** Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Etl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Gröner, Hänsch, Happart, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lambraki, Lange, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahan, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann**UPE:** Kaklamanis**V:** Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Wolf

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ELDR: Virrankoski**I-EDN:** Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal**NI:** Amadeo, Dillen, Le Gallou, Trizza, Vanhecke**PPE:** Alber, Anastassopoulos, Bardong, Baudis, Bernard-Reymond, Böge, Bourlanges, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grosseleté, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Herman, Hoppenstedt, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klauf, Koch, Konrad, Langen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, McCartin, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Pack, Perry, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquet, Rübig,

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Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Soulier, Stenzel, Stevens, Sturdy, Theato, Tillich, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Verwaerde, von Wogau

UPE: Baldi, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pampidou, Schaffner

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PPE: de Brémond d'Ars, Cederschiöld, De Esteban Martin, Glase, Heinisch, Kellett-Bowman, Lambrias, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Schiedermeier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Virgin

PSE: Hallam

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Commission proposal

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Ewing, González Triviño, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Cars, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Marsset Campos, Miranda, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailleur, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer

PPE: Bébéar, Chanterie, Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Imaz San Miguel, Kristoffersen, Maij-Weggen, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Sonneveld, Thyssen, Vaz Da Silva, van Velzen W.G.

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Candal, Carlotti, Castricum, Caudron, Coates, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambraki, Lange, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendiluce Pereiro, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasio, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Kaklamanis

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Bloch von Blotnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Virrankoski

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Gollnisch, Le Gallou, Trizza, Vanhecke

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UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Caccavale, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pampidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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ARE: Dupuis, Hory

ELDR: Monfils, Wijsenbeek

PPE: Cederschiöld, De Esteban Martin, Garriga Polledo, Grosch, Kellett-Bowman, Lambrias, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Otila, Stenmarck, Virgin

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Resolution

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GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Marsset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Bonde, Sandbæk

NI: Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer

PPE: Cornelissen, Dimitrakopoulos, Kristoffersen, Majj-Weggen, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Pex, Piha, Pronk, Sonneveld, Thyssen, van Velzen W.G.

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UPE: Kaklamani

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I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Nicholson, des Places, Seillier, Souchet, de Villiers, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Gollnisch, Le Gallou, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Argyros, Bardong, Baudis, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, Cushnahan, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Fernandez Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Florenz, Fontaine, Fourçans, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Jackson, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Langen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, McCartin, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Pack, Perry, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Soulier, Stenzel, Stevens, Sturdy, Theato, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Verwaerde, von Wogau

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, Caccavale, Crowley, Danesin, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Guinebertière, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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ARE: Dupuis, Hory

ELDR: Monfils, Wijsenbeek

PPE: Cederschiöld, Garriga Polledo, Kellett-Bowman, Lambrias, Lulling, Matikainen-Kallström, Otila, Stenmarck, Virgin

11. Joint resolution — Algeria

Paragraph 8 (first part)

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Cars, de Vries, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Kestelijn-Sierens, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Olsson, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Blokland, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Raschhofer, Trizza

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Argyros, Bébéar, Bennasar Tous, Berend, de Brémond d'Ars, Capucho, Castagnetti, Chanterie, Colombo Svevo, Corrie, De Melo, Elles, Ferrer, Florenz, Fontaine, Funk, Gillis, Glase, Gomolka, Grossetête, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heimisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Kristoffersen, Langen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rinsche, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Theato, Thyssen, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W.G., Virgin

PSE: Van Lancker

V: Aelvoet, Bloch von Blottnitz, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, van Dijk, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Tamino, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dupuis, Ewing, González Triviño, Lalumière, Macartney, Novo Belenguer, Vandemeulebroucke

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson

I-EDN: Fabre-Aubrespy, Souchet

NI: Dillen, Gollnisch, Le Gallou, Vanhecke

PPE: Camisón Asensio, De Esteban Martin, Fraga Estevez, Galeote Quecedo, Robles Piquer

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Carlotti, Castricum, Coates, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, David, De Coene, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Fouque, Glante, Görlach, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Kerr, Kindermann, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lambraki, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lüttge, McCarthy, McGowan, McNally, Malone, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Needle, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Pérez Royo, Pery, Peter, Piecyk, van Putten, Rapkay, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Spiers, Swoboda, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Titley, Torres Marques, Truscott, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wilson, Zimmermann

UPE: Danesin, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Pompidou, Santini

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ELDR: Dybkjær

I-EDN: des Places

PPE: Filippi, Fourçans

PSE: Katiforis

12. Motion of censure

Vote

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dary, González Triviño, Hory, Lalumière, Leperre-Verrier, Pradier, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Scarbonchi, Taubira-Delannon, Vandemeulebroucke

ELDR: André-Léonard, Lindqvist, Monfils, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Ainardi, Carnero González, Elmalan, Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Ojala, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pettinari, Piquet, Puerta, Ribeiro, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Svensson, Wurtz

I-EDN: Berthu, Bonde, Fabre-Aubrespy, de Gaulle, Jean-Pierre, des Places, de Rose, Sandbæk, Seillier, Souchet, Striby, de Villiers

NI: Amadeo, Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang Carl, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Martinez, Mégret, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PPE: Bébéar, Bernard-Reymond, Decourrière, Fourçans, Grossetête, Soulier, Verwaerde

PSE: Berès, Campos, Carlotti, Caudron, Cot, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Dury, Fouque, Happart, Laignel, Lindeperg, Marinucci, Moscovici, Pery, Rocard, Torres Couto, Trautmann

UPE: d'Aboville, Guinebertière, Kaklamanis, Martin Philippe, Rosado Fernandes

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Breyer, Cohn-Bendit, Gahrton, Hautala, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Schörling, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Weber

ELDR: Anttila, Bertens, Brinkhorst, Cars, De Clercq, de Vries, Dybkjær, Eisma, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Riis-Jørgensen, Ryyänänen, Spaak, Teverson, Thors, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga

I-EDN: Blokland, Nicholson, van der Waal

NI: Féret

PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Baudis, Bannasar Tous, Berend, Böge, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Brok, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan, Ebner, Elles, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández-Albor, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Jackson, Jarzembowski, Kelllett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Kristoffersen, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lucas Pires, Lulling, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Porto, Posselt, Pronk, Provan, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübige, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stevens, Stewart-Clark, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W.G., Viola, Virgin, von Wogau

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson Jan, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barros-Moura, Barton, Berger, Billingham, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Cabezón Alonso, Castricum, Coates, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Crampton, Crawley, Cunningham, Dankert, David, De Coene, Desama, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hänsch, Hallam, Hardstaff, Harrison, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jensen Kirsten, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kerr, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuhn, Lambraki, Lange, Linkohr, Lüttge, Löow, McCarthy, McGowan, McNally, Malone, Marinho, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Megahy, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morgan, Murphy, Myller, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rothe, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Spiers, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Tsatsos, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Waddington, Walter, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Arroni, Baldi, van Bladel, Caccavale, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Florio, Gallagher, Garosci, Malerba, Pasty, Podestà, Pompidou, Santini, Schaffner

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ARE: Ewing, Macartney

ELDR: Nordmann, Vallvé

NI: Paisley

PPE: Dimitrakopoulos, Vaz Da Silva

PSE: Falconer, Kuhne, Lage, Smith, Torres Marques

UPE: Poisson

V: van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf

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*13. Joint resolution — Mordechai Vanunu**Whole*

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Scarbonchi, Taubira-Delannon**ELDR:** Bertens, Cars, Cox, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Larive, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek**GUE/NGL:** Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Ojala, Pailier, Pettinari, Svensson**I-EDN:** Sandbæk**PPE:** Corrie, Moorhouse**PSE:** d'Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Barton, Berger, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Coates, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Elliott, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Ford, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hoff, Howitt, Kerr, Kindermann, Kuhn, Lage, Lambraki, Lindeperg, Martin D., McGowan, Malone, Marinho, Medina Ortega, Miller, Myller, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Peter, Pollack, Rocard, Sanz Fernández, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Smith, Swoboda, Tannert, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Walter, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann**V:** Aelvoet, Ahern, Breyer, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Roth, Schroedter, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Nordmann, Vallvé, Virrankoski**I-EDN:** Berthu, Blokland, Nicholson, Souchet, van der Waal**NI:** Amadeo, Hager, Raschhofer**PPE:** Alber, Anastassopoulos, Bébéar, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Funk, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Plumb, Posselt, Provan, Robles Piquer, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde**UPE:** Baldi, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Pasty, Podestà, Schaffner

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NI: Dillen, Vanhecke**PPE:** Rübzig, Viola**PSE:** Hallam, Stockmann*14. Joint resolution — Racism**Paragraph 1*

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney**ELDR:** Bertens, Cars, Cox, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Larive, Mulder, Olsson, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek**GUE/NGL:** Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Ojala, Pailier, Pettinari, Svensson**I-EDN:** Blokland, Nicholson, Sandbæk, van der Waal**NI:** Amadeo, Hager, Raschhofer

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PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Bébéar, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Corrie, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Funk, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klauf, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, Lenz, McCartin, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Plumb, Posselt, Provan, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Trakatellis, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Viola

PSE: d'Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Barton, Berger, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Coates, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hoff, Howitt, Kerr, Kindermann, Kuhn, Lage, Lambraki, Lindeperg, McGowan, Malone, Marinho, Medina Ortega, Miller, Myller, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Peter, Pollack, Rocard, Sanz Fernández, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Smith, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Van Lancker, Walter, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Baldi, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Pasty, Podestà, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Breyer, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Roth, Schroedter, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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I-EDN: Berthu, Fabre-Aubrespy, Souchet

NI: Dillen, Vanhecke

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PPE: Herman

15. Joint resolution — Racism

Whole

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dell'Alba, Hory, Lalumière, Macartney, Scarbonchi, Taubira-Delannon

ELDR: Bertens, Brinkhorst, Eisma, Gasòliba i Böhm, Haarder, Mulder, Olsson, Plooij-van Gorsel, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Wijzenbeek

GUE/NGL: Eriksson, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Ojala, Pailler, Pettinari, Svensson

I-EDN: Sandbæk

PSE: d'Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Barton, Berger, Botz, Bowe, Bösch, Coates, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, De Coene, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Dührkop Dührkop, Dury, Ettl, Evans, Falconer, Ford, Fouque, Gebhardt, Glante, Görlach, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hoff, Howitt, Kerr, Kindermann, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lindeperg, McGowan, Malone, Marinho, Medina Ortega, Miller, Myller, Newman, Oddy, Paasilinna, Paasio, Peter, Pollack, Rocard, Sanz Fernández, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Smith, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tannert, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Van Lancker, Walter, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, Breyer, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Roth, Schroedter, Tamino, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Nordmann

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, Souchet, van der Waal

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Hager, Raschhofer, Vanhecke

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PPE: Alber, Anastassopoulos, Bébéar, Bourlanges, de Brémond d'Ars, Camisón Asensio, Corrie, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, Fontaine, Fraga Estevez, Funk, Gillis, Goepel, Gomolka, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, McCartin, Mann Thomas, Martens, Mayer, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Plumb, Posselt, Provan, Robles Piquer, Rübige, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valverde López, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Viola

UPE: Baldi, Donnay, Guinebertière, Pasty, Podestà, Schaffner

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ARE: Dupuis

ELDR: Cars, Cox, de Vries, Fassa, Wiebenga

PPE: Maij-Weggen

UPE: Fitzsimons, Gallagher

Friday, 21 February 1997

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1997

(97/C 85/05)

PART I

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs PERY
Vice-President

(The sitting opened at 9 a.m.)

1. Approval of Minutes

Mrs Schaffner had informed the Chair that she had intended to vote for the motion for a resolution on BSE (Minutes of 19.2.1997, Part I, Item 9).

The following spoke:

- Mr Hallam, who said that he had intended to vote in favour of am. 5 in the Lindholm report, not against (*Part I, Item 9*);
- Mr W.G. van Velzen, on the Read report (A4-0049/97, Part I, Item 7);
- Mr Posselt, on the verbatim report for Wednesday.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Membership of committees

At the request of the non-attached Members, Parliament ratified the appointment of Mr Tatarella to the Subcommittee on Security and Disarmament to replace Mr Dillen.

3. Referrals to committees

The following committees had been asked for opinions:

- the Development Committee:
 - proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period from 1 June 1996 to 31 May 1999, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé e Príncipe on fishing off Sao Tomé e Príncipe (COM(96)0394 — C4-0485/96 — 96/0199(CNS)) (responsible: FISH; already asked for an opinion: BUDG)
 - communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament and a proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the Community action programme 'European voluntary service for young people' (COM(96)0610 — C4-0681/96 — 96/0318(COD)) (responsible: CULT; already asked for an opinion: BUDG)

— the Agriculture Committee on the Commission report on the review of Directive 90/220/EEC in the context of the Commission's communication on biotechnology and the White Paper (COM(96)0630 — C4-0008/97) (responsible: ENVI; already asked for an opinion: RTDE).

4. Documents received

The President announced that the 'Hughes' procedure had been applied to the Katiforis report on the Commission's Communication on 'Shaping Europe's maritime future' — a contribution to the competitiveness of maritime industries (COM(96)0084 — C4-0211/96) — Economic Affairs Committee (A4-0036/97).

The President announced that she had received:

(a) Council:

(aa) requests for opinions:

— Proposal for a Council Decision laying down the procedure for adopting the Community's position in the Customs Union Joint Committee set up by Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on implementation of the final phase of the Customs Union (5372/97 — C4-0081/97 — 96/0020(CNS))

referred to
responsible: FASE
opinion: RELA, CIVI

legal basis: Art. 113 EC

— Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part (10521/96 — C4-0082/97 — 97/0902(CNS))

referred to
responsible: RELA
opinion: FASE, RTDE, BUDG

— Proposal for a Council Decision repealing Decision 77/186/EEC on the exporting of crude oil and petroleum products from one Member State to another in the event of supply difficulties (COM(96)0320 — C4-0083/97 — 97/0903(CNS))

referred to
responsible: RTDE

legal basis: Art. 103a EC

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— Proposal for a Council Regulation temporarily withdrawing access to generalized tariff preferences for industrial goods from the Union of Myanmar (COM(96)0711 — C4-0085/97 — 96/0317(ACC))

referred to
responsible: FASE
opinion: BUDG, RELA, DEVE

— Proposal for a Council Regulation temporarily withdrawing access to generalized tariff preferences for agricultural products from the Union of Myanmar (COM(97)0058 — C4-0086/97 — 97/0041(ACC))

referred to
responsible: FASE
opinion: BUDG, RELA, DEVE

— Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 96/26/EC on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations (COM(97)0025 — C4-0087/97 — 97/0029(SYN))

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: TRAN
legal basis: Art. 075(1) EC

(ab) the following text:

— Council Declaration on the Commission's programme for 1997 (C4-0080/97)

referred to:
committees concerned

(b) from the Commission, the following texts:

— Request from the Commission to the Budget Authority concerning carryovers from 1996 to 1997 — non-automatic carryovers — non-differentiated appropriations — Section III — Commission (SEC(97)0259 — C4-0076/97)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Request from the Commission to the Budget Authority concerning carryovers from 1996 to 1997 — non-automatic carryovers — non-differentiated appropriations — Section I — Parliament (SEC(97)0259 — C4-0077/97)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Annual Economic Report 1997 — Growth, Employment and Convergence with a view to EMU (COM(97)0027 — C4-0078/97)

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: ESOC

languages available: DE, EN, FR

— The mutually beneficial effects of greater co-ordination of economic and structural policies (Europe as an economic entity) — Final Report (CSE(96)0008 — C4-0079/97)

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: ESOC

— Annual report: Equal opportunities for women and men in the European Union 1996 (COM(96)0650 — C4-0084/97)

referred to
responsible: WOME
opinion: LEGA, ESOC

5. Application of Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Communities * (Rule 99) (vote)

The next item was the vote on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) amending Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 549/69 determining the categories of officials and other servants of the European Communities to whom the provisions of Article 12, the second paragraph of Article 13 and Article 14 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Communities apply (COM(96)0400 — C4-0534/96 — 96/0214(CNS))

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: BUDG, RULE

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0400 — C4-0534/96 — 96/0214(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 1*).

6. Tax for the benefit of EC * (Rule 99) (vote)

The next item was the vote on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 laying down the conditions and procedure for applying the tax for the benefit of the European Communities (COM(96)0400 — C4-0535/96 — 96/0215(CNS))

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: BUDG, RULE

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0400 — C4-0535/96 — 96/0215(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 2*).

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7. Olive oil * (Rule 99) (vote)

The next item was the vote on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2262/84 laying down special measures in respect of olive oil (COM(96)0571 – C4-0004/97 – 96/0275(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0571 – C4-0004/97 – 96/0275(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 3*).

8. Efficiency of agricultural structures * (Rule 99) (vote)

The next item was the vote on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 improving the efficiency of agricultural structures (COM(96)0614 – C4-0036/97 – 96/0288(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: ECON, ENVI

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(96)0614 – C4-0036/97 – 96/0288(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 4*).

9. Enzymes and micro-organisms in animal nutrition * (Rule 99) (vote)

The next item was the vote on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 93/113/EC concerning the use and marketing of enzymes, micro-organisms and their preparations in animal nutrition (COM(96)0715 – C4-0064/97 – 97/0014(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: ECON, ENVI

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(96)0715 – C4-0064/97 – 97/0014(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 5*).

10. Proceedings of the ACP/EU Joint Assembly in 1996 (vote)

Baldi report – A4-0019/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 6*).

11. Development cooperation policy (vote)

McGowan report – A4-0028/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1; 3 by EV (107 for, 75 against, 2 abstentions); 2

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, para. 21, 2nd part, by EV (108 for, 89 against, 0 abstentions)

The following spoke during the vote: before the vote, the rapporteur stated his position on the amendments.

Split votes:

para. 21 (PPE):

1st part: up to and including (g);

2nd part: (h);

3rd part: (i)

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

12. Humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development (vote)

Fassa report – A4-0021/97

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendment adopted: 1 by EV (104 for, 84 against, 2 abstentions)

Amendment rejected: 2 by EV (92 for, 106 against, 3 abstentions)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Separate votes: para. 11 (ARE); para. 12 (V)

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 8*).

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Explanations of vote:

McGowan report (A4-0028/97)

– *in writing:* the following Members: Van der Waal, on behalf of the I-EDN Group; Eriksson; Gahrton, Lindholm, Holm, Schörling

Fassa report (A4-0021/97)

– *in writing:* the following Members: Lindqvist; Eriksson; Gahrton, Lindholm, Holm, Schörling

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13. Clearance of EAGGF accounts (debate and vote)

Mr Mulder introduced his interim report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control, on the postponement of the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the clearance of the accounts of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF for the 1992 financial year (C(96)0417 – C4-0259/96) (A4-0043/97).

The following spoke: Mr Wynn, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr McCartin, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Santini, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Van der Waal, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, and Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

VOTE

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Explanations of vote:

– *in writing:* Mr Fabre-Aubrespy, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

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

14. Assisting spouses of the self-employed (debate and vote)

Mrs Lulling introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights, on the situation of assisting spouses of the self-employed (A4-0005/97).

The following spoke: Mrs Gröner, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Flemming, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mrs Kestelijn-Sierens, on behalf of the ELDR Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Ribeiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Van Dijk, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Féret, non-attached, Mrs Torres Marques; Mrs Thyssen, Mr Papoutsis, Member of the Commission, and Mrs Lulling, rapporteur.

The President closed the debate.

VOTE

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 6; 3; 4; 5; 1

Amendment rejected: 2 by EV (32 for, 54 against, 1 abstention)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

The following spoke during the vote: the rapporteur, before the vote on am. 4, recommended adopting it.

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

15. Leghold traps (debate and vote)

Mr Kenneth Collins, chairman of the Environment Committee, moved an oral question on behalf of that committee to the Commission on the position of the Commission on leghold trap legislation (B4-0002/97).

Mr Papoutsis, Member of the Commission, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Kellett-Bowman, who put a question to the Commission which Mr Papoutsis answered, Mrs Pollock, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Pimenta, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mrs Van Dijk, on behalf of the V Group.

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 40(5) from:

– Mr Kenneth Collins, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on leghold traps (B4-0154/97).

The following spoke: Mr Schnellhardt, Mr von Habsburg, Mr Papoutsis, Mr Pimenta, to make a personal statement in response to Mr Papoutsis' remarks, and Mr Papoutsis.

The President closed the debate.

VOTE

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0154/97:

Amendments adopted: 1; 2

Amendments rejected: 3 by EV (27 for, 45 against, 3 abstentions); 5

Amendments withdrawn: 4; 6

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Split votes:

para. 2 (PPE):

1st part: up to 'negotiations'

2nd part: remainder

Explanations of vote:

– *oral:* Mrs Sandbæk, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

– *in writing:* Mr Ford

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE):

Members voting:	81
For:	76
Against:	3
Abstentions:	2

(*Part II, Item 11*).

(Mr Schnellhardt had intended to vote in favour).

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16. Genetically modified maize

The next item was the joint debate on seven oral questions to the Commission by:

- Mrs Breyer and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on the marketing of genetically modified maize (B4-0003/97);
- Mr des Places, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on the placing on the market of genetically modified maize (B4-0005/97);
- Mr Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group, on genetically modified organisms (B4-0012/97);
- Mrs González Álvarez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the request for a moratorium on the entry of genetically modified maize into the European Union (B4-0013/97);
- Mrs Barthet-Mayer and Mr Kouchner, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the placing on the market of genetically modified maize (B4-0014/97);
- Mrs Roth-Behrendt, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the placing on the market of genetically modified maize; authorization procedure (B4-0015/97);
- Mrs Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the placing on the market of genetically modified maize (B4-0016/97).

On behalf of the V Group, Mr Lannoye asked for the debate to be postponed to the next sitting, pursuant to Rule 131(1) (the President replied that he could not say exactly when the debate would be held as the establishment of part-session draft agendas was the responsibility of the Conference of Presidents).

Mr von Habsburg and Mrs Pailler spoke on the request for postponement.

Parliament approved the request by EV (39 for, 23 against, 0 abstentions).

The following spoke: Mr Ford, who sought confirmation that the speakers' list for the item was closed (the President replied that it would be reopened when the debate took place) and Mr Rübzig.

17. Membership of political groups

The President informed the House that he had been informed of the following changes in group membership, with effect from 19 February 1997:

- Mr Bossi, Mr Farassino, Mr Moretti and Mr Formentini were no longer members of the ELDR Group;

— Mr De Luca had left the UPE Group to join the ELDR Group;

— Mr Caligaris, previously non-attached, had joined the ELDR Group.

18. Membership of delegations

At the request of the UPE Group Parliament ratified the following appointments:

- Delegation to the EU-Slovak Republic Joint Parliamentary Committee: Mr Pasty;
- Delegation for relations with Latvia: Mrs Cardona;
- Delegation for relations with Lithuania: Mr Crowley;
- Delegation for relations with Slovenia: Mr d'Aboville;
- Delegation for relations with Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova: Mr Hyland.

19. Forwarding of texts adopted during the sitting

The President informed Parliament, pursuant to Rule 133(2), that the Minutes of that day's sitting would be submitted to Parliament for its approval at the beginning of its next sitting.

With Parliament's agreement, he stated that he would forward the texts that had just been adopted forthwith to the bodies named therein.

20. Dates for next sittings

The President announced that the next sittings would be held from 10 to 14 March 1997.

21. Adjournment of session

The session was adjourned.

(The sitting closed at 11.30 a.m.)

Julian PRIESTLEY
Secretary-General

José María GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO
President

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PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament

**1. Application of Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Communities *
(Rule 99)**

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(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

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The proposal was approved.

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The proposal was approved.

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(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

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(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

6. Proceedings of the ACP/EU Joint Assembly in 1996

A4-0019/97

Resolution on the outcome of the proceedings of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in 1996

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the resolutions adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Assembly at its sessions in Windhoek (March 1996) ⁽¹⁾ and Luxembourg (September 1996),
- having regard to Rule 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0019/97),

- A. whereas Parliament must be regularly informed of the activity of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in order to ensure that development policy is consistent,
- B. having regard to the debate on EU development policy which began with presentation of the 1996 general report on future relations between the ACP States and the European Union and continued with submission of the Commission Green Paper on the subject,
- C. having regard to the role which the Joint Assembly can play in conjunction with the European Parliament, in view of the democratic legitimacy of the two institutions, in alerting public opinion to the importance of development policy and specifying the direction that policy should take,
- D. whereas, in view of the EU's role as the world's largest donor of development aid, the fate of the poorest nations on this planet depends in part on ensuring that development policy is given a separate place in the EU's foreign policy,
- E. whereas NGOs are playing an increasingly important role in development aid; whereas there is a need for them to be recognized within the ACP-EU Joint Assembly,

1. Underlines the essential role and contribution of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in the discussion under way on the issues and challenges facing the European Union and its ACP partners over renewal of the framework for cooperation which, beyond the year 2000 and in a worldwide context of fundamental change, will need to continue to shape the privileged relations that have united them since the beginnings of European integration;

2. Wishes the Joint Assembly accordingly to be involved in an appropriate way in the discussions which the Green Paper is designed to encourage, and the Assembly's contribution to be duly considered in the negotiations starting in September 1998, which will seek to redefine relations between the Union and the ACP States;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 254, 2.9.1996.

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3. Will call for the various aspects of foreign policy to be combined in a single chapter of the Treaty when the Treaty on European Union is revised, giving development policy a special place and ensuring that it is taken into account when the common foreign and security policy is being implemented; will also call for ACP-EU cooperation to be more subject to effective parliamentary control than it is at present and to be endowed with the funds necessary to fulfil its task;
4. Confirms the need for the European Development Fund to be incorporated into the European Community budget, to ensure that funding and spending is subject to effective parliamentary control;
5. Emphasizes, in this connection, that effective development cooperation by the EU requires coordination between the EC and the Member States, and draws attention to the relevant provisions of the EU Treaty and to the Council's decisions on coordination;
6. Will call for the interest of the ACP States in a genuine development policy to be upheld in the negotiations on the future of relations with them; considers it a priority for such policy to concentrate on the needs of the most disadvantaged sectors of population and accordingly supports the promotion of measures in the fields of secure food supply, health and basic education; favours supporting the private sector by creating a suitable framework for productive capacity to evolve;
7. Is deeply concerned at the numerous internal conflicts and human rights violations in some ACP regions and supports the Joint Assembly in its representations on this point; expresses satisfaction at the Assembly's clear approach to several cases of serious human rights violations; stresses the need not only for dialogue but also for firmness and vigilance in this sensitive area;
8. Draws attention to the close connection between development and respect for human rights and democratic principles; calls for the further development of ideas on the right of intervention by the community of nations on humanitarian grounds; but also draws attention to the responsibility of that community of nations, based on the principle of solidarity, for ensuring that human beings can live in dignity anywhere in the world;
9. Notes with interest the conclusions and proposals set out by the working groups within the Assembly which have examined industrial development in the ACP countries and the issue of refugees and displaced persons, an issue of particular urgency in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa;
10. Notes with satisfaction the Joint Assembly's decision, following its hearing on the subject at the Luxembourg session, to set up a working group on climate change, which particularly affects small island states;
11. Will emphatically support any initiatives to outlaw and remove anti-personnel mines, which are daily threatening people's lives and health and placing the development of their countries at risk;
12. Notes the concerns expressed by the Assembly at the threats to some commodities such as cocoa, sugar or bananas, which are of considerable importance to the economies of some ACP countries, and pledges to take up these legitimate concerns and to promote the protection of the preferential schemes benefiting the ACP States in their trade relations with the Union;
13. Voices its satisfaction at the steady increase in parliamentary representation within the Joint Assembly, consolidating its authority and legitimacy and confirming the growing commitment of the ACP States to the democratic process, and welcomes the commitments that have been made under Article 32 of the Fourth Lomé Convention as revised;
14. Favours the greatest possible institutional independence of the Joint Assembly, in terms of separate responsibility for organizing its business, particularly with regard to deciding on where to hold its sessions; considers it indispensable to carry out delegation missions to individual ACP States to assess the situation on the ground, in order for development cooperation to be fruitful, and accordingly supports fact-finding missions and contacts of this kind within the limits of the available budgetary funds;

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15. Will give due heed to the positions of the Joint Assembly, as expressed in its resolutions, when deciding on foreign and development policy issues and other Community policies, and calls on the Council and Commission to take account of the positions adopted by the Joint Assembly;

16. Draws attention to the importance of ensuring that the Fourth Lomé Convention as revised at Mauritius enters into force without delay and therefore calls on the signatory States which have not yet ratified the revised text, in particular the Member States of the Union, to do so as soon as possible and calls on the Netherlands presidency to urge the Member States during its term of office to speed up their procedures for ratification;

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the ACP-EU Joint Assembly, the ACP-EU Council, the governments of the Member States of the Community, the governments and parliaments of the ACP member states, the Council and the Commission.

7. Development cooperation policy

A4-0028/97

Resolution on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on complementarity between the Community's development cooperation policy and the policies of the Member States (COM(95)0160 – C4-0178/95)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(95)0160 – C4-0178/95),
 - having regard to its resolution of 28 October 1993 on increased coordination of the development aid provided by the Member States and the Community ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0028/97),
- A. whereas the European Union is the world's leading donor of official development aid,
 - B. whereas the European Union must continue to give development and cooperation the priority they deserve,
 - C. having noted the outcome of the hearing organized by the Committee on Development and Cooperation, at which the Member States expressed their views on the coordination of development policies,
 - D. whereas complementarity between the Member States' development policies and the common development policy is one of the objectives defined in the Treaty on European Union,
 - E. whereas the lack of coordination between the Community's development aid policies and those of the Member States is due not only to the wide range of actors, aid channels and procedures that are a feature of the Member States' activities but also to the differences of approach as between national policies and European policy,
 - F. whereas bilateral relations between certain Member States and certain developing countries are important, but whereas they should not conflict with the policy of the EU and the other Member States, and must be guided by common criteria,
 - G. having noted the outcome of the pilot scheme on operational coordination between the Community and its Member States,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 315, 22.11.1993, p. 250.

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- H. aware that the Council's latest meetings held to consider coordination have produced very little progress, the outcome of the Council meeting of 28 May 1996 in particular having been completely negative,
- I. deeply disturbed by the fact that very little progress has been made in coordinating the Member States' development policies and that, despite some efforts under health, education and AIDS programmes, coordination appears to have deteriorated,
1. Considers that the European Union's inability to achieve complementarity between the Member States' and the Union's policies, as provided for in the Maastricht Treaty, is a political failure on the European Union's part;
 2. Notes that, aside from the difficulties raised by complementarity, and especially the very wide diversity of national arrangements, this inability is primarily due to the absence of political will in the Council and the Member States;
 3. Feels that this inability is caused, on the one hand, by the difficulty of making progress where the common foreign and security policy is concerned and, on the other hand, by neglect of the objectives of development cooperation, which were once one of the European Community's priorities;
 4. Draws attention in this context to the fact that the findings of the evaluation report on the pilot scheme on operational coordination between the Community and its Member States invoke as a primary obstacle to the strengthening of coordination 'too few staff in the Member States' and Commission's local offices';
 5. Feels, however, that the values on which the common development policy pivots are likely to help the Union to acquire an external identity and considers that the existence of genuine coordination between national and Community development aid policies may help to make the European identity more recognizable on the world stage;
 6. Feels that the lack of progress in coordinating development aid is due to a lack of political will and that the lack of progress towards a common foreign and security policy is often used as an excuse;
 7. Considers that the interests of the peoples in the countries associated with the European Union under development agreements call for closer coordination; recalls, moreover, that the Union accounts for more than half of the official aid granted in the world;
 8. Feels that closer coordination not only of activities undertaken at Union and national level but also, at Union level, of the various Community initiatives is essential if global coherence of the Union's external action is to be ensured;
 9. Considers that, to optimize the Union's internal coordination, for whose success the Commission has a particular responsibility, it should be extended to include both the beneficiary countries or entities and any other international donors and that these external actors should therefore be involved in the coordination process earlier;
 10. Considers that democratic control of expenditure and transparency of responsibilities call for the entry of the EDF in the budget, which would enable the Community nature of the development policy to be enhanced;
 11. Considers that greater importance should be attached to evaluation, which would in particular enable closer coordination to be achieved;
 12. Notes that some Member States rate coordination at world level higher than coordination at European level; believes that the tragedy of the Great Lakes region of Africa demonstrates the urgent need for effective coordination of European Union policies and programmes; believes that the developing countries as well as Europe should benefit from the ending of the cold war and that there is an urgent need for a coordinated effort by the European Union and its Member States drastically to reduce the world's arms trade;
 13. Considers that closer coordination at European level would be a powerful means of improving coordination at world level;
 14. Deplores in particular the lack of coordination of the Member States' approaches in the Bretton Woods institutions and, to a lesser degree, the UN;

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15. Considers that closer coordination calls for the convergence of points of view when policies are formulated in the recipient countries and among the donors;
 16. Believes, in particular, that it would be useful to strengthen coordination before cooperation policies are formulated, especially by improving exchanges of information and dialogue during the programming phases of the Community's and Member States' aid efforts;
 17. Notes that the activities of the Member States are characterized by a wide range of actors, instrumental channels and procedures;
 18. Feels that coordination will be unsatisfactory unless the recipient countries are themselves capable of administering aid efficiently;
 19. Believes that coordination should also extend to the question of the developing countries' debts; reaffirms its view that these debts should be processed at Community level;
 20. Refers to the need for closer coordination between the Member States and the European Union where aid is concerned in order to avoid duplication of effort at national and Community level;
 21. Deplores the fact that the European Union, which is by far the world's largest donor and makes the greatest effort in terms of gross domestic product, does not manage to make its voice heard on the international stage where development aid and, more especially, development cooperation are concerned;
 22. Considers that it is necessary to seek more political and public support in Europe through direct action and self-help initiatives:
 - (a) the Council should be invited to have each meeting of the Committee on Development and Cooperation attended either by the Presidency or by a senior official on behalf of the Presidency, as has been agreed as a follow-up to the Maastricht Treaty,
 - (b) there should be a debate in the Committee on Development and Cooperation before and after each Development Council,
 - (c) the Committee on Development and Cooperation should seek observer status at each meeting of the Development Council,
 - (d) there is a need for clear political statements from the Council and the Member States on coordination,
 - (e) there should be a question and answer session with both Council and Commission at each meeting of the Committee on Development and Cooperation,
 - (f) the Committee on Development and Cooperation should invite MPs from the Member States to attend a meeting of the committee at least once each year,
 - (g) each new President of the European Parliament should be invited to address the Committee on Development and Cooperation at the beginning of each mandate,
 - (h) at every meeting of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, half an hour at the beginning of one of the sittings should be devoted to hearing the views of NGOs,
 - (i) there is an urgent need for a follow-up to the adoption of this resolution, which should include sending a delegation to the countries of the case studies;
 23. Requests the Bureau and the rapporteur of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on complementarity to monitor closely the suggested improvement of coordination and to establish the necessary contacts with the Council;
 24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.
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8. Humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development

A4-0021/97

Resolution on European Union humanitarian aid and the role of ECHO and on the Commission communication to the Council and European Parliament on linking relief, rehabilitation and development (COM(96)0153 – C4-0265/96)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication (COM(96)0153 – C4-0265/96),
 - having regard to its resolution of 19 November 1993 on the Commission report on the implementation in the Member States of the Council Recommendation of 13 June 1985 on social protection for volunteer development workers ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to its recommendation to the Council of 19 January 1996 on humanitarian action by the European Union ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 on humanitarian aid ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's conclusions of 22 November 1996 on equal treatment for men and women in crisis prevention, emergency intervention and reconstruction,
 - having regard to Rule 148 of the Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy and Committee on External Economic Relations (A4-0021/97),
- A. whereas close coordination between the Member States and the Commission is essential for effective humanitarian aid by the Community,
- B. whereas, in pursuit of the same objective, the internal structure of the Commission must be adapted to provide a global coherent Community humanitarian aid strategy,
- C. whereas the Community, to the same end, should also coordinate its action with that of non-member countries and international agencies and organizations specializing in humanitarian aid, and work closely with non-governmental organizations,
- D. whereas the continued high demand for humanitarian aid must not lead to a decrease in the funds available for development programmes and preventive measures since poverty and conflict are at the root of human suffering in emergencies,
- E. having regard to the figures given in the Commission communication, according to which between 1988 and 1993 'relief expenditure by OECD member states rose from US\$ 500 million to US\$ 3 500 million per year, at a time when overall aid programmes are tending to stagnate or even decline',
- F. noting that these figures are regrettably in conflict with the Commission communication's objective to give priority to conflict prevention,
- G. convinced that a new and sustained effort is needed to reach out to public opinion throughout Europe to promote the role of long-term development assistance; considers that this could be done by demonstrating the causal link between poverty and humanitarian crises,
- H. whereas the creation of a European voluntary service at Community level could become a valuable resource in the Community's work in development and humanitarian aid,
- I. whereas the majority of all refugees are women,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 329, 6.12.1993, p. 381.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 32, 5.2.1996, p. 145.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

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- J. whereas the division between short, medium and long-term aid must ensure that a coherent approach to aid is devised and that the link between them receives ever greater attention,
- K. convinced that there is no better long-term way of remedying human suffering than conflict prevention and that, as soon as the situation in a country requires it, preventive measures (such as diplomatic, economic or media measures) should be activated,
1. Regards it as essential that the Commission makes full use of its power of initiative to coordinate humanitarian aid actions of the Community and the Member States; in this context calls on the Council to adopt the measures needed to ensure that Member States cooperate unreservedly with the Commission; sincerely hopes that the Intergovernmental Conference will lead to a strengthening of the Union's common foreign policy;
 2. Proposes, in the interests of greater efficiency and more coherence between development policy, rehabilitation and humanitarian aid, that responsibilities and measures should be clearly defined, and even in certain cases reclassified; hopes that the necessary structural reorganization of the various fields of activity will make an important contribution to greater transparency and information, both within the Commission itself and *vis-à-vis* other partners, including the European Parliament; believes that the Commission's external services as a whole should be brought under the competence of a single Commissioner;
 3. Calls on the Commission to decide on the means and reinforcement of communication and information with the United Nations agencies and the other major international organizations, in the interests of efficiency;
 4. Welcomes the formulation of eligibility criteria for NGOs and the revision of the framework partnership agreements which will allow ECHO and its partners to enhance the quality of their cooperation;
 5. Considers that the Commission's external delegations have a necessary role to play, especially in the event of a major crisis; regrets, in this context, the shortage of staff made available at times of crisis; considers that the Commission's external delegations should play a greater role in coordinating humanitarian actions in their respective countries;
 6. Recommends that in the event of conflict or crisis the financial and human resources of the delegations should be reinforced; also hopes that such exceptional provisions would be maintained until it is ascertained that the situation has improved;
 7. Calls on ECHO to disseminate the results of evaluations and to strengthen the feedback of information from the countries where Community aid measures are being carried out;
 8. Calls on ECHO to look into the problem of too frequent shifting of staff which could hinder a sufficient building-up of experience with a particular country or crisis; calls on ECHO, in its policy of recruiting staff for specific missions, to take into account the experience acquired by candidates in humanitarian aid measures on the ground;
 9. Calls on the Council and Commission to give priority to measures enabling the Community's activities in the field of long-term development assistance to be made more visible; believes that this must be done as part of a strategy which demonstrates the causal link between poverty and humanitarian crises; stresses that the efficiency of aid measures should not fall victim to the visibility of EU aid which has been the centre of attention for some time;
 10. Calls on the Commission, in its preliminary draft budget for 1998, to allocate sufficient financial resources to ECHO, under the relevant budget headings, in order to put an end to the practice of setting up a reserve, which hinders its operation and delays its intervention;
 11. Reiterates its belief that in the framework of a common defence policy the possibility of establishing a European civil peace corps should be taken into account in order to strengthen humanitarian action, lead to the peaceful settlement of conflicts, prevent the outbreak of new conflicts and provide the necessary measures of confidence-building;
 12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to consider the possibility of setting up a European corps consisting of civilian and military units, in cooperation with the WEU, responsible for keeping and re-establishing peace (Petersberg missions);
 13. Welcomes the Commission's communication; believes that it is an important first step in improving the coherence of short, medium and long-term Community aid;

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14. Believes that the Commission's emphasis on country-specific impact analyses before relief actions are initiated needs to be complemented with very careful monitoring and follow-up on how humanitarian action affects longer term aims;
15. Recognizes that a gender approach to humanitarian aid would help reconcile the conflicting requirements of trying to link relief, rehabilitation and development; calls on the Commission to make provision for a thorough gender-based analysis, at all stages of emergency aid, rehabilitation and development and to provide financial support for local initiatives undertaken in situations of crisis, particularly those initiated by women;
16. Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States in the implementation of relief, rehabilitation and development, to take into account the specific situation of women in emergency and crisis situations, their special role in the reconstruction process and in the social stabilization of society and to develop and implement corresponding autonomous projects or project elements, taking account of the Council's conclusions of 22 December 1996 referred to above;
17. Recognizes that the vast majority of the recipients of humanitarian aid are women and children and that therefore their needs, particularly their health needs, should be addressed;
18. Stresses that the difficulty, so far, of incorporating development aspects into relief operations is partly due to the fact that humanitarian agencies have separated the two; believes that, in the short term, coordination between Commission departments must continue to be strengthened and that the proposal to establish coordinating groups of desk-officers should be implemented without delay; believes that, in the long term, the Commission should reorganize its management structure in order to allow for a more global, coherent and integrated strategy in the complementary fields of humanitarian aid and development aid;
19. Points out that crises of a chronic nature are more and more frequent and, in this context, rehabilitation efforts are not short term, designed to facilitate the passage from emergency aid to development, but rather aim to manage prolonged situations of instability; believes that greater financial means must be made available for rehabilitation programmes;
20. Calls on the Commission to ensure that its relief and rehabilitation interventions support the functioning of local, national and regional markets by giving priority to local, national and regional sourcing possibilities;
21. Believes that more emphasis needs to be placed on local people's skills and capacities in order for development programmes to take better account of the risk of emergencies, and by analogy, for relief actions to take better account of development aspects;
22. Calls on the Council and Commission to support local efforts to promote disaster preparedness;
23. Stresses that in the design of macro-economic reform programmes full account should be taken of the vulnerability of countries to natural disasters;
24. Considers it essential for the Commission to define clearly under what circumstances and at which point conditionality becomes an integral part of the relief-rehabilitation-development process and to draw up at the same time a timetable for the progress to be made;
25. Is dismayed at the lack of progress made by the Council in implementing conflict prevention measures repeatedly requested by the European Parliament;
26. Considers that greater attention needs to be paid to the role of local civil society in the area of conflict prevention; is convinced that measures to promote democracy, aimed at achieving fuller social participation and integration of local populations are needed in the context of a conflict prevention policy; in this connection also considers that prevention policy for both natural disasters and armed conflicts must allocate an important role to development and the integration and social participation of women;
27. Believes that humanitarian aid should be non-discriminatory towards victims and non-political; believes, however, that it is inevitable that humanitarian aid in sensitive areas may have political consequences; believes that the Commission, and ECHO in particular, should carefully evaluate these and, as far as possible, make sure that they reinforce its work in the field of conflict preparedness;

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28. Calls for a reform of the CFSP with a view to making it more coherent by enabling the Union to combine diplomatic efforts and (military and civilian) humanitarian intervention capacity with trade and development aid policies;
29. Calls for European monitoring of arms exports and a tightening up and clarification of the criteria adopted at the European Council meetings of June 1991 and June 1992, with a view to preventing exports of arms to areas of conflict;
30. Considers it essential that the Community institutions should devote particular attention to conflict prevention and 'early warning' and stresses, in this connection, that a European research centre should be set up for the active prevention of crises;
31. Calls on the Council to advocate, in the United Nations, the setting up of a permanent international criminal court as an important instrument of conflict prevention;
32. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

9. Clearance of EAGGF accounts

A4-0043/97

Resolution informing the Commission of the reasons for the postponement of the giving of a discharge to the Commission in respect of the EAGGF clearance of the accounts for the 1992 financial year (C(96)0417 – C4-0259/96)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and especially Article 206 thereof,
 - having regard to Article 89 of the Financial Regulation,
 - having regard to paragraph 4 of its decision of 5 April 1995 ⁽¹⁾ giving discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the general budget for 1992,
 - having regard to the Commission decisions of 10 April 1996 ⁽²⁾ and 20 November 1996 ⁽³⁾ on the clearance of accounts for the financial year 1992,
 - having regard to Special Report No 1/97 of the Court of Auditors on the Commission Decisions of 10 April 1996 and 20 November 1996 on the clearance of the accounts for 1992 and certain expenditure for 1993, accompanied by the Commission's replies (C4-0063/97) ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A4-0043/97),
- A. whereas Article 206(3) of the EC Treaty requires the Commission to take all appropriate steps to act on the observations in Parliament's decisions giving discharge that relate to the execution of expenditure,
- B. whereas the discharge procedure for a financial year cannot be deemed completed until the European Parliament has examined the appropriate decisions on the clearance of accounts and the financial corrections to the expenditure implemented during the financial year in question.
- C. whereas the clearance of accounts must ensure that the Community is not charged for any amounts paid without a legal basis,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 109, 1.5.1995, p. 51.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 117, 14.5.1996, p. 19.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 323, 13.12.1996, p. 26.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 52, 21.2.1997.

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- D. whereas the European Court of Justice has repeatedly ruled that the Commission may refuse to implement expenditure for the account of the EAGGF if the scale of the amounts wrongly paid cannot be determined and that the burden of proof for the level of losses actually incurred rests with the Member States,
- E. whereas respect for Community legislation should be taken for granted and must on no account be encouraged or bought with financial concessions charged to the Community budget,
- F. whereas in paragraph 2 of its resolution of 17 April 1996 giving discharge to the Commission in respect of the EAGGF clearance of accounts for the 1991 financial year ⁽¹⁾ it accepted the use of flat-rate financial corrections as a legitimate means of recovering funds from Member States on condition that they are used as an objective assessment of the actual loss to the Community budget owing to ineligible or irregular expenditure in the Member States,
- G. whereas in paragraph 3 of the same resolution it called on the Commission immediately to cease the practice, apparent in the 1991 clearance of accounts procedure, of treating the amounts of financial corrections as negotiable on the basis of criteria other than objective evidence of the actual loss borne by the Community budget,
1. Is concerned about the scale — some ECU 800 million — of the financial corrections that became necessary during the 1992 clearance of accounts; sees this as confirmation of its view that major problems persist in the application of Community legislation in the agricultural sector;
 2. Notes that the amounts of financial corrections to be determined by the Commission should be guided solely by the level of the actual loss to the Community budget and are not negotiable on the basis of other criteria; points out to the Commission that further disregard for this precept will result in refusal of the discharge, with the political implications this will have;
 3. Objects to the Commission's disregard in its abovementioned decision of 10 April 1996 of its financial controller's refusal to give his approval and to the reduction by ECU 30,3 million of the amount of the financial correction relating to the public storage of beef in Ireland; objects further to the restriction of the financial corrections to 1990 and 1991 and to there being no financial corrections at all for 1992 even though the Court of Auditors identified serious shortcomings in that year;
 4. Objects that the Commission's decision to reduce the financial correction for Greece by ECU 96,2 million because of inadequate audits in the cotton sector conveys the impression that the Commission has to pay for the Member States' compliance with the rules;
 5. Refrains, for overriding reasons in the interests of legal certainty, from calling on the Commission to revise these decisions; calls on the Commission, however, to provide in its next decision on the clearance of accounts for a financial correction appropriate to the risk of loss arising for the 1993 EAGGF in the Greek cotton sector;
 6. Is alarmed at the potential scale of the financial losses to the Community budget arising from the fact that the Commission's accounts clearance unit is understaffed;
 7. Notes that the arbitration procedure first used for the clearance of the 1992 accounts has further delayed the decisions and has still to prove its usefulness;
 8. Defers its decision giving a discharge until
 - (a) the request made in its resolution of 17 April 1996 has been fulfilled and the unit responsible for the clearance of accounts has been enlarged by 15 posts through transfers,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 141, 13.5.1996, p. 107.

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- (b) the Commission has added to the current rates of 2%, 5% and 10% a fourth rate of 25% in its rules on the calculation of flat-rate corrections, clarified the criteria relating to the application of these rates and made it clear that the amount of the corrections must be geared solely to the amount of the loss to the Community budget, and the question whether the national authorities have taken effective measures to rectify the criticized shortcomings in auditing has ceased to be the criterion on which the amount of the correction is based;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

10. Assisting spouses of the self-employed

A4-0005/97

Resolution on the situation of the assisting spouses of the self-employed

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the Council Directive 86/613/EEC of 11 December 1986 on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity, including agriculture, in a self-employed capacity, and on the protection of self-employed women during pregnancy and motherhood ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to its resolution of 25 June 1993 on the assessment of women's unwaged work ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to its resolution of 21 January 1994 on the situation of women in agriculture ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the report from the Commission on the implementation of Directive 86/613/EEC (COM(94)0163),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Women's Rights (A4-0005/97),
- A. whereas the number of women and men in the role of assisting spouse is hard to determine given the lack of registration of such a status, but whereas it is certainly many million across the European Union,
- B. whereas the role of assisting spouses is often perceived both in law and in general attitudes as a conjugal duty given free of charge,
- C. whereas assisting spouses in most Member States are not formally recognized, are therefore invisible, and in practice often worse off than atypical workers,
- D. whereas Directive 86/613/EEC mentioned above has been ineffective in achieving its aim of giving assisting spouses a clearly defined professional status and establishing their social security entitlements,
- E. whereas this is in part due to the complexity surrounding the legal status of assisting spouses which involves Member States' fiscal law, matrimonial law, social security law, labour law and company law,
- F. whereas there is a need for more binding EU legislation laying down a framework providing minimum guarantees for assisting spouses within which Member States should choose the most appropriate way to adapt their systems,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 359, 19.12.1986, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 194, 19.7.1993, p. 389.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 44, 14.2.1994, p. 210.

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- G. whereas assisting spouses who are only eligible for derived rights to social protection through their spouses' contributions are very vulnerable, especially in the event of divorce, default by the company or business or the death of the self-employed worker,
- H. whereas the status of assisting spouses differs from sector to sector even in the same Member State and whereas women and men assisting their spouses in the liberal professions are frequently not covered by provisions protecting spouses in other sectors,
- I. whereas take-up has been low for voluntary contributory social security schemes even where this has been made possible,
- J. whereas the low take-up of voluntary schemes is as much due to traditional attitudes as to legal and regulatory barriers,
1. Regrets that the weak wording of Directive 86/613/EEC mentioned above has led to little progress for assisting spouses of self-employed workers in terms of recognition of their work and adequate social protection;
 2. Welcomes the Commission's intention to hold round tables with interested organizations to discuss the needs of assisting spouses and to make a proposal for an amended Directive in 1997, but notes that this should have happened some years ago if the requirements of Directive 86/613/EEC were to be met;
 3. Calls for the amended Directive to be more binding on Member States than was the case with 86/613/EEC as this is the only way to ensure such legislation achieves its aims;
 4. Takes the view that the amended Directive could apply not only to assisting spouses but also to assisting live-in partners in other long-term forms of cohabitation in Member States that recognize contracts of this kind;
 5. Calls on the amended Directive to include:
 - compulsory registration of assisting spouses so that they are no longer invisible workers;
 - the obligation on Member States to take the necessary measures to ensure that assisting spouses are able to take out insurance cover for health care, retirement pensions, maternity benefit and replacement services and invalidity benefit;
 - the same conditions for access to vocational training for assisting spouses as exist for self-employed workers;
 - the right for assisting spouses to represent their company and/or to vote and stand for election to the appropriate professional organizations, except in instances where membership of these bodies requires a diploma or professional qualification which the assisting spouse does not possess;
 6. Calls on Member States to establish a legal status for assisting spouses, enabling them to choose between the status of employed spouse, partner spouse or collaborating spouse, on the assumption that in the latter two cases the person concerned must, even if unpaid, be registered and therefore eligible for social protection;
 7. Believes that contributions for assisting spouses to social security schemes should be compulsory where these are required for self-employed workers;
 8. Recognizes the fears of small, family enterprises faced with additional costs if contributions are made compulsory for assisting spouses;
 9. Stresses therefore the need for flexibility and believes there should be options for the calculation of contributions on the basis of company income, or on a flat-rate basis;
 10. Recommends that Member States make provision in their fiscal systems for tax incentives should family businesses opt to take out social security cover for the assisting spouse, and considers that all contributions for assisting spouses, whether voluntary or compulsory, should be tax deductible against the income of the company or business;

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11. Recognizes the need for more information concerning the impact of tax systems on persons assisting in the business, in particular with regard to the consequences of declaring as business expenditure the remuneration actually paid to the spouse, on the two conditions that this is the normal remuneration for necessary services actually rendered and that all the legally required deductions and contributions have been made;
12. Recognizes the special importance of these measures in rural areas and points out that a large number of farmers' wives are in this situation;
13. Calls on Member States which have not already done so to take the necessary measures to ensure that assisting spouses who have worked for many years in the family enterprise are not disadvantaged in terms of inheritance or succession rights or in the event of divorce;
14. Considers that Member States which have not already done so should take steps to include in qualifying periods for social security benefits time taken off for the care of children and other relatives in order to prevent any discrimination against those that bear the responsibility for looking after family members;
15. Calls on professional bodies in the sectors concerned with self-employed workers to take up the cause of assisting spouses and to liaise with the organizations of assisting spouses at Member State and European level;
16. Considers that greater coordination is needed between on the one hand government departments concerned with equal opportunities, SMEs and the self-employed and on the other hand assisting spouses' organizations and other NGOs promoting equal treatment and opportunity for men and women in order to further the protection of assisting spouses;
17. Urges government departments and professional bodies in particular to raise awareness of both the risks of not taking out insurance cover for assisting spouses and the options open to them;
18. Calls on the Member States, in cooperation with organizations representing women, those in the professions and independent entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized undertakings to organize campaigns to inform the women concerned and their spouses about their legal status and all the possible voluntary provisions on the basis of company law, matrimonial property law and inheritance law which could improve their legal situation;
19. Calls on Member States to isolate assisting spouses in statistical data on the self-employed in order to show the value of their work to family enterprises and to make it clear how many assisting spouses are working in each sector;
20. Calls on the Commission, in preparing the next report on social protection in Europe, to devote a separate chapter to assisting spouses;
21. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

11. Leghold traps

B4-0154/97

Resolution on leghold traps

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91 prohibiting the use of leghold traps in the Community and the introduction into the Community of pelts and manufactured goods of certain wild animal species originating in countries which catch them by means of leghold traps or trapping methods which do not meet international humane trapping standards ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 308, 9.11.1991, p. 1.

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- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1771/94 laying down provisions on the introduction into the Community of pelts and manufactured goods of certain wild animal species ⁽¹⁾,
- A. whereas Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91 stipulates that the introduction into the Community of the pelts of the animal species listed in Annex I to that Regulation shall be prohibited as of 1 January 1995 unless internationally agreed humane trapping standards are in place, and whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1771/94 postpones this date to 1 January 1996,
- B. whereas the Commission has failed to present the implementation measures as foreseen in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91,
- C. whereas the European Parliament has stated on many occasions, in particular in its opinion of 10 September 1990 on the proposal for a Council Regulation on the importation of certain furs (COM(89)0198 — C3-0082/89) ⁽²⁾, its resolution of 14 December 1995 on leghold traps ⁽³⁾ (following a statement by Commissioner Bjerregaard), and its opinion of 19 June 1996 on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91 prohibiting the use of leghold traps in the Community and the introduction into the Community of pelts and manufactured goods of certain wild animal species originating in countries which catch them by means of leghold traps or trapping methods which do not meet international humane trapping standards (COM(95)0737 — C4-0105/96 — 95/0357(SYN)) ⁽⁴⁾, that leghold traps are an unacceptable and cruel way of trapping animals and that therefore the import of pelts of animals trapped by leghold traps must be banned as foreseen under Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1771/94,
- D. whereas the Commission received a mandate from the Council to negotiate standards for humane trapping methods with the United States, Canada and Russia,
- E. whereas the Commission initialled agreements thereon with Canada on 6 December 1996 and Russia on 17 December 1996,
- F. whereas the Environment Council decided on 9 December 1996 that the result of the negotiations was unsatisfactory and that a ban on the import of pelts of animals trapped by means of leghold traps should be put into effect if more satisfactory agreements were not forthcoming by March 1997,
- G. whereas the Commission decided on 18 December 1996 to recommend that Council endorse the agreements, thereby ignoring the aforementioned Environment Council decision,
1. Considers that the results of the negotiations with the United States, Canada and Russia on an International Agreement on Humane Trapping Standards run counter to the Environment Council's mandate and to the opinion of the European Parliament;
 2. Is opposed to the Commission's decision to support the results of the negotiations and to forward them to the Council;
 3. Restates its position that a ban on the import of pelts of animals captured by leghold traps has been in place since 1 January 1996 and should be enforced as soon as possible but in any case no later than 31 March 1997, in line with the Environment Council decision of 9 December 1996;
 4. Calls on the Commission to take the required measures to implement the aforementioned Council decision;
 5. Opposes the Commission's position which gives higher priority to trade than to animal welfare;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 20.7.1994, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 260, 15.10.1990, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 17, 22.1.1996, p. 167.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 198, 8.7.1996, p. 101.

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6. Expresses disapproval of the Commission's disregard for the Council Decision of 9 December 1996 and for Parliament's opinion on the leghold issue;
 7. Expresses irritation that the Commission has asked the General Affairs Council to put this problem on the agenda for its meeting on 24 February 1997 as this displays contempt for the competence of the Environment Council;
 8. Calls on the General Affairs Council to uphold the aforementioned Environment Council decision;
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.
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The following signed:

Adam, Ahern, Alber, Anastassopoulos, d'Ancona, Andrews, Aparicio Sánchez, Argyros, Avgerinos, Baldi, Banotti, Barthet-Mayer, Barton, Belleré, Berend, Bertens, Berthu, Blokland, Blot, Böge, Bösch, Botz, Bourlanges, Bowe, de Brémond d'Ars, Breyer, Brinkhorst, Brok, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Carlotti, Cars, Caudron, Coates, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Cot, Crampton, Crawley, Cunha, Cushnahan, Dary, De Coene, De Esteban Martin, Dell'Alba, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, van Dijk, Dillen, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Dury, Eisma, Elchlepp, Eriksson, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Fassa, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Ferrer, Filippi, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Fontaine, Ford, Formentini, Friedrich, Funk, Gahrton, Gallagher, Gasòliba i Böhm, Gebhardt, Gillis, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Glante, Goepel, Goerens, Görlach, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Grossetête, Günther, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoff, Holm, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Imaz San Miguel, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Kaklamanis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kindermann, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kronberger, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lalumière, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Lannoye, Larive, Lenz, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Lucas Pires, Lüttge, Lulling, Macartney, McCartin, McGowan, McKenna, Malangré, Malerba, Malone, Mann Thomas, Marsed Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Mayer, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Menrad, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Moniz, Moreau, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mulder, Myller, Nassauer, Newman, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Oddy, Ojala, Olsson, Orlando, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pack, Pailler, Papayannakis, Pasty, Peijs, Perry, Peter, Pettinari, Pimenta, des Places, Plooij-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Pollack, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Rack, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Redondo Jiménez, Ribeiro, Robles Piquer, Roth, Rothe, Rübig, Ryyänänen, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schörling, Schröder, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Sierra González, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Smith, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Stenmarck, Stockmann, Striby, Tannert, Tappin, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Theato, Thomas, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Truscott, Tsatsos, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vanhecke, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Viola, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, van der Waal, Walter, Weber, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Wiebenga, Wijzenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

- (+) = For
(-) = Against
(O) = Abstention

1. Joint resolution – Leghold traps

Whole

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ELDR: Cars, Eisma, Haarder, Lindqvist, Olsson

GUE/NGL: Eriksson, Gutierrez Diaz, Marset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Pailler

I-EDN: van der Waal

PPE: de Brémond d'Ars, Deprez, Fabra Vallés, Ferrer, Filippi, Flemming, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Kellett-Bowman, Martens, Pimenta, Posselt, Provan, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübiger, Schiedermeier, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Stenmarck, Thyssen, Viola

PSE: Avgerinos, Campos, Collins Kenneth D., De Coene, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Elchlepp, Ettl, Ford, Gebhardt, Graenitz, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hughes, McGowan, Malone, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Newman, Pollack, Schulz, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Wemheuer, White, Wynn

V: Breyer, van Dijk, Gahrton, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lannoye, Lindholm, Roth, Schörling, Voggenhuber

(-)

I-EDN: Fabre-Aubrespy, Sandbæk

UPE: Pasty

(O)

I-EDN: Berthu, des Places
