

English edition

Information and Notices

<u>Notice No</u>	Contents	Page
	I (Information)	
	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	
	2006-2007 SESSION	
	Sittings of 26 and 27 April 2006	
	Wednesday 26 April 2006	
(2006/C 296 E/01)	MINUTES	
	PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING	1
	1. Resumption of session	1
	2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting	1
	3. Documents received	1
	4. Written declarations (Rule 116)	7
	5. Transfers of appropriations	7
	6. Membership of Parliament	7
	7. Name of a delegation	7
	8. Agenda	7
	9. Twenty years after Chernobyl: Lessons for the future (debate)	8
	10. Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (debate)	8
	11. Suspension of aid to the Palestinian authority (debate)	8
	12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America (debate)	9
	13. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (debate)	9
	14. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance	10
	15. Discharges for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 (debate)	10
	16. Asset management (debate)	14
	17. State aid for innovation (debate)	14
	18. Agenda for next sitting	14
	19. Closure of sitting	14
	ATTENDANCE REGISTER	15

(Continued)

Thursday 27 April 2006

(2006/C 296 E/02)

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING	17
1. Opening of sitting	17
2. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (debate)	17
3. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU (debate)	17
4. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting	18
5. Voting time	18
5.1. Official name of interparliamentary delegation D14 (vote)	18
5.2. Community classification of adult cattle carcasses * (Rule 131) (vote)	18
5.3. Competition rules relating to agricultural products * (Rule 131) (vote)	19
5.4. Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund (Rule 131) (vote)	19
5.5. Draft amending budget No 1/2006 * (Rule 131) (vote)	19
5.6. Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I (Rule 131) (vote)	19
5.7. Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission *** (Rule 131) (vote)	20
5.8. Unesco Convention * (Rule 131) (vote)	20
5.9. Veterinary expenditure * (Rule 131) (vote)	20
5.10. Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products * (Rule 131) (vote)	21
5.11. Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting (Rule 131) (vote)	21
5.12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America (vote)	21
5.13. EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement * (vote)	21
5.14. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (vote)	22
5.15. 2004 discharge: Section III — Commission (vote)	22
5.16. 2004 discharge: Section I — European Parliament (vote)	23
5.17. 2004 discharge: Section II — Council (vote)	23
5.18. 2004 discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice (vote)	23
5.19. 2004 discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors (vote)	24
5.20. 2004 discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (vote)	24
5.21. 2004 discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions (vote)	24
5.22. 2004 discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (vote)	25
5.23. 2004 discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (vote)	25
5.24. 2004 discharge: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds EDF (vote)	25
5.25. 2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (vote)	26
5.26. 2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (vote)	26
5.27. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction (vote)	26
5.28. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia (vote)	27
5.29. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (vote)	27
5.30. 2004 discharge: European Environment Agency (vote)	27
5.31. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (vote)	28
5.32. 2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (vote)	28
5.33. 2004 discharge: European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (vote)	28

Contents <i>(continued)</i>	Page
5.34. 2004 discharge: Eurojust (vote)	29
5.35. 2004 discharge: European Training Foundation (vote)	29
5.36. 2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (vote)	29
5.37. 2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency (vote)	30
5.38. 2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (vote)	30
5.39. Asset management (vote)	30
5.40. State aid for innovation (vote)	31
5.41. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (vote)	31
5.42. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU (vote)	31
6. Explanations of vote	31
7. Corrections to votes and voting intentions	32
8. Membership of Parliament	32
9. Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity	32
10. Declaration of financial interests	32
11. Decisions concerning certain documents	33
12. Forwarding of texts adopted during the sitting	33
13. Dates for next sittings	33
14. Adjournment of session	33
ATTENDANCE REGISTER	34
ANNEX I	
RESULTS OF VOTES	36
1. Official name of interparliamentary delegation D14	36
2. Community classification of adult cattle carcasses *	36
3. Competition rules relating to agricultural products *	37
4. Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund	37
5. Draft amending budget No 1/2006 *	37
6. Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I ..	37
7. Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission ***	37
8. Unesco Convention *	38
9. Veterinary expenditure *	38
10. Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products *	38
11. Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting	38
12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America	38
13. EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement *	39
14. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities	39
15. 2004 discharge: Section III — Commission	40
16. 2004 discharge: Section I — European Parliament	40
17. 2004 discharge: Section II — Council	41
18. 2004 discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice	41
19. 2004 discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors	41
20. 2004 discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee	42
21. 2004 discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions	42
22. 2004 discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman	42
23. 2004 discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor	43
24. 2004 discharge: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds	43
25. 2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	43
26. 2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions ..	44
27. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction	44

(Continued)

Contents <i>(continued)</i>	Page
28. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia	45
29. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction	45
30. 2004 discharge: European Environment Agency	45
31. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	46
32. 2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union	46
33. 2004 discharge: European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products	46
34. 2004 discharge: Eurojust	47
35. 2004 discharge: European Training Foundation	47
36. 2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency	47
37. 2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency	48
38. 2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority	48
39. Asset management	48
40. State aid for innovation	49
41. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens	50
42. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU	51
ANNEX II	
RESULT OF ROLL-CALL VOTES	52
1. Freitas recommendation A6/0070/2006 — Resolution	52
2. Kindermann report A6-0091/2006 — Resolution	53
3. Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra report A6-0047/2006 — Paragraph 21/2	55
4. Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra report A6-0047/2006 — Paragraph 21/3	56
5. Guerreiro report A6-0066/2006 — Resolution	57
6. Mulder report A6-0108/2006 — Decision	59
7. Mulder report A6-0108/2006 — Amendment 2	61
8. Mulder report A6-0108/2006 — Amendment 3	62
9. Mulder report A6-0108/2006 — Resolution	63
10. Ferber report A6-0119/2006 — Decision	65
11. Lundgren report A6-0111/2006 — Decision	67
12. Lundgren report A6-0111/2006 — Resolution	68
13. Lundgren report A6-0114/2006 — Decision	70
14. Lundgren report A6-0114/2006 — Resolution	71
15. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Decision	73
16. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Amendment 2	74
17. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Amendment 3	76
18. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Amendment 4	78
19. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Amendment 5	79
20. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Amendment 1	81
21. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006 — Resolution	82
22. Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou report A6-0110/2006 — Decision	84
23. Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou report A6-0110/2006 — Resolution	85
24. Guidoni report A6-0095/2006 — Amendment 1/1	87
25. Guidoni report A6-0095/2006 — Amendment 1/2	88
26. Guidoni report A6-0104/2006 — Decision	90
27. Guidoni report A6-0104/2006 — Resolution	91
28. In 't Veld report A6-0073/2006 — Amendment 15	93
29. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006 — Amendment 5/1	94
30. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006 — Amendment 5/2	95
31. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006 — Resolution	97

TEXTS ADOPTED

P6_TA(2006)0145

Community classification of adult cattle carcasses *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation determining the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals (codified version) (COM(2005)0402 — C6-0309/2005 — 2005/0171(CNS)) 99

P6_TA(2006)0146

Competition rules relating to agricultural products *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation applying certain rules of competition to production of and trade in agricultural products (codified version) (COM(2005) 0613 — C6-0019/2006 — 2005/0231(CNS)) 99

P6_TA(2006)0147

Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund

European Parliament resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (COM(2006)0114 — C6-0086/2006 — 2006/2064(ACI)) 100

ANNEX

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL 101

P6_TA(2006)0148

Draft amending budget No 1/2006

European Parliament resolution on Draft amending budget No 1/2006 of the European Union for the financial year 2006, Section III — Commission (Floods in Bulgaria, Romania and Austria) (8512/2006 — C6-0131/2006 — 2006/2066(BUD)) 102

P6_TA(2006)0149

Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 (COM(2004)0550 — 13632/2005 — C6-0421/2005 — 2004/0296(COD)) 103

P6_TA(2006)0150

Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission ***

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (14343/2005 — C6-0023/2006 — 2005/0137(AVC)) 104

P6_TA(2006)0151

Unesco Convention *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (5067/2006 — COM(2005)0678 — C6-0025/2006 — 2005/0268(CNS)) 104

Contents <i>(continued)</i>	Page
P6_TA(2006)0152	
Veterinary expenditure *	
European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0282/2005 — 2005/0154(CNS))	105
 P6_TA(2006)0153	
Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products *	
European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0281/2005 — 2005/0153(CNS))	106
 P6_TA(2006)0154	
Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting	
European Parliament resolution on the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting: an opportunity for European audiovisual policy and cultural diversity? (2005/2212(INI))	120
 P6_TA(2006)0155	
A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America	
European Parliament resolution on a stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America (2005/2241(INI))	123
 P6_TA(2006)0156	
EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement *	
European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the amendments to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2006 (COM(2005)0591 — C6-0433/2005 — 2005/0229(CNS))	135
 P6_TA(2006)0157	
Discharge 2004: Section III — Commission	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))	136
2. European Parliament decision on closing the accounts for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))	137
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))	138
 P6_TA(2006)0158	
2004 Discharge: Section I — European Parliament	
European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section I — European Parliament (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0357/2005 — 2005/2091(DEC))	162

P6_TA(2006)0159

2004 Discharge: Section II — Council

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section II — Council (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC)) 163
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section II — Council (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC)) 163

P6_TA(2006)0160

2004 Discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC)) 165
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC)) 166

P6_TA(2006)0161

2004 Discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC)) 168
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC)) 169

P6_TA(2006)0162

2004 Discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC)) 171
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC)) 172

P6_TA(2006)0163

2004 Discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC)) 174
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC)) 175

P6_TA(2006)0164

2004 Discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005 — 2005/2042(DEC)) 177
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005 — 2005/2042(DEC)) 178



P6_TA(2006)0165

2004 Discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the 2004 financial year, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC)) 179
2. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the 2004 financial year, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC)) 180

P6_TA(2006)0166

2004 Discharge: sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC)) 181
2. European Parliament decision on closing the accounts for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC)) 183
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC)) 185

P6_TA(2006)0167

2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)) 191
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)) 192
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)) 193

P6_TA(2006)0168

2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)) 196
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)) 197
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)) 198

P6_TA(2006)0169

2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC)) 200



Contents (<i>continued</i>)	Page
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108 (DEC))	201
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC))	203
 P6_TA(2006)0170	
2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC))	206
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC))	207
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109 (DEC))	208
 P6_TA(2006)0171	
2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC))	211
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC))	212
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110 (DEC))	213
 P6_TA(2006)0172	
2004 discharge: European Environment Agency	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))	215
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))	216
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))	218
 P6_TA(2006)0173	
2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC))	220
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112 (DEC))	221
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC))	223

(Continued)

P6_TA(2006)0174

2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))	225
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))	226
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))	227

P6_TA(2006)0175

2004 discharge: European Medicines Agency

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))	229
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))	230
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))	232

P6_TA(2006)0176

Discharge 2004: Eurojust

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))	234
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))	234
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))	236

P6_TA(2006)0177

2004 discharge: European Training Foundation

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC))	238
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC))	238
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC))	240

P6_TA(2006)0178

2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency

1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))	242
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))	243
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))	244

Contents <i>(continued)</i>	Page
P6_TA(2006)0179	
2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))	247
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))	248
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))	249
P6_TA(2006)0180	
2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority	
1. European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))	252
2. European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))	253
3. European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))	254
P6_TA(2006)0181	
Asset management	
European Parliament resolution on asset management (2006/2037(INI))	257
P6_TA(2006)0182	
State aid for innovation	
European Parliament resolution on sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation (2006/2044(INI))	263
P6_TA(2006)0183	
Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens	
European Parliament resolution on Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (2005/2211(INI))	268
P6_TA(2006)0184	
Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU	
European Parliament resolution on measures to promote multilingualism and language learning in the European Union: European Indicator of Language Competence (2005/2213(INI))	271
P6_TA(2006)0185	
Diabetes	
Declaration of the European Parliament on diabetes	273

Key to symbols used

*	Consultation procedure
**I	Cooperation procedure: first reading
**II	Cooperation procedure: second reading
***	Assent procedure
***I	Codecision procedure: first reading
***II	Codecision procedure: second reading
***III	Codecision procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

Information relating to voting time

Unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments.

Abbreviations used for Parliamentary Committees

AFET	Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE	Committee on Development
INTA	Committee on International Trade
BUDG	Committee on Budgets
CONT	Committee on Budgetary Control
ECON	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
EMPL	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
ENVI	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
ITRE	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
IMCO	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
TRAN	Committee on Transport and Tourism
REGI	Committee on Regional Development
AGRI	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
PECH	Committee on Fisheries
CULT	Committee on Culture and Education
JURI	Committee on Legal Affairs
LIBE	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
AFCO	Committee on Constitutional Affairs
FEMM	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
PETI	Committee on Petitions

Abbreviations used for Political Groups

PPE-DE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
PSE	Socialist Group in the European Parliament
ALDE	Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
IND/DEM	Independence and Democracy Group
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations Group
NI	Non-attached Members

I*(Information)***EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

2006-2007 SESSION

Sittings of 26 and 27 April 2006

BRUSSELS

(2006/C 296 E/01)

MINUTES**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING**

IN THE CHAIR: Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

*President***1. Resumption of session**

The sitting opened at 14.35.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) *from the Council and Commission:*

- Initiative of the Republic of Austria, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Finland with a view to the adoption of the Council Decision concerning cooperation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States in the field of tracing and identification proceeds from, or other property related to, crime (07259/2006 — C6-0122/2006 — 2006/0805(CNS))
referred to responsible: LIBE
- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 09/2006 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2006) 0385 — C6-0123/2006 — 2006/2095(GBD))
referred to responsible: BUDG

Wednesday 26 April 2006

- Proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 (06987/2006 — C6-0124/2006 — 2005/0071(AVC))
referred to responsible: DEVE
opinion: AFET, INTA
- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 10/2006 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2006) 0382 — C6-0125/2006 — 2006/2096(GBD))
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 11/2006 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2006) 0383 — C6-0126/2006 — 2006/2097(GBD))
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Draft amending budget No 2 for the financial year 2006 — General statement of revenue and expenditure — Section III — Commission (08513/2006 — C6-0127/2006 — 2006/2098(BUD))
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Draft amending budget No 1 for the financial year 2006 — General statement of revenue and expenditure — Section III — Commission (08512/2006 — C6-0131/2006 — 2006/2066(BUD))
referred to responsible: BUDG

2) *from committees:*2.1) *reports:*

- Report on enhanced cooperation between the European Union and Latin America (2005/2241(INI)) — Committee on Foreign Affairs.
Rapporteur: Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra José Ignacio (A6-0047/2006)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the amendments to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2006 (COM(2005)0591 — C6-0433/2005 — 2005/0229(CNS)) — Committee on Fisheries.
Rapporteur: Guerreiro Pedro (A6-0066/2006)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0282/2005 — 2005/0154(CNS)) — Committee on Fisheries.
Rapporteur: Kindermann Heinz (A6-0067/2006)
- *** Recommendation on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (14343/2005 — C6-0023/2006 — 2005/0137(AVC)) — Committee on Fisheries.
Rapporteur: Freitas Duarte (A6-0070/2006)
- Report on road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (2005/2211(INI)) — Committee on Transport and Tourism.
Rapporteur: Titley Gary (A6-0072/2006)
- Report on sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation (2006/2044(INI)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.
Rapporteur: in 't Veld Sophia (A6-0073/2006)
- Report on measures to promote multilingualism and language learning in the European Union: European Indicator of Language Competence (2005/2213(INI)) — Committee on Culture and Education.
Rapporteur: Mavrommatis Manolis (A6-0074/2006)
- Report on the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting: an opportunity for European audiovisual policy and cultural diversity (2005/2212(INI)) — Committee on Culture and Education.
Rapporteur: Weber Henri (A6-0075/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

- * Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (COM(2005)0678 — C6-0025/2006 — 2005/0268(CNS)) — Committee on Culture and Education.
Rapporteur: Prets Christa (A6-0079/2006)

- * Report on the proposal for a Council and Commission decision on the conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part (5144/1999 — C5-0338/1999 — 1998/0304(CNS)) — Committee on International Trade.
Rapporteur: Caspary Daniel (A6-0085/2006)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 (COM(2004)0550 — 13632/2005 — C6-0421/2005 — 2004/0296(COD)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.
Rapporteur: Florenz Karl-Heinz (A6-0088/2006)

- * Report on the proposal for a Council directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0281/2005 — 2005/0153(CNS)) — Committee on Fisheries.
Rapporteur: Kindermann Heinz (A6-0091/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0092/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0093/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0094/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0095/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0096/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0097/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0098/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0099/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0100/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0101/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0102/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0103/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0104/2006)

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (A6-0105/2006)

- Report on asset management (2006/2037(INI)) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.
Rapporteur: Klinz Wolf (A6-0106/2006)

- ***I Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing of European standardisation (COM(2005)0377 — C6-0252/2005 — 2005/0157(COD)) — Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection.
Rapporteur: Pleštinská Zita (A6-0107/2006)

- Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Mulder Jan (A6-0108/2006)

- ***I Second report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation and economic cooperation (COM(2004)0629 — C6-0128/2004 — 2004/0220(COD)) — Committee on Development.
Rapporteur: Mitchell Gay (A6-0109/2006)

- Report on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou Rodi (A6-0110/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section II — Council (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0111/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section IV — Court of Justice (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0112/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section V — Court of Auditors (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0113/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0114/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section VII — Committee of the Regions (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0115/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005 — 2005/2042(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0116/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Lundgren Nils (A6-0117/2006)
- Report on the discharge for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 — Section I — European Parliament (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0357/2005 — 2005/2091(DEC)) — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Ferber Markus (A6-0119/2006)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation determining the Community scale for the classification of carcases of adult bovine animals (codified version) (COM(2005)0402 — C6-0309/2005 — 2005/0171(CNS)) — Committee on Legal Affairs.
Rapporteur: Gargani Giuseppe (A6-0120/2006)
- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation applying certain rules of competition to production of and trade in agricultural products (codified version) (COM(2005)0613 — C6-0019/2006 — 2005/0231(CNS)) — Committee on Legal Affairs.
Rapporteur: Gargani Giuseppe (A6-0121/2006)
- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (COM(2005)0108 — C6-0093/2005 — 2005/0033(COD)) — Committee on Regional Development.
Rapporteur: Berend Rolf (A6-0123/2006)
- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (COM(2005)0399 — C6-0256/2005 — 2005/0166(COD)) — Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.
Rapporteur: Brepoels Frederika (A6-0124/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

- Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund, supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (COM(2006)0114 — C6-0086/2006 — 2006/2064(ACI)) — Committee on Budgets.
Rapporteur: Bøge Reimer (A6-0138/2006)
- Report on Draft amending budget No 1/2006 of the European Union for the financial year 2006 (Floods 2005 in Bulgaria, Romania and Austria) — Section III — Commission (08512/2006 — C6-0131/2006 — 2006/2066(BUD)) — Committee on Budgets.
Rapporteur: Pittella Giovanni (A6-0139/2006)

3) *from Members:*3.1) *oral questions (Rule 108):*

- (O-0031/2006) Paolo Costa, on behalf of the TRAN Committee, to the Commission: Financing trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) (B6-0018/2006)
- (O-0034/2006) Elmar Brok, Pierre Moscovici and Geoffrey Van Orden on behalf of the AFET Committee, to the Commission: Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU (B6-0019/2006)
- (O-0024/2006) Giles Chichester, on behalf of the ITRE Committee, to the Council: Energy Community Treaty for south-east Europe (B6-0020/2006)
- (O-0025/2006) Giles Chichester, on behalf of the ITRE Committee, to the Commission: Energy Community Treaty for south-east Europe (B6-0206/2006).

3.2) *proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure (Rule 202):*

- Booth Graham, Železný Vladimír — Proposal for amendment of Parliament's Rules of Procedure — Amendment of Rules 159, 161 and 185 — Electronic vote (B6-0278/2006)
referred to responsible: AFCO

3.3) *written declarations for entry in the Register (Rule 116):*

- Fernand Le Rachinel, on the processing and dismantling of ships no longer in service (0025/2006)
- Jean Lambert, Raúl Romeva i Rueda and Carl Schlyter, on an international day for the victims of chemical weapons (0026/2006)
- Daniel Strož, on the unacceptability of disrupting relations between EU Member States on the basis of allegedly unresolved problems connected with the Second World War and its direct consequences (0027/2006)
- Paul Verges, Margie Sudre and Jean-Claude Fruteau, on the chikungunya epidemic affecting Réunion (0028/2006)
- Bogdan Golik and Bogusław Sonik, on the environmental threat posed by the construction of the North European gas pipeline (0029/2006)
- Caroline Lucas, Jean Lambert and André Brie, on the punitive treatment of political and human rights activists in parts of India (0030/2006)
- Caroline Lucas, Janusz Wojciechowski, David Hammerstein Mintz and Robert Evans, on the welfare of stray animals in EU Member States, EU accession countries and other European states (0031/2006)
- Jean Spautz, on the rights of the child (0032/2006)
- Richard Corbett, Alexander Alvaro, Christopher Heaton-Harris, Cecilia Malmström and Cem Özdemir, on holding meetings of the European Council in Strasbourg (0033/2006)
- Andreas Mölzer, on German as a working language of the EU (0034/2006).

Wednesday 26 April 2006

4. Written declarations (Rule 116)

In accordance with Rule 116(5), written declarations 2, 3, 4/2006 lapsed as they had not obtained the required number of signatures.

5. Transfers of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had considered the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 02a/2006 (C6-0098/2006 — SEC(2006)0346).

Having noted the Council's opinion, it had authorised the transfer in part, in accordance with Article 24(3) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002.

*
* *

The Committee on Budgets had considered the Commission's proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 06/2006 (C6-0088/2006 — SEC(2006)0243).

Having noted the Council's opinion, it had authorised the transfer in full, in accordance with Article 24(3) of the Financial Regulation of 25 June 2002.

6. Membership of Parliament

The Romanian authorities had given notice of the designation of Silvia Adriana Ticău to replace Șerban Nicolae as an Observer at the European Parliament with effect from 10.04.2006.

7. Name of a delegation

At its meeting of 6 April 2006, the Conference of Presidents had agreed to a request from the Delegation for relations with Iran to change its name to 'Delegation for relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran'.

The following spoke: Paulo Casaca, who objected to the request, and Georgios Karatzaferis.

Having noted the objection, the President indicated that a vote on the request would be taken at the beginning of voting time at 11.00 the following day.

8. Agenda

The order of business had been established (*Minutes of 03.04.2006, Item 7 and Minutes of 06.04.2006, Item 10*) and a corrigendum to the agenda had been distributed (*PE 371.581/OJ/COR*). The following change had been proposed:

- the debate on the Council and Commission statements on the suspension of aid to the Palestinian Authority (*Item 116 on the agenda*) would not be wound up with motions for resolution as stated in the agenda.

The following spoke: Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, who asked who had decided to change the agenda (the President replied that the secretaries-general of the political groups had agreed to do so), Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Hans-Gert Poettering, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, who demanded that the House should vote on the proposed change, and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group.

The President pointed out that the proposal by the secretaries-general of the political groups had been submitted after the last meeting of the Conference of Presidents, which had therefore not been able to take a decision on the matter.

Parliament agreed to the proposal.

The agenda was thus established.

Wednesday 26 April 2006

9. Twenty years after Chernobyl: Lessons for the future (debate)

Commission statement: Twenty years after Chernobyl: Lessons for the future

Andris Piebalgs (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Hans-Gert Poettering, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Claude Turmes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jonas Sjöstedt, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Karatzaferis, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, and Jana Bobošíková, Non-attached Member.

The debate closed.

10. Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (debate)

Oral question (O-0034/2006) by Elmar Brok, Pierre Moscovici and Geoffrey Van Orden, on behalf of the AFET Committee, to the Commission: Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (B6-0019/2006)

Elmar Brok, Pierre Moscovici and Geoffrey Van Orden moved the oral question.

Olli Rehn (Member of the Commission) answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Francisco José Millán Mon, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ALDE Group, and Joost Lagendijk, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Miroslav OUZKÝ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Andreas Mölzer, Non-attached Member, Kinga Gál, Alexandra Dobolyi, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Bernat Joan i Marí, Mirosław Mariusz Piotrowski, Markus Ferber, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Alexander Lambsdorff, Georgios Karatzaferis, Christopher Beazley, Hannes Swoboda, Nigel Farage, Hubert Pirker, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Mairead McGuinness, Panagiotis Beglitis and Olli Rehn.

The debate closed.

11. Suspension of aid to the Palestinian authority (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Suspension of aid to the Palestinian authority

Hans Winkler (President-in-Office of the Council) and Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS

Vice-President

The following spoke: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Pasqualina Napolitano, on behalf of the PSE Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Margrete Auken, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Gerard Batten, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Elmar Brok, Véronique De Keyser, Johannes Voggenhuber, Adamos Adamou, Charles Tannock, Caroline Lucas, Jana Hybášková, David Hammerstein Mintz, Ioannis Kasoulides, Hans Winkler and Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

The debate closed.

Wednesday 26 April 2006

12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America (debate)

Report on a stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America [2005/2241(INI)] — Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rapporteur: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (A6-0047/2006)

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra introduced the report.

Hans Winkler (President-in-Office of the Council) spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Sylvia-Yvonne KAUFMANN

Vice-President

Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez (draftsman of the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Fernando Fernández Martín, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Giovanni Claudio Fava, on behalf of the PSE Group, Cecilia Malmström, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Raül Romeva i Rueda, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Willy Meyer Pleite, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Irena Belohorská, Non-attached Member, Charles Tannock, Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García, Athanasios Pafilis, Luca Romagnoli, Bogusław Sonik, Richard Howitt, Tobias Pflüger, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Alojz Peterle, Hans Winkler, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, and José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, on the remarks made by Luca Romagnoli, Willy Meyer Pleite and Raül Romeva i Rueda.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.12.*

13. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (debate)

Oral question (O-0002/2006) by Giuseppe Gargani, on behalf of the JURI Committee, to the Council: Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (B6-0004/2006)

Giuseppe Gargani moved the oral question.

IN THE CHAIR: Luigi COCILOVO

Vice-President

Hans Winkler (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the oral question.

The following spoke: Maria da Assunção Esteves, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Katalin Lévai, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Manuel Medina Ortega, Giuseppe Gargani, who clarified his previous remarks, and Hans Winkler.

Motions for resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 108(5):

- Giuseppe Gargani, on behalf of the JURI Committee, on modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (B6-0275/2006)
- Helmuth Markov, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (B6-0276/2006).

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.14.*

Wednesday 26 April 2006

14. One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

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

Zita Pleštinská, Yannick Vaugrenard, Marian Harkin, Thomas Wise, Jaromír Kohlíček, Zsolt László Becsey, Françoise Castex, Bernard Piotr Wojciechowski, Antonio Tajani, Guy Bono, Danutė Budreikaitė, Mario Borghezio, Neena Gill, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Marios Matsakis, Gerard Batten, Marianne Mikko and Bruno Gollnisch.

15. Discharges for the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 (debate)

2004 discharge: Section III — Commission

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section III — Commission [SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC)] [SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Jan Mulder (A6-0108/2006)

2004 discharge: Section I — European Parliament

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section I, European Parliament [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0357/2005 — 2005/2091(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Markus Ferber (A6-0119/2006)

2004 discharge: Section II — Council

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section II, Council [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0111/2006)

2004 discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0112/2006)

2004 discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0113/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

2004 discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0114/2006)

2004 discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0115/2006)

2004 discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2006 — 2005/2042(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0116/2006)

2004 discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0117/2006)

2004 discharge: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds EDF

Report on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 [COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 -2005/2157(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (A6-0110/2006)

2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training CEDEFOP for the financial year 2004 [N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0094/2006)

2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 [N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0093/2006)

2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 [N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0095/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 [N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0096/2006)

2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 [N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0097/2006)

2004 discharge: European Environment Agency

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0098/2006)

2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 [N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0099/2006)

2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 [N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0100/2006)

2004 discharge: European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products for the financial year 2004 [N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0101/2006)

2004 discharge: Eurojust

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 [N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0092/2006)

2004 discharge: European Training Foundation

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 [N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0102/2006)

2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0103/2006)

Wednesday 26 April 2006

2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0104/2006)

2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 [N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0105/2006)

Jan Mulder introduced the report A6-0108/2006.

Markus Ferber introduced the report A6-0119/2006.

Nils Lundgren introduced the reports A6-0111/2006, A6-0112/2006, A6-0113/2006, A6-0114/2006, A6-0115/2006, A6-0116/2006 and A6-0117/2006.

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou introduced the report A6-0110/2006.

The debate was suspended at that point.

(The sitting was suspended at 20.15 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Ingo FRIEDRICH

Vice-President

Umberto Guidoni introduced the reports A6-0094/2006, A6-0093/2006, A6-0095/2006, A6-0096/2006, A6-0097/2006, A6-0098/2006, A6-0099/2006, A6-0100/2006, A6-0101/2006, A6-0092/2006, A6-0102/2006, A6-0103/2006, A6-0104/2006 and A6-0105/2006.

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

The following spoke: Danutė Budreikaitė (draftsman of the opinion of the DEVE Committee) (A6-0108/2006 and A6-0110/2006), Joseph Muscat (draftsman of the opinion of the IMCO Committee) (A6-0108/2006), Michael Cramer (draftsman of the opinion of the TRAN Committee) (A6-0108/2006, A6-0103/2006 and A6-0104/2006), Gérard Deprez (draftsman of the opinion of the LIBE Committee) (A6-0108/2006, A6-0111/2006, A6-0112/2006, A6-0117/2006, A6-0096/2006, A6-0097/2006 and A6-0092/2006), Piia-Noora Kauppi (draftsman of the opinion of the FEMM Committee) (A6-0108/2006), Alexander Stubb, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Dan Jørgensen, on behalf of the PSE Group, Ona Juknevičienė, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Esko Seppänen, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Nils Lundgren, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Mogens N.J. Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, Hans-Peter Martin, Non-attached Member, Véronique Mathieu, Edith Mastenbroek, Margarita Starkevičiūtė and Jonas Sjöstedt.

IN THE CHAIR: Janusz ONYSZKIEWICZ

Vice-President

The following spoke: Zbigniew Krzysztof Kuźmiuk, James Hugh Allister, Daniel Caspary, Edit Herczog, José Javier Pomés Ruiz, Terence Wynn, Simon Busuttill, Inés Ayala Sender, Christopher Heaton-Harris, Szabolcs Fazakas, Ingeborg Gräßle, Paulo Casaca, Albert Jan Maat, Herbert Bösch, Siim Kallas and Jan Mulder, who put a question that Siim Kallas answered.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Item 5.15, Item 5.16, Item 5.17, Item 5.18, Item 5.19, Item 5.20, Item 5.21, Item 5.22, Item 5.23, Item 5.24, Item 5.25, Item 5.26, Item 5.27, Item 5.28, Item 5.29, Item 5.30, Item 5.31, Item 5.32, Item 5.33, Item 5.34, Item 5.35, Item 5.36, Item 5.37 and Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.38.*

Wednesday 26 April 2006

16. Asset management (debate)

Report on asset management [2006/2037(INI)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.
Rapporteur: Wolf Klinz (A6-0106/2006)

Wolf Klinz introduced the report.

Neelie Kroes (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Astrid Lulling, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Pervenche Berès, on behalf of the PSE Group, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Piia-Noora Kauppi, Harald Ettl and Neelie Kroes.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.39.*

17. State aid for innovation (debate)

Report on sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation [2006/2044(INI)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.
Rapporteur: Sophia in 't Veld (A6-0073/2006)

Sophia in 't Veld introduced the report.

Neelie Kroes (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Corien Wortmann-Kool, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Elisa Ferreira, on behalf of the PSE Group, Marian Harkin, on behalf of the ALDE Group, John Whittaker, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Gunnar Hökmark, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Zita Pleštinšká, Cristobal Montoro Romero, David Casa, Paul Rübig and Neelie Kroes.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.40.*

18. Agenda for next sitting

The agenda for the next sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 371.581/OJJE).

19. Closure of sitting

The sitting closed at midnight.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Antonios Trakatellis
Vice-President

Wednesday 26 April 2006

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Adamou, Allister, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andria, Andrikenė, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Baco, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Beer, Beglitis, Belder, Belet, Belohorská, Bennahmias, Beňová, Berend, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Bersani, Bertinotti, Bielan, Birutis, Blokland, Bloom, Bobošíková, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Bono, Booth, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Bourzai, Bowis, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brie, Brok, Brunetta, Budreikaitė, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnich, Calabuig Rull, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carlshamre, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Claeys, Clark, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Corbett, Corbey, Costa, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Covey, Cramer, Crowley, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Ryszard Czarnecki, Daub, Davies, de Brún, Degutis, De Keyser, Demetriou, De Michelis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Descamps, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Díez González, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Di Pietro, Dobolyi, Dombrowskis, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duka-Zólyomi, Ehler, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Jill Evans, Jonathan Evans, Robert Evans, Fajmon, Falbr, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Flautre, Florenz, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Fontaine, Ford, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gál, Gała, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Giertych, Gill, Gklavakis, Glante, Glatfelder, Goebels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grech, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Guy-Quint, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hammerstein Mintz, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harkin, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hazan, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Henin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herczog, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ibrisagic, Ilves, in 't Veld, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowicki, Janowski, Jarzembowski, Jensen, Joan i Mari, Jöns, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Juknevičienė, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Karas, Karatzaferis, Karim, Kasoulides, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Klamt, Klauf, Klich, Klinz, Koch, Koch-Mehrin, Kohlíček, Konrad, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krarup, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kudrycka, Kuhne, Kułakowski, Kušis, Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis, Landsbergis, Lang, Langen, Langendries, Laperrouze, La Russa, Lauk, Lavarra, Lax, Lechner, Le Foll, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Le Rachinel, Letta, Lévai, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liese, Liotard, Lipietz, Locatelli, López-Istúriz White, Louis, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lundgren, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Malmström, Maňka, Thomas Mann, Manolakou, Markov, Marques, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Matsakis, Matsouka, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Meyer Pleite, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Montoro Romero, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgan, Morgantini, Moscovici, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscat, Musotto, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Natrass, Newton Dunn, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Onyszkiewicz, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortuondo Larrea, Ŏry, Ouzký, Oviir, Pack, Pafilis, Pahor, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Papastamkos, Parish, Patrie, Peillon, Pęk, Alojz Peterle, Pflüger, Piecyk, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Piniór, Piotrowski, Pírker, Pistelli, Pleštinská, Podestà, Podkański, Poettering, Poignant, Pomés Ruiz, Portas, Prets, Procacci, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Reynaud, Ribeiro e Castro, Riera Madurell, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rizzo, Rocard, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Rühle, Rutowicz, Ryan, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Sbarbati, Scheele, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schroedter, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Segelström, Seppänen, Sifunakis, Silva Penada, Sinnott, Siwiec, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sommer, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Spautz, Speroni, Staes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Štátný, Stauner, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Strojček, Strož, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Svensson, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Tajani, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Tatarella, Thomsen, Thyssen, Tifford, Tittley, Toia, Tomczak, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Väyrynen, Vaidere, Vakalis, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vanhecke, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras, Vincenzi, Virrankoski, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Henri Weber, Manfred Weber, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Wise, von Wogau, Bernard Piotr Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wurtz,

Wednesday 26 April 2006

Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zani, Zapałowski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Železný, Zieleniec, Zile, Zimmer, Zingaretti, Zvěřina, Zwiefka

Observers:

Abadjiev Dimitar, Arabadjiev Alexander, Athanasiu Alexandru, Bărbulețiu Tiberiu, Becșenescu Dumitru, Bliznashki Georgi, Buruiană Aprodu Daniela, Cappone Maria, Christova Christina Velcheva, Ciornei Silvia, Cioroianu Adrian Mihai, Corlățean Titus, Coșea Dumitru Gheorghe Mircea, Crețu Gabriela, Dimitrov Martin, Duca Viorel, Dumitrescu Cristian, Gașcu Ovidiu Victor, Hogeș Vlad Gabriel, Husmenova Filiz, Iacob Ridzi Monica Maria, Ilchev Stanimir, Ivanova Iglia, Kazak Tchetin, Kelemen Atilla Béla Ladislau, Kirilov Evgeni, Kónya-Hamar Sándor, Marinescu Marian-Jean, Mihăescu Eugen, Muscă Monica Octavia, Păparizov Atanas Atanassov, Parvanova Antonyia, Pașcu Ioan Mircea, Petre Maria, Podgorean Radu, Popa Nicolae Vlad, Popeangă Petre, Sârbu Daciana Octavia, Severin Adrian, Silaghi Ovidiu Ioan, Szabó Károly Ferenc, Tîrle Radu, Vigenin Kristian, Zgonea Valeriu Ștefan

Thursday 27 April 2006

(2006/C 296 E/02)

MINUTES**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING**

IN THE CHAIR: Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT

*Vice-President***1. Opening of sitting**

The sitting opened at 09.00.

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani, who paid tribute to the victims of an attack against a European military convoy that had taken place that morning in Iraq (the President added her tribute to that of Mr Tajani), and Monica Frassoni, who objected to a decision taken by the Bureau the previous day denying the public the opportunity to address the European institutions in one of their countries' official languages (the President recommended that she write to the President of Parliament and raise the matter at the Conference of Presidents).

2. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (debate)

Report on road safety: bringing eCall to citizens [2005/2211(INI)] — Committee on Transport and Tourism.
Rapporteur: Gary Titley (A6-0072/2006)

Gary Titley introduced the report.

Viviane Reding (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Inés Ayala Sender, on behalf of the PSE Group, Eva Lichtenberger, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jaromír Kohlíček, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Michael Henry Natrass, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Seán Ó Neachtain, on behalf of the UEN Group, Fernand Le Rachinel, Non-attached Member, Georg Jarzembowski, Ewa Hedkvist Petersen, Helmuth Markov, Reinhard Rack, Bogusław Liberadzki, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Ulrich Stockmann, Stanisław Jałowiecki, Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Luís Queiró, Corien Wortmann-Kool, Etelka Barsi-Pataky and Viviane Reding.

IN THE CHAIR: Gérard ONESTA

Vice-President

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.41.*

3. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU (debate)

Report on measures to promote multilingualism and language learning in the European Union: European Indicator of Language Competence [2005/2213(INI)] — Committee on Culture and Education.
Rapporteur: Manolis Mavrommatis (A6-0074/2006)

Manolis Mavrommatis introduced the report.

Ján Figel (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Thursday 27 April 2006

The following spoke: Maria Badia I Cutchet, on behalf of the PSE Group, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Henrik Lax, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Miguel Portas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Thomas Wise, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Zdzisław Zbigniew Podkański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Andreas Mólzer, Non-attached Member, Ljudmila Novak, Marianne Mikko, Karin Resetarits, Jan Tadeusz Masiel, Milan Gała, Marios Matsakis and Ján Figel.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 5.42.*

(The sitting was suspended at 10.55 pending voting time and resumed at 11.10.)

IN THE CHAIR: Antonios TRAKATELLIS

Vice-President

4. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Gilles Savary had informed the Presidency that he had been present but that his name was not on the attendance register.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

5. Voting time

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in the 'Results of votes' annex to the Minutes.

5.1. Official name of interparliamentary delegation D14 (vote)

Proposal by the Conference of Presidents (*Minutes of 26.04.2006, Item 7*)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 1)

Rejected

5.2. Community classification of adult cattle carcasses * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation determining the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals (codified version) [COM(2005)0402 — C6-0309/2005 — 2005/0171 (CNS)] — Committee on Legal Affairs.

Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0120/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 2)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0145)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.3. Competition rules relating to agricultural products * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation applying certain rules of competition to production of and trade in agricultural products (codified version) [COM(2005)0613 — C6-0019/2006 — 2005/0231(CNS)] — Committee on Legal Affairs.

Rapporteur: Giuseppe Gargani (A6-0121/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 3)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0146)

5.4. Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund, supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure [COM(2006)0114 — C6-0086/2006 — 2006/2064(ACI)] — Committee on Budgets.

Rapporteur: Reimer Böge (A6-0138/2006)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 4)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0147)

5.5. Draft amending budget No 1/2006 * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on Draft amending budget No 1/2006 of the European Union for the financial year 2006, Section III — Commission (Floods in Bulgaria, Romania and Austria) [SEC(2006)0325 — C6-0131/2006 — 2006/2066(BUD)] — Committee on Budgets.

Rapporteur: Giovanni Pittella (A6-0139/2006)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 5)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0148)

5.6. Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation

Thursday 27 April 2006

of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 [COM(2004)0550 — 13632/2005 — C6-0421/2005 — 2004/0296(COD)] — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

Rapporteur: Karl-Heinz Florenz (A6-0088/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 6)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0149)

5.7. Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission * (Rule 131) (vote)**

Recommendation on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica [14343/2005 — C6-0023/2006 — 2005/0137(AVC)] — Committee on Fisheries.

Rapporteur: Duarte Freitas (A6-0070/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 7)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0150)

5.8. Unesco Convention * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions [COM(2005)0678 — C6-0025/2006 — 2005/0268(CNS)] — Committee on Culture and Education.

Rapporteur: Christa Prets (A6-0079/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 8)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0151)

5.9. Veterinary expenditure * (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council directive amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field [COM(2005)0362 — C6-0282/2005 — 2005/0154(CNS)] — Committee on Fisheries.

Rapporteur: Heinz Kindermann (A6-0067/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 9)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENT and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0152)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.10. Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products * (Rule 131)
(vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals [COM(2005) 0362 — C6-0281/2005 — 2005/0153(CNS)] — Committee on Fisheries.

Rapporteur: Heinz Kindermann (A6-0091/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 10)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, AMENDMENTS and DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0153)

5.11. Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting (Rule 131) (vote)

Report on the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting: an opportunity for European audiovisual policy and cultural diversity [2005/2212(INI)] — Committee on Culture and Education.

Rapporteur: Henri Weber (A6-0075/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 11)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted by single vote (P6_TA(2006)0154)

5.12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America
(vote)

Report on a stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America [2005/2241(INI)] — Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rapporteur: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (A6-0047/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 12)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0155)

The following spoke on the vote:

— José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (rapporteur), who moved an oral amendment to paragraphs 6, 21 and 66, which was incorporated. He also made a technical correction to paragraphs 35 and 77.

5.13. EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement * (vote)

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the amendments to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between

Thursday 27 April 2006

the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2006 [COM(2005)0591 — C6-0433/2005 — 2005/0229(CNS)] — Committee on Fisheries.
Rapporteur: Pedro Guerreiro (A6-0066/2006)

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 13)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0156)

5.14. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities (vote)

Motions for resolution B6-0275/2006 and B6-0276/2006

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 14)

The following spoke on the vote:

— Klaus-Heiner Lehne, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, who moved that both resolutions be referred back to committee under Rule 168(2).

Parliament agreed to the request.

5.15. 2004 discharge: Section III — Commission (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section III — Commission [SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC)] [SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Jan Mulder (A6-0108/2006)

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 15)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0157)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0157)

The following spoke on the vote:

— Jan Mulder (rapporteur), who moved an oral amendment to add two new paragraphs after paragraph 5.

5.16. 2004 discharge: Section I — European Parliament (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section I, European Parliament [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0357/2005 — 2005/2091(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Markus Ferber (A6-0119/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 16)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Markus Ferber (rapporteur) called for the proposal for a decision to be rejected so as to postpone discharge, thus giving time to consider information that had recently come to light. The following spoke: Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Hans-Gert Poettering, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Bart Staes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Mogens N.J. Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, in support of the rapporteur.

Rejected (P6_TA(2006)0158)

Discharge was deemed to be postponed (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

5.17. 2004 discharge: Section II — Council (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004: Section II, Council [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0111/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 17)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0159)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0159)

5.18. 2004 discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0112/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 18)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0160)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0160)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.19. 2004 discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0113/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 19)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0161)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0161)

5.20. 2004 discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0114/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 20)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0162)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0162)

5.21. 2004 discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0115/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 21)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0163)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0163)

The following spoke on the vote:

— Nils Lundgren (rapporteur), before the vote, who called for the proposal for a decision to be rejected. After the vote, he lamented Parliament's decision to grant discharge.

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.22. 2004 discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2006 — 2005/2042(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0116/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 22)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0164)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0164)

5.23. 2004 discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor [N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Nils Lundgren (A6-0117/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 23)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0165)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0165)

5.24. 2004 discharge: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds EDF (vote)

Report on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 [COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (A6-0110/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 24)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0166)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0166)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.25. 2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop for the financial year 2004 [N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0094/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 25)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0167)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0167)

5.26. 2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 [N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0093/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 26)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0168)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0168)

5.27. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 [N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0095/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 27)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0169)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0169)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.28. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia
(vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 [N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109 (DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0096/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 28)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0170)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0170)

5.29. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 [N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0097/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 29)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0171)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0171)

5.30. 2004 discharge: European Environment Agency (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0098/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 30)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0172)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0172)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.31. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 [N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0099/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 31)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0173)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0173)

5.32. 2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 [N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0100/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 32)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0174)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0174)

5.33. 2004 discharge: European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products for the financial year 2004 [N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0101/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 33)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0175)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0175)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.34. 2004 discharge: Eurojust (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 [N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0092/2006)

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 34)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0176)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0176)

5.35. 2004 discharge: European Training Foundation (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 [N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0102/2006)

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 35)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0177)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0177)

5.36. 2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.
Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0103/2006)

(Simple majority)
(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 36)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0178)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0178)

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.37. 2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 [N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0104/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 37)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0179)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0179)

5.38. 2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (vote)

Report on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 [N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC)] — Committee on Budgetary Control.

Rapporteur: Umberto Guidoni (A6-0105/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 38)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION (discharge)

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0180)

Closure of the accounts was thereby approved (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0180)

5.39. Asset management (vote)

Report on asset management [2006/2037(INI)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Rapporteur: Wolf Klinz (A6-0106/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 39)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0181)

The following spoke on the vote:

— Before the vote, Wolf Klinz (rapporteur) recommended that amendment 6 be rejected.

Thursday 27 April 2006

5.40. State aid for innovation (vote)

Report on sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation [2006/2044(INI)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Rapporteur: Sophia in 't Veld (A6-0073/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 40)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0182)

The following spoke on the vote:

— Sophia in 't Veld (rapporteur), who moved an oral amendment to amendment 1 and another to amendment 2, which were incorporated.

5.41. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (vote)

Report on road safety: bringing eCall to citizens [2005/2211(INI)] — Committee on Transport and Tourism.

Rapporteur: Gary Titley (A6-0072/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 41)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0183)

5.42. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU (vote)

Report on measures to promote multilingualism and language learning in the European Union: European Indicator of Language Competence [2005/2213(INI)] — Committee on Culture and Education.

Rapporteur: Manolis Mavrommatis (A6-0074/2006)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 42)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2006)0184)

The following spoke:

— before the vote, Monica Frassoni returned to the remarks she had made at the beginning of the sitting (*Minutes of 27.04.2006, Item 1*) to point out that the decision taken by the Bureau the previous day contradicted the resolution contained in the report.

6. Explanations of vote

Written explanations of vote:

Explanations of vote submitted in writing under Rule 163(3) appear in the *Verbatim Report of Proceedings* for the sitting.

Oral explanations of vote:

Report: Gary Titley — A6-0072/2006

— Tomáš Zatloukal

Thursday 27 April 2006

Report: Christa Prets — A6-0079/2006

— Andreas Mölzer

Report: Markus Ferber — A6-0119/2006

— Mario Borghezio

7. Corrections to votes and voting intentions

Corrections to votes:

Corrections to votes appear on the 'Séance en direct' website under 'Votes'/'Results of votes'/'Roll-call votes'. They are published in hard copy in the 'Result of roll-call votes' annex.

The electronic version on Europarl will be regularly updated for a maximum of two weeks after the day of the vote concerned.

After the two-week deadline has passed, the list of corrections to votes will be finalised so that it can be translated and published in the Official Journal.

Voting intentions:

The Presidency had been notified of the following voting intentions (in respect of votes that had not been cast):

Report: Jan Mulder — A6-0108/2006

— amendment 3

for: Hans-Peter Martin

8. Membership of Parliament

Fausto Bertinotti, Emma Bonino, Lorenzo Cesa, Antonio Di Pietro, Enrico Letta and Giovanni Procacci had given notice that they had been elected to the Italian Parliament and had accepted their national mandates with effect from 28.04.2006.

As this office was incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament under Article 7(2) of the Act concerning the election of representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, Parliament, under Rule 4(4) of its Rules of Procedure, established the vacancies with effect from 28.04.2006 and informed the Member State concerned thereof.

9. Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity

Gabriele Albertini written to the Presidency requesting that Parliament make representations to the Italian authorities in order to uphold his parliamentary immunity in a court case pending in Milan.

Pursuant to Rule 6(3), the request had been referred to the committee responsible, the JURI Committee.

10. Declaration of financial interests

The following Members had not yet submitted their declaration of financial interests for 2005 in accordance with Annex I, Article 2, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Procedure:

Karsten Friedrich Hoppenstedt and Roger Knapman

Thursday 27 April 2006

11. Decisions concerning certain documents

Authorisation to draw up own-initiative reports (Rule 114)

LIBE Committee

- Developing a strategic concept on tackling organised crime (2006/2094(INI))
- Regional protection programmes (2006/2093(INI))
- The factors favouring support for terrorism and the recruitment of terrorists (2006/2092(INI))

Referral to committees

EMPL Committee

- Law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) (COM(2005)0650 — C6-0441/2005 — 2005/0261(COD))
referred to responsible: JURI
opinion: EMPL, LIBE

12. Forwarding of texts adopted during the sitting

Pursuant to Rule 172(2), the Minutes of that day's sitting would be submitted to Parliament for its approval at the beginning of the next sitting.

With Parliament's agreement, the texts that had been adopted would be forwarded forthwith to the bodies named therein.

13. Dates for next sittings

The next sittings would be held from 15.05.2006 to 18.05.2006.

14. Adjournment of session

The session of the European Parliament was adjourned.

The sitting closed at 12.10.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Josep Borrell Fontelles
President

Thursday 27 April 2006

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The following signed:

Adamou, Agnoletto, Albertini, Allister, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andria, Andrikenė, Angelilli, Arif, Arnautakis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Beer, Beglitis, Belder, Belet, Bennahmias, Beňová, Berend, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Berlinguer, Berman, Bersani, Bielan, Birutis, Blokland, Bloom, Bobošíková, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Bono, Booth, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Bourlanges, Bourzai, Bowis, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Breyer, Březina, Brie, Brok, Brunetta, Budreikaitė, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Bullmann, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busquin, Buzek, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carlshamre, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Caspary, Castex, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cavada, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimakakis, Chichester, Chiesa, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Claeys, Clark, Corbett, Corbey, Costa, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Coveney, Cramer, Crowley, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Daul, de Brún, Degutis, Dehaene, De Keyser, Demetriou, De Michelis, Deprez, De Rossa, De Sarnez, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Díez González, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Dobolyi, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Jill Evans, Robert Evans, Fajmon, Falbr, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Flautre, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Ford, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gál, Galá, Galeote, García Pérez, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Geremek, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goepel, Gollnisch, Gomolka, Grabowska, Grabowski, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grech, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hall, Hamon, Handzlik, Harangozó, Harbour, Harms, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hazan, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Helmer, Henin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herczog, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ibrisagic, Ilves, in 't Veld, Isler Béguin, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jensen, Joan i Marí, Jöns, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Juknevičienė, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Karas, Karim, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Kohlíček, Konrad, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Kraher, Krarup, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kristensen, Krupa, Kuc, Kudrycka, Kuhne, Kułakowski, Kuškis, Kusstatscher, Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Laignel, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis, Landsbergis, Lang, Langen, Legendries, Laperrouze, Lavarra, Lax, Lechner, Le Foll, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Le Rachinel, Letta, Lévaï, Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liotard, Lipietz, Locatelli, López-Istúriz White, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lundgren, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Malmström, Manders, Maňka, Erika Mann, Thomas Mann, Mantovani, Markov, Martens, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Mašťálka, Mastenbroek, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Matsakis, Matsouka, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Meyer Pleite, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Mikołášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Montoro Romero, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morgantini, Moscovici, Mote, Musacchio, Muscat, Musotto, Myller, Napolitano, Nassauer, Natrass, Newton Dunn, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Niebler, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortuondo Larrea, Óry, Ouzký, Oviir, Pack, Pafilis, Pahor, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Papastamkos, Parish, Peillon, Pęk, Alojz Peterle, Pflüger, Piecyk, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Piniór, Piotrowski, Pirker, Piskorski, Pistelli, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Pleštinská, Podestà, Podkański, Poignant, Polfer, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Prets, Procacci, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Reynaud, Ribeiro e Castro, Riera Madurell, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rizzo, Rocard, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Rühle, Rutowicz, Sacconi, Saifi, Sakalas, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salinas García, Samaras, Samuelsen, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Savary, Savi, Sbarbati, Schapira, Scheele, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schulz, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Segelström, Seppänen, Siekierski, Sifunakis, Silva Peneda, Sinnott, Siwec, Stjødett, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sommer, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Spautz, Speroni, Sjaes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Štátný, Stauner, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stockmann, Strejček, Strojž, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Tajani, Takkula, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Tatarella, Thomsen, Thyssen, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tomczak, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Väyrynen, Vaidere, Vakalis, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras, Vincenzi, Wagenknecht, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Henri Weber, Manfred Weber,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Weiler, Westlund, Whittaker, Wieland, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Wise, von Wogau, Wohlin, Bernard Piotr Wojciechowski, Janusz Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wurtz, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zani, Zapałowski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Železný, Zieleniec, Zile, Zingaretti, Zwiefka

Observers:

Anastase Roberta Alma, Arabadjiev Alexander, Athanasiu Alexandru, Bărbulețiu Tiberiu, Beșenescu Dumitru, Bliznashki Georgi, Ciornei Silvia, Cioroianu Adrian Mihai, Coșea Dumitru Gheorghe Mircea, Crețu Corina, Crețu Gabriela, Dimitrov Martin, Duca Viorel, Dumitrescu Cristian, Gaș Ovidiu Victor, Hoge Vlad Gabriel, Husmenova Filiz, Iacob Ridzi Monica Maria, Ilchev Stanimir, Ivanova Iglia, Kirilov Evgeni, Kónya-Hamar Sándor, Marinescu Marian-Jean, Mihăescu Eugen, Morțun Alexandru Ioan, Muscă Monica Octavia, Păpăzov Atanas Atanassov, Parvanova Antonia, Pașcu Ioan Mircea, Petre Maria, Podgorean Radu, Popa Nicolae Vlad, Popeangă Petre, Sârbu Daciana Octavia, Silaghi Ovidiu Ioan, Tîrle Radu, Vigenin Kristian, Zgonea Valeriu Ștefan

Thursday 27 April 2006

ANNEX I

RESULTS OF VOTES

Abbreviations and symbols

+	adopted
-	rejected
	lapsed
W	withdrawn
RCV (... , ... , ...)	roll-call vote (for, against, abstentions)
EV (... , ... , ...)	electronic vote (for, against, abstentions)
split	split vote
sep	separate vote
am	amendment
CA	compromise amendment
CP	corresponding part
D	deleting amendment
=	identical amendments
§	paragraph
art	article
rec	recital
MOT	motion for a resolution
JT MOT	joint motion for a resolution
SEC	secret ballot

1. Official name of interparliamentary delegation D14

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
<i>proposal by the Conference of Presidents</i>		-	

Proposal by the Conference of Presidents: replace 'Delegation for Relations with Iran' by 'Delegation for Relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran'.

2. Community classification of adult cattle carcasses *

Report: Giuseppe GARGANI (A6-0120/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
<i>single vote</i>		+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Competition rules relating to agricultural products *

Report: Giuseppe GARGANI (A6-0121/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	

4. Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund

Report: Reimer BÖGE (A6-0138/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote	EV	+	535, 19, 9 qualified majority and 3/5 of votes cast

5. Draft amending budget No 1/2006 *

Report: Giovanni PITTELLA (A6-0139/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	qualified majority

6. Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I

Report: Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (A6-0088/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	

7. Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission ***

Recommendation: Duarte FREITAS (A6-0070/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote	RCV	+	534, 25, 7

Requests for roll-call votes

IND/DEM: final vote

Thursday 27 April 2006

8. Unesco Convention *

Report: Christa PRETS (A6-0079/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	

9. Veterinary expenditure *

Report: Heinz KINDERMANN (A6-0067/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	

10. Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products *

Report: Heinz KINDERMANN (A6-0091/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote	RCV	+	561, 15, 5

Amendments 2, 3, 64, 70 and 73 did not concern all language versions and were therefore not put to the vote (Rule 151(1)(d)).

Request for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: final vote

11. Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting

Report: Henri WEBER (A6-0075/2006)

Subject	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
single vote		+	

12. A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America

Report: José Ignacio SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA (A6-0047/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
§ 6	§	original text		+	oral amendment
§ 21	§	original text	split		oral amendment
			1	+	
			2/RCV	+	499, 78, 9
			3/RCV	+	500, 74, 14
§ 66	§	original text		+	oral amendment
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

Requests for roll-call votes

GUE/NGL: § 21, second and third parts

Requests for split votes

GUE/NGL

§ 21

1st part: everything except 'a Euro-Latin American free-trade area ... proceeding in two stages' and 'and pursue the ultimate ... in accordance with WTO rules;'

2nd part: 'a Euro-Latin American free-trade area ... proceeding in two stages'

3rd part: 'and pursue the ultimate ... in accordance with WTO rules;'

Miscellaneous

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (rapporteur), moved an oral amendment to paragraphs 6, 21 and 66 to replace 'Euro-Latin American free trade area (...) by 2010' by 'Euro-Latin American zone of global inter-regional association (...) in the medium term'.

Mr Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra also proposed that paragraphs 35 and 77 be reformulated to read as follows:

35. Points out that poverty and hunger are complex and multidimensional problems and that all countries share a responsibility for combating them; also urges governments to adopt direct measures to eliminate them by stepping up employment and income generation programmes, thereby supporting sustainable economic growth which allows for more efficient social security systems offering secure and higher pensions;

77. Repeats its proposal for the setting-up of a bi-regional solidarity fund for the purpose of managing and financing sector-based programmes relating initially to the eradication of social exclusion and extreme poverty and to health, education and infrastructures in the countries and regions where per capita income is lower and social inequalities are greater, and subsequently covering the Latin American countries as a whole;

13. EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement *

Report: Pedro GUERREIRO (A6-0066/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
vote: legislative resolution			RCV	+	456, 74, 61

Requests for roll-call votes

IND/DEM: final vote

14. Modification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities

Motions for resolutions: B6-0275/2006, B6-0276/2006

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
motions for resolution					
B6-0275/2006		JURI			
B6-0276/2006		GUE/NGL			

Referred back to the JURI Committee (Rule 168(2)).

Thursday 27 April 2006

15. 2004 discharge: Section III — Commission

Report: Jan MULDER (A6-0108/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	+	523, 62, 16
motion for a resolution					
after § 5	§	original text		+	oral amendment
after § 27	2	ALDE	RCV	+	565, 13, 8
after § 34	3	ALDE	RCV	+	580, 13, 9
§ 102	1	PPE-DE		+	
§ 209	4	ALDE, Verts/ALE	split		
			1/EV	+	373, 229, 7
			2	-	
vote: resolution (as a whole)			RCV	+	523, 62, 18

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Requests for roll-call votes

ALDE: decision, ams 2 + 3, resolution

PPE-DE: decision and resolution

IND/DEM: decision

Requests for split votes

PSE, PPE-DE

am 4

1st part: everything except 'northern Cyprus'

2nd part: those words

Miscellaneous

The rapporteur moved oral amendments to insert the following paragraphs after § 5:

5a. Expects that the results of the review on unknown bank accounts related to Commission activities launched by the Commission in October 2005 will be made known completely to Parliament and be followed up;

5b. Expects that the accounts thereby established will be audited and the funds credited to the accounts will be entered in the general budget;

16. 2004 discharge: Section I — European Parliament

Report: Markus FERBER (A6-0119/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	-	3, 591, 13

Thursday 27 April 2006

The discharge was deemed to be postponed (Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE, IND/DEM, PSE: decision

17. 2004 discharge: Section II — Council

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0111/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	+	530, 61, 15
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)			RCV	+	530, 61, 14

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: decision and resolution

18. 2004 discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0112/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

19. 2004 discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0113/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

20. 2004 discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0114/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	+	532, 66, 10
motion for a resolution					
§ 10	1	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE		-	
vote: resolution (as a whole)			RCV	+	536, 61, 11

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: decision and resolution

21. 2004 discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0115/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	+	400, 190, 18
motion for a resolution					
§ 4	2	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE	RCV	-	157, 431, 13
after § 4	3	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE	RCV	-	204, 380, 16
§ 8	4	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE	RCV	-	209, 377, 12
after § 14	5	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE	RCV	-	228, 362, 14
after citation 10	1	IND/DEM, Verts/ALE	RCV	-	148, 441, 14
vote: resolution (as a whole)			RCV	+	417, 167, 22

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: decision and resolution

IND/DEM: decision, ams 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and resolution

Verts/ALE: decision

22. 2004 discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0116/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

23. 2004 discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor

Report: Nils LUNDGREN (A6-0117/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
<i>decision on discharge</i>					
<i>vote: decision (as a whole)</i>				+	
<i>motion for a resolution</i>					
<i>vote: resolution (as a whole)</i>				+	

24. 2004 discharge: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds

Report: Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (A6-0110/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
<i>decision on discharge</i>					
<i>vote: decision (as a whole)</i>			RCV	+	535, 46, 19
<i>motion for a resolution</i>					
<i>vote: resolution (as a whole)</i>			RCV	+	527, 57, 11

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: decision and resolution

25. 2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0094/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
<i>decision on discharge</i>					
<i>vote: decision (as a whole)</i>				+	
<i>motion for a resolution</i>					
<i>vote: resolution (as a whole)</i>				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Thursday 27 April 2006

26. 2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0093/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

27. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0095/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
§ 14	2	Verts/ALE	EV	+	308, 270, 7
§ 15	1	Verts/ALE	split/RCV		
			1	+	312, 267, 15
			2	-	102, 472, 8
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Requests for roll-call votes

PSE: am 1

Requests for split votes

PSE, PPE-DE

am 1

1st part: everything except 'northern Cyprus'

2nd part: those words

Thursday 27 April 2006

28. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Racism and Xenophobia

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0096/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

29. 2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0097/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

30. 2004 discharge: European Environment Agency

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0098/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Thursday 27 April 2006

31. 2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0099/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

32. 2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0100/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

33. 2004 discharge: European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0101/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Thursday 27 April 2006

34. 2004 discharge: Eurojust

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0092/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

35. 2004 discharge: European Training Foundation

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0102/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

36. 2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0103/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

Thursday 27 April 2006

37. 2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0104/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)			RCV	+	520, 44, 14
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)			RCV	+	517, 43, 13

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

38. 2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority

Report: Umberto GUIDONI (A6-0105/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
decision on discharge					
vote: decision (as a whole)				+	
motion for a resolution					
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

The decision to grant discharge also constitutes closure of the accounts (see Annex V, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure).

39. Asset management

Report: Wolf KLINZ (A6-0106/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
§ 2	1	PSE		-	
§ 13	2	PSE		-	
§ 16	7	PSE		-	
§ 24	3	PSE		-	
§ 30	5	PSE		-	
after § 35	4	PSE		-	
§ 38	8	ALDE	EV	+	301, 234, 32
§ 39	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 42	§	original text	split		
			1	+	
			2	+	
after § 52	6	PSE		-	
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

Requests for split votes

Verts/ALE

§ 42*1st part: 'Welcomes the CESR advice ... primary legislation;'**2nd part: remainder**Requests for separate votes*

Verts/ALE: § 39

40. State aid for innovation*Report: Sophia IN T VELD (A6-0073/2006)*

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
§ 1	4	PSE		-	
	§	original text	split		
			1	+	
			2	+	
after § 1	14	Verts/ALE		-	
	15	Verts/ALE	RCV	-	238, 315, 17
§ 3	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 5	§	original text	split		
			1	+	
			2	+	
			3	+	
§ 11	5	PSE		-	
§ 14	6	PSE		-	
§ 18	1	ALDE		+	oral amendment
§ 21	7	PSE		-	
§ 22	8	PPE-DE, PSE		+	
§ 24	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 25	2	ALDE		+	oral amendment
after § 25	9	PSE		-	
after § 26	10	PSE		-	
§ 30	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 31	11	PSE		-	
§ 32	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 36	12	PSE		-	
§ 37	13	PSE		-	
rec H	3	PSE		-	
vote: resolution (as a whole)				+	

Thursday 27 April 2006*Requests for roll-call votes*

Verts/ALE: am 15

Requests for separate votes

ALDE: §§ 3, 24, 30 and 32

Requests for split votes

ALDE

§ 5*1st part:* everything except 'in order to clarify ... as soon as possible' and 'the framework ... improvement;'*2nd part:* 'in order to clarify ... as soon as possible'*3rd part:* 'the framework ... improvement;'

GUE/NGL

§ 1*1st part:* everything except 'reducing unnecessary regulation and introducing further deregulation measures'*2nd part:* those words*Miscellaneous*

Sophia in 't Veld (rapporteur) moved oral amendments to amendments 1 and 2. They now read as follows:

18. Regards large companies as an essential component of the innovation system; considers, however, that state aid to large companies is appropriate for encouraging cooperation within innovation clusters and poles of excellence (large companies, SMEs and knowledge centres), provided that they meet the criteria of the ex ante rules;

25. Agrees that state aid should be allocated on the basis of criteria favouring innovative start-ups and SMEs, rather than on the basis of eligible costs; notes that decisions on the granting of state aid should be taken in an efficient manner and within clearly defined time lines;

41. Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens

Report: Gary TITLEY (A6-0072/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
§ 3	§	original text	sep	+	
§ 4	2	PSE		+	
after § 10	3	PSE		-	
§ 15	4	PSE		-	
	§	original text	split		
			1	+	
			2/EV	-	250, 270, 11
§ 16	5	PSE	EV	+	275, 256, 13
rec A	§	original text	sep	+	

Thursday 27 April 2006

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
rec B	1	PSE	EV	-	204, 308, 25
	§	<i>original text</i>	split		
			1	+	
			2	+	
<i>vote: resolution (as a whole)</i>				+	

Requests for split votes

PSE

§ 15

1st part: 'Having regard ... the eCall system'

2nd part: '(such as a link with insurance systems);'

GUE/NGL

rec B

1st part: everything except 'not internalise'

2nd part: those words

Requests for separate votes

Verts/ALE: § 3 and rec A

42. Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU

Report: Manolis MAVROMMATIS (A6-0074/2006)

Subject	Amendment No	Author	RCV, etc.	Vote	RCV/EV — remarks
§ 5	1	ALDE		-	
	4	Verts/ALE	EV	-	247, 252, 31
§ 8	2	ALDE		-	
§ 10	5	Verts/ALE	split/RCV		
			1	+	301, 232, 19
			2	-	58, 466, 11
rec J	3	Verts/ALE		+	
<i>vote: resolution (as a whole)</i>			RCV	+	435, 22, 23

Requests for roll-call votes

PPE-DE: am 5 and final vote

IND/DEM: final vote

Requests for split votes

PSE

am 5

1st part: everything except 'exclusive' (*twice*)

2nd part: that word (*twice*)

Thursday 27 April 2006

ANNEX II

RESULT OF ROLL-CALL VOTES

1. Freitas recommendation A6/0070/2006

Resolution

For: 534

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Strož, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Sinnott

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Gollnisch, Helmer, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Masiel, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gaľa, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Glattfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Titley, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hassi, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 25

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski

NI: Kilroy-Silk, Mote

Abstention: 7

IND/DEM: Borghezio, Louis, Speroni, Železný

NI: Allister

UEN: Camre

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

Corrections to votes

Against: Luís Queiró

2. Kindermann report A6-0091/2006

Resolution

For: 561

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Allister, Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Gollnisch, Helmer, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Masiel, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi, Vanhecke

Thursday 27 April 2006

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Ferber, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastebroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Didziokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 15

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Booth, Clark, Farage, Knapman, Lundgren, Natrass, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Kilroy-Silk, Mote

Abstention: 5

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

IND/DEM: Bonde, Coûteaux, Louis

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra report A6-0047/2006**Paragraph 21/2****For: 499**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beauvuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Papadimoulis, Seppänen, Sjöstedt

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Helmer, Masiel, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikienė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gala, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Kłaf, Klich, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Płks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübige, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Thursday 27 April 2006

Against: 78

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Musacchio, Pafilis, Pflüger, Ransdorf, Remek, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coúteaux, Farage, Knapman, Louis, Natrass, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Schenardi

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennaïmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Abstention: 9

GUE/NGL: Brie, Portas

NI: Allister, Chruszcz, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlák, Martinez, Mote

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

4. Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra report A6-0047/2006

Paragraph 21/3

For: 500

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Watson

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Helmer, Masiel, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnich, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jęgle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zwiefka

Thursday 27 April 2006

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zīle

Verts/ALE: Jonckheer, Turmes

Against: 74

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Bonde, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Speroni

NI: Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Bachelot-Narquin, Gaubert

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Abstention: 14

IND/DEM: Batten, Booth, Farage, Knapman, Natrass, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Martinez, Mote

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

5. Guerreiro report A6-0066/2006

Resolution

For: 456

ALDE: Andria, Bourlanges, De Sarnez, Lehideux, Newton Dunn, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Ortuondo Larrea, Polfer

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Sinnott

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Gollnisch, Helmer, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Masiel, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi, Vanhecke

Thursday 27 April 2006

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikienė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Buzek, Cabrnoc, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hudacký, Hybášková, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušķis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübige, Saïfi, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zielieniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierak, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Locatelli, McAvan, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Schmidt, Schroedter, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 74

ALDE: Ek, Hall, Malmström, Oviir, Savi

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Nattrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski

NI: Chruszcz, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Le Rachinel, Mote, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Cederschiöld, Fjellner, Hannan, Heaton-Harris, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Ibrisagic, Wijkman

PSE: Haug

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Smith, Staes

Thursday 27 April 2006

Abstention: 61

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraher, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Onyszkiewicz, Pistelli, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Watson

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Železný

NI: Allister, Kozlík

PSE: Andersson

Verts/ALE: Jonckheer, Lichtenberger

Corrections to votes

Against: Kathy Sinnott

6. Mulder report A6-0108/2006**Decision****For: 523**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraher, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Agnoletto, Brie, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glatfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grosselet, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jęggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušķis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifí, Salafrañca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

Thursday 27 April 2006

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Diez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop, Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 62

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Knapman, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Berès

UEN: Camre, Krasts

Verts/ALE: Schlyter

Abstention: 16

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Pafilis, Sjöstedt

IND/DEM: Borghesio, Speroni

NI: Dillen, Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi

UEN: Angelilli

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

Corrections to votes

For: Pervenche Berès

Against: Marie Anne Isler Béguin

Thursday 27 April 2006

7. Mulder report A6-0108/2006**Amendment 2****For: 565**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Źelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Helmer, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnach, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Galá, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seiber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnautakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnoek, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Tittley, Trautmann,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Berlato, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 13

IND/DEM: Borghezio, Speroni

NI: Allister, Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi

Abstention: 8

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Claeys, Dillen, Kozlík, Vanhecke

UEN: Angelilli, Camre

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

8. Mulder report A6-0108/2006

Amendment 3

For: 580

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beauvuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimakakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelazny

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Helmer, Masiel

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnach, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 13

IND/DEM: Borghezio, Speroni

NI: Allister, Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi

Abstention: 9

NI: Chruszcz, Claeys, Dillen, Kozlík, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Dimitrakopoulos

UEN: Camre

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

9. Mulder report A6-0108/2006

Resolution

For: 523

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Sjöstedt, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Bonde, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapalowski

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Galá, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggler, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Míkolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Peterle, Píks, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rosa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Renaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Legendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Turmes, Ždanoka

Thursday 27 April 2006

Against: 62**GUE/NGL:** Liotard, Meijer, Svensson**IND/DEM:** Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Booth, Clark, Farage, Knapman, Natrass, Titford, Whittaker, Wise**NI:** Allister, Bobošíková, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mote, Vanhecke**PPE-DE:** Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dimitrakopoulos, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Papastamkos, Parish, Purvis, Samaras, Škottová, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Vakalis, Van Orden, Zahradil**UEN:** Camre, Krasts**Abstention: 18****GUE/NGL:** Pafilis**IND/DEM:** Borghezio, Coûteaux, Louis, Speroni, Železný**NI:** Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi**PPE-DE:** Posselt**UEN:** Angelilli**Verts/ALE:** van Buitenen, Smith**10. Ferber report A6-0119/2006****Decision****For: 3****PSE:** Assis, Attard-Montalto**Verts/ALE:** Lipietz**Against: 591****ALDE:** Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Biritis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraher, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uytbroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis**GUE/NGL:** Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz**IND/DEM:** Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Železný**NI:** Allister, Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mölzer, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke**PPE-DE:** Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gaľa, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Płks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpfli, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Abstention: 13

ALDE: Beaupuy

IND/DEM: Coûteaux

NI: Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Martens, Posdorf, Posselt

PSE: Ayala Sender, Masip Hidalgo, Yañez-Barnuevo García

Corrections to votes

For: Mario Borghezio

Against: Francisco Assis, John Attard-Montalto, Alain Lipietz, Maria Martens

Thursday 27 April 2006

11. Lundgren report A6-0111/2006**Decision****For: 530**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszweska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, De Michelis, Kozlík, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busutil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kalam, Klamt, Klaş, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poinant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Thursday 27 April 2006

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 61

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Knapman, Louis, Natrass, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Vernola, Zahradil

UEN: Camre, Krasts, Vaidere

Abstention: 15

GUE/NGL: Pafilis, Pflüger

NI: Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi, Vanhecke

PSE: Wiersma

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

12. Lundgren report A6-0111/2006

Resolution

For: 530

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, De Michelis, Kozlík, Rutowicz

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowskis, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jęgle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinová, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübiger, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnautakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 61

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Knapman, Natrass, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Doorn, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kauppi, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Mauro, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

UEN: Camre, Krasts

Abstention: 14

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi, Vanhecke

PSE: Wiersma

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

Thursday 27 April 2006

13. Lundgren report A6-0114/2006**Decision****For: 532**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Bonde, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapalowski, Źelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Defs, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klaş, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušķis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübzig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Thursday 27 April 2006

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 66

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Knapman, Louis, Natrass, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Mote, Rutowicz, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Buzek, Cabrnach, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Evans Robert

UEN: Camre

Abstention: 10

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Martinez, Romagnoli, Schenardi

PSE: Wiersma

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

14. Lundgren report A6-0114/2006

Resolution

For: 536

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lohdeux, Ludford, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapalowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Kozlík, Masiel, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, del Castillo Vera, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klaf, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laigné, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovi, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Legendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 61

GUE/NGL: Liotard, Meijer, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Bloom, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Farage, Knapman, Natrass, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Mote, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Mauro, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Evans Robert

UEN: Camre

Thursday 27 April 2006

Abstention: 11**GUE/NGL:** Pafilis**IND/DEM:** Coûteaux, Louis**NI:** Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Romagnoli, Schenardi**Verts/ALE:** van Buitenen, Smith**15. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006****Decision****For: 400****ALDE:** De Sarnez**GUE/NGL:** Adamou, Agnoletto, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Kohlíček, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz**IND/DEM:** Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Speroni, Tomczak, Zapałowski**NI:** Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr**PPE-DE:** Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnich, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Def, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Kłaf, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Míkolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafraña Sánchez-Neyra, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Strejček, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka**PSE:** Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Piniór, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Tiley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti**UEN:** Aylward, Crowley, Didžiokas, Ó Neachtain

Thursday 27 April 2006

Against: 190

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Brie, Henin, Liotard, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Knapman, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Rogalski, Sinnott, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Mote, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Bushill-Matthews, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McGuinness, Mathieu, Nicholson, Purvis, Samaras, Škottová, Stevenson, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Wieland, Wijkman

PSE: Berman, Bozkurt, Corbey, Evans Robert, Ford, Mastenbroek, Rocard

UEN: Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Foltyn-Kubicka, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Abstention: 18

ALDE: Cavada

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels, Hybášková, Mayer, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Pinheiro, Posselt, Reul

PSE: Hegyi

UEN: Angelilli, Janowski

Corrections to votes

Against: Marielle De Sarnez, Margrietus van den Berg

16. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006

Amendment 2

For: 157

ALDE: Deprez

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Stroj, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Peç, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Železný

Thursday 27 April 2006

NI: Allister, Battilocchio, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Dillen, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Masiel, Mote, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Belet, Berend, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hieronymi, Jackson, Kauppi, Kirkhope, Nicholson, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Stubb, Sturdy, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Assis, Attard-Montalto, Badia I Cutchet, Capoulas Santos, Cercas, Christensen, Corbey, Fazakas, Ferreira Elisa, Grech, Koterec, Lienemann, Masip Hidalgo, Moreno Sánchez, Pahor, Sornosa Martínez, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

UEN: Camre, Szymański, Tatarella, Zīle

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Zdanoka

Against: 431

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Davies, Degutis, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Krahmer, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uytbroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis

IND/DEM: Piotrowski, Rogalski

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Evans Jonathan, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Galá, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kelam, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušķis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübzig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ayala Sender, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Busquin, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Corbett, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Fernandes, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moscovici, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Piniór, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poinant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz

Verts/ALE: Jonckheer, Turmes

Abstention: 13

ALDE: Cavada

NI: Gollnisch, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels, McMillan-Scott

PSE: Muscat

Corrections to votes

For: Charles Tannock

Against: Inés Ayala Sender, Rosa Díez González, Elisa Ferreira, John Attard-Montalto, Ole Christensen

17. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006

Amendment 3

For: 204

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraher, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelazny

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Dillen, Helmer, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mote, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Fazakas, Koterec

UEN: Camre, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennaahmas, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Thursday 27 April 2006

Against: 380**NI:** Battilocchio, De Michelis

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jegg, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierék, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz

Abstention: 16**ALDE:** Cavada, Ek**GUE/NGL:** Remek**NI:** Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi**PPE-DE:** Brepoels, McMillan-Scott, Siekierski**PSE:** Muscat

Thursday 27 April 2006

18. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006**Amendment 4****For: 209**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strojž, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coúteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelazny

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Dillen, Helmer, Kozlík, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mote, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Mauro, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Pomés Ruiz, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: Koterec, Szejna

UEN: Camre, Vaidere, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennaahias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 377

NI: Battilocchio, De Michelis

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

Thursday 27 April 2006

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Myller, Napoletano, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański

Abstention: 12

ALDE: Cavada, Ek

NI: Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels, McMillan-Scott

PSE: Muscat

19. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006

Amendment 5

For: 228

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coúteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pełk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Źelezný

NI: Allister, Bobošková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Dillen, Helmer, Kozlík, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Mote, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnóch, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Korhola, Mauro, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Pieper, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

PSE: van den Berg, Berman, Bozkurt, Corbey

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Thursday 27 April 2006

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstascher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 362

NI: Battilocchio, De Michelis

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brezina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, Berger, Berlinguer, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

Abstention: 14

ALDE: Cavada, Ek

NI: Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels, McMillan-Scott, Siekierski

PSE: Muscat

Corrections to votes

Against: Eija-Riitta Korhola

Thursday 27 April 2006

20. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006**Amendment 1****For: 148****ALDE:** Budreikaitė, Resetarits**GUE/NGL:** Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz**IND/DEM:** Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coúteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Speroni, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Źelezný**NI:** Allister, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Kozlík, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Masiel, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr**PPE-DE:** Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Mauro, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil**PSE:** van den Berg, Berman, Bozkurt, Corbey**UEN:** Camre, Zile**Verts/ALE:** Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstascher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka**Against: 441****ALDE:** Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimakakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis**NI:** Battilocchio, De Michelis**PPE-DE:** Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowski, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jęggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirkker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Silva Penada, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

Thursday 27 April 2006

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, Berger, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz

Abstention: 14

ALDE: Cavada

NI: Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Lang, Le Rachinel, Mölzer, Mote, Romagnoli, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels, McMillan-Scott, Siekierski

PSE: Muscat, Wiersma

21. Lundgren report A6-0115/2006

Resolution

For: 417

ALDE: Andria

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Kohlíček, Markov, Mašťálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Strož, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

NI: Battilocchio, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušks, Lamassoure, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Siekierski, Silva Penada, Sommer, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

Thursday 27 April 2006

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Berlatto, Crowley, Didžiokas, Ó Neachtain, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennaïmas, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Jonckheer, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lipietz, Lucas, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 167

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Chatzimarkakis, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lohdeux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Henin, Liotard, Meijer, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Svensson

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bloom, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Farage, Grabowski, Knapman, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Titford, Tomczak, Whitaker, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Źelezný

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Chruszcz, Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Le Rachinel, Martin Hans-Peter, Martinez, Mölzer, Mote, Romagnoli, Schenardi, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Ebner, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, Landsbergis, Nicholson, Ouzký, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Samaras, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Wijkman, Zahradil

PSE: Evans Robert, Leinen

UEN: Bielan, Camre, Foltyn-Kubicka, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Podkański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Abstention: 22

ALDE: Cavada

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Rutowicz

Thursday 27 April 2006

PPE-DE: Brepoels, Hybášková, Jałowiecki, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mayer, Sonik

PSE: Berlinguer, Hegyi, Wiersma

UEN: Angelilli, Janowski

Verts/ALE: Beer, van Buitenen, Isler Béguin, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lichtenberger, Özdemir

22. Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou report A6-0110/2006

Decision

For: 535

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraher, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Masiel, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gähler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Hänisch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 46

IND/DEM: Batten, Booth, Clark, Natrass, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Železný

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

Abstention: 19

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

IND/DEM: Bonde, Borghezio, Coûteaux, Louis

NI: Claeys, De Michelis, Dillen, Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Schenardi, Vanhecke

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

23. Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou report A6-0110/2006

Resolution

For: 527

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, De Michelis, Masiel, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hatzidakis, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggler, Jordan Cizelj, Kacmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lehne, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinšá, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Herczog, Honeyball, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 57

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Louis, Lundgren, Natrass, Sinnott, Titford, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mölzer, Mote, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sumberg, Tannock, Van Orden, Zahradil

Abstention: 11

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

IND/DEM: Borghezio

NI: Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Romagnoli, Schenardi

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

Thursday 27 April 2006

24. Guidoni report A6-0095/2006**Amendment 1/1****For: 312**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Bonde, Louis, Lundgren, Sinnott, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Battilocchio, Bobošíková, De Michelis, Martin Hans-Peter

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Píecyk, Piniór, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani

UEN: Berlato, Tatarella

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 267

ALDE: Lax

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Guerreiro, Pafilis, Triantaphyllides

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Booth, Clark, Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Zapałowski

NI: Allister, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Helmer, Masiel, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnach, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schierhuber, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Wynn, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Abstention: 15

ALDE: Chatzimarkakis

IND/DEM: Borghezio, Coûteaux

NI: Chruszcz, Claeys, Dillen, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Martinez, Mólzer, Schenardi, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Brepoels

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

25. Guidoni report A6-0095/2006

Amendment 1/2

For: 102

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chiesa, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Kraemer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Oviir, Pistelli, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Meijer

IND/DEM: Bonde, Lundgren, Sinnott, Wohlin

NI: Bobošíková, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel

PSE: Gröner, Herczog, Jöns, Jørgensen, Lavarra, McAvan, Poinant, Schapira, Sousa Pinto

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitengeweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Legendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 472

ALDE: Birutis, Bourlanges, Chatzimarkakis, Degutis, Deprez, Fourtou, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Matsakis, Ortuondo Larrea, Polfer, Savi, Starkevičiūtė

Thursday 27 April 2006

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Grabowski, Krupa, Louis, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Titford, Tomczak, Whittaker, Wise, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Allister, Battilocchio, Chruszcz, De Michelis, Helmer, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Bowis, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttill, Buzek, Cabrnich, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Elles, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Friedrich, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Goepel, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Hatzidakis, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggler, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušćis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lechner, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Posselt, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Andersson, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Beňová, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rosa, De Vits, Díez González, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierak, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Harangozó, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Kuhne, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovic, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Piniór, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Stockmann, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Weiler, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Abstention: 8

ALDE: Klinz

IND/DEM: Borghezio

NI: Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Mölzer, Schenardi

PPE-DE: Brepoels

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

Thursday 27 April 2006

26. Guidoni report A6-0104/2006**Decision****For: 520**

ALDE: Alvaro, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahrmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelsen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Markov, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jęggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovicci, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Rothe, Rouček, Roue, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

Thursday 27 April 2006

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Flautre, Frassoni, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 44

IND/DEM: Batten, Booth, Clark, Coûteaux, Louis, Pęk, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Tannock, Zahradil

Abstention: 14

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

IND/DEM: Bonde

NI: Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Schenardi, Vanhecke

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

27. Guidoni report A6-0104/2006

Resolution

For: 517

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Davies, Degutis, Deprez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Ludford, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Sjöstedt, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Borghezio, Grabowski, Krupa, Louis, Lundgren, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Claeys, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Masiel, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andrikenė, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataký, Bauer, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Böge, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Busuttil, Buzek, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Doyle, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gala, Gargani, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glatfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzik, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jęggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kelam, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Pack,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Peterle, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübiger, Saïfi, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stubb, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wijkman, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Castex, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Gebhardt, Geringer Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Krehl, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Liberadzki, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Piniór, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani

UEN: Angelilli, Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Bennaïmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Flautre, Graefe zu Baringdorf, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka

Against: 43

IND/DEM: Batten, Booth, Clark, Whittaker, Wise

NI: Allister, Bobošíková, Helmer, Kilroy-Silk, Martin Hans-Peter, Mote

PPE-DE: Ashworth, Atkins, Beazley, Bowis, Bradbourn, Bushill-Matthews, Cabrnock, Chichester, Deva, Dover, Duchoň, Elles, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Jackson, Kirkhope, McMillan-Scott, Martens, Nicholson, Ouzký, Parish, Purvis, Škottová, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Tannock, Zahradil

UEN: Krasts

Abstention: 13

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

IND/DEM: Bonde, Pęk

NI: Dillen, Gollnisch, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Schenardi

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen, Smith

Thursday 27 April 2006

28. In 't Veld report A6-0073/2006**Amendment 15****For: 238****ALDE:** Manders, Mohácsi**GUE/NGL:** Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Maštálka, Meijer, Meyer Pleite, Musacchio, Pafilis, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht, Wurtz**IND/DEM:** Sinnott**NI:** Battilocchio, Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr**PPE-DE:** Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Wijkman**PSE:** Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierak, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Moscovici, Muscat, Myller, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Óger, Pahor, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Reynaud, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwiec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vaugrenard, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti**Verts/ALE:** Aubert, Beer, Bennaïmas, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Voggenhuber, Ždanoka**Against: 315****ALDE:** Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimakakis, Degutis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Ek, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, Hennis-Plasschaert, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Matsakis, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Samuelson, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Takkula, Väyrynen, Wallis, Watson**IND/DEM:** Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Booth, Borghezio, Clark, Coûteaux, Lundgren, Whittaker, Wise, Wohlin, Železný**NI:** Allister, Claeys, Dillen, Helmer, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke**PPE-DE:** Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Bowis, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttill, Buzek, Cabrnach, Carollo, Casa, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowski, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ehler, Esteves, Evans Jonathan, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gaľa, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gklavakis, Glattfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klauf, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kušis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Pits, Pinheiro, Pirker, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Saifi, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sommer, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weber Manfred, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

UEN: Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didziokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Abstention: 17

IND/DEM: Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Gollnisch, Kilroy-Silk, Kozlík, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Schenardi

PSE: Tarabella

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

29. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006

Amendment 5/1

For: 301

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chiesa, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Maštálka, Meijer, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht

IND/DEM: Coûteaux, Grabowski, Krupa, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Battilocchio, Claeys, De Michelis, Dillen, Martin Hans-Peter, Rutowicz, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Belet, Brepoels, Ebner, Grosch, Maat, Thyssen

PSE: Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierak, Gill, Glante, Gomes, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poinant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Savary, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Siwec, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Stockmann, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Berlato, Didžiokas, Tatarella

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Ždanoka

Against: 232

ALDE: Krahmer

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Lundgren, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Chruszcz, Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, Masiel, Mote, Romagnoli, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Patay, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Berend, Bowis, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowski, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Esteves, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Glattfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggel, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Pits, Pinheiro, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sonik, Spautz, Štastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weisgerber, Wieland, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Ilves

UEN: Aylward, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Krasts, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Podkański, Roszkowski, Szymański, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Abstention: 9

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Schenardi

PSE: Willmott

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

30. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006

Amendment 5/2

For: 58

ALDE: Chiesa, Ortuondo Larrea

GUE/NGL: Meijer

Thursday 27 April 2006

IND/DEM: Bonde, Coûteaux

NI: Battilocchio, De Michelis, Martin Hans-Peter

PPE-DE: Brepoels, Ebner, Grosch, Thyssen

PSE: Berlinguer, Berman, Myller, Siwec, Tarabella

UEN: Berlato, Bielan, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Wojciechowski Janusz

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Hassi, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kallenbach, Kusstatscher, Lagendijk, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Lucas, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schroedter, Staes, Trüpel, Turmes, Ždanoka

Against: 466

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Deprez, De Sarnez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Karim, Klinz, Krahmer, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uytbroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Savi, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Agnoletto, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Liotard, Maštálka, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Portas, Ransdorf, Remek, Rizzo, Seppänen, Strož, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht

IND/DEM: Batten, Belder, Blokland, Booth, Clark, Grabowski, Krupa, Lundgren, Pęk, Piotrowski, Rogalski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Wise, Wohlin, Zapałowski, Żelezný

NI: Chruszcz, Dillen, Mote, Romagnoli, Rutowicz, Vanhecke, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Albertini, Andriksen, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Bauer, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Bowis, Braghetto, Brejc, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnach, Carollo, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Dehaene, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrowski, Doorn, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gała, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Glattfelder, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grossetête, Guellec, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hoppenstedt, Hudacký, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Jackson, Jałowiecki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klač, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Korhola, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, Langendries, Lewandowski, Liese, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Marques, Martens, Mato Adrover, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Óry, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Pomés Ruiz, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sonik, Spautz, Štátný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weisgerber, Wieland, von Wogau, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Assis, Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Busquin, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas, Christensen, Corbett, Corbey, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, De Vits, Díez González, Dobolyi, Douay, El Khadraoui, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fazakas, Fernandes, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Goebbels, Grabowska, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jöns, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, McCarthy, Madeira, Maňka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Muscat, Napoletano, Obiols i Germà, Öger, Paleckis, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Riera Madurell, Rocard, Rosati, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Savary, Schulz, Segelström, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Stockmann, Swoboda, Szejna, Tabajdi, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Van Lancker, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Weber Henri, Westlund, Wiersma, Willmott, Wynn, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Krasts, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Vaidere, Zile

Abstention: 11

GUE/NGL: Pafilis

NI: Claeys, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Schenardi

PSE: Dührkop Dührkop, Gomes

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

31. Mavrommatis report A6-0074/2006

Resolution

For: 435

ALDE: Alvaro, Andrejevs, Andria, Attwooll, Beaupuy, Birutis, Bourlanges, Budreikaitė, Busk, Carlshamre, Cavada, Chiesa, Deprez, Dičkutė, Drčar Murko, Duff, Fourtjou, Gentvilas, Geremek, Hall, in 't Veld, Jensen, Juknevičienė, Klinz, Kułakowski, Lambsdorff, Laperrouze, Lax, Lehideux, Lynne, Maaten, Malmström, Manders, Matsakis, Mohácsi, Mulder, Newton Dunn, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson of Winterbourne, Onyszkiewicz, Ortuondo Larrea, Oviir, Pistelli, Polfer, Prodi, Resetarits, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Sbarbati, Schuth, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Sterckx, Szent-Iványi, Takkula, Wallis, Watson

GUE/NGL: Adamou, Brie, Catania, de Brún, Liotard, Meijer, Musacchio, Papadimoulis, Pflüger, Ransdorf, Svensson, Triantaphyllides, Uca, Wagenknecht

IND/DEM: Belder, Blokland, Coúteaux, Grabowski, Krupa, Piotrowski, Sinnott, Tomczak, Zapałowski

NI: Czarnecki Marek Aleksander, De Michelis, Martin Hans-Peter, Masiel, Rutowicz

PPE-DE: Andrikiénė, Ashworth, Atkins, Audy, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barsi-Pataky, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Berend, Bowis, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brunetta, Bushill-Matthews, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnock, Carollo, Caspary, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Chmielewski, Coveney, Daul, Demetriou, Descamps, Deß, Deva, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dimitrakopoulos, Dombrovskis, Dover, Doyle, Duchoň, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Esteves, Fajmon, Fatuzzo, Fernández Martín, Fjellner, Fraga Estévez, Freitas, Gahler, Gargani, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gawronski, Gomolka, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Grosch, Grossetête, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Handzlik, Hannan, Harbour, Heaton-Harris, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Hudacký, Ibrisagic, Itälä, Jackson, Jałowicki, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jordan Cizelj, Kaczmarek, Karas, Kasoulides, Kauppi, Kelam, Klamt, Klich, Koch, Konrad, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kudrycka, Kuškis, Lamassoure, Landsbergis, Langen, López-Istúriz White, Lulling, Maat, McGuinness, McMillan-Scott, Mann Thomas, Mantovani, Martens, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Méndez de Vigo, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Musotto, Nassauer, Nicholson, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Olajos, Olbrycht, Oomen-Ruijten, Ouzký, Pack, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Papastamkos, Parish, Peterle, Pieper, Píks, Pinheiro, Piskorski, Pleštinská, Poettering, Posdorf, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Roithová, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samaras, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Siekierski, Silva Peneda, Škottová, Sonik, Spautz, Šťastný, Stauner, Stevenson, Strejček, Sturdy, Sudre, Surján, Szájer, Tajani, Tannock, Thyssen, Trakatellis, Ulmer, Vakalis, Varvitsiotis, Vernola, Vidal-Quadras Roca, Weisgerber, Wieland, Wortmann-Kool, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Zieleniec, Zwiefka

PSE: Attard-Montalto, Ayala Sender, Badia I Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batzeli, Beglitis, Berès, van den Berg, Berlinguer, Berman, Bösch, Bono, Bourzai, Bozkurt, Bullmann, Carlotti, Carnero González, Casaca, Cashman, Cercas, Christensen, Cottigny, De Keyser, De Rossa, Dobolyi, Dührkop Dührkop, El Khadraoui, Ettl, Evans Robert, Falbr, Fernandes, Fruteau, García Pérez, Gebhardt, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gierek, Gill, Glante, Grech, Gröner, Guy-Quint, Hänsch, Hamon, Harangozó, Hasse Ferreira, Haug, Hazan, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Herczog, Honeyball, Howitt, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ilves, Jørgensen, Kindermann, Kinnock,

Thursday 27 April 2006

Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kristensen, Kuc, Laignel, Lambrinidis, Lavarra, Le Foll, Leichtfried, Leinen, Lienemann, Locatelli, McAvan, Madeira, Mañka, Mann Erika, Martin David, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastenbroek, Matsouka, Medina Ortega, Menéndez del Valle, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Muscat, Napolitano, Öger, Panzeri, Peillon, Piecyk, Pinior, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Poignant, Prets, Rapkay, Rasmussen, Riera Madurell, Rosati, Rothe, Roure, Sacconi, Sakalas, Sánchez Presedo, Schapira, Schulz, Segelström, Sifunakis, Skinner, Sornosa Martínez, Stockmann, Swoboda, Tabajdi, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Titley, Trautmann, Tzampazi, Van Lancker, Vergnaud, Vincenzi, Walter, Westlund, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Zani, Zingaretti

UEN: Aylward, Berlato, Bielan, Camre, Crowley, Didžiokas, Foltyn-Kubicka, Janowski, Kuźmiuk, Libicki, Ó Neachtain, Roszkowski, Szymański, Tatarella, Vaidere, Wojciechowski Janusz, Zile

Verts/ALE: Aubert, Beer, Bennahmias, Breyer, Buitenweg, Cramer, Evans Jillian, Flautre, Frassoni, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Hammerstein Mintz, Horáček, Isler Béguin, Jonckheer, Kusstatscher, Lambert, Lichtenberger, Lipietz, Özdemir, Onesta, Rühle, Schroedter, Smith, Staes, Turmes, Ždanoka

Against: 22

IND/DEM: Batten, Bonde, Booth, Clark, Lundgren, Wise, Wohlin, Železný

NI: Chruszcz, Kilroy-Silk, Mote, Wojciechowski Bernard Piotr

PPE-DE: Mato Adrover

PSE: Assis, Capoulas Santos, Estrela, Ferreira Elisa, Ford, Gomes, McCarthy, dos Santos

Verts/ALE: Schlyter

Abstention: 23

GUE/NGL: Figueiredo, Flasarová, Guerreiro, Henin, Kohlíček, Maštálka, Pafilis, Portas, Remek, Seppänen, Strož

NI: Claeys, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Rachinel, Martinez, Mölzer, Romagnoli, Vanhecke

PPE-DE: Hybášková

UEN: Podkański

Verts/ALE: van Buitenen

Corrections to votes

Against: Ilda Figueiredo

TEXTS ADOPTED**P6_TA(2006)0145****Community classification of adult cattle carcasses ***

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation determining the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals (codified version) (COM(2005)0402 — C6-0309/2005 — 2005/0171(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2005)0402) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to the EC Treaty (C6-0309/2005),
- having regard to Rules 51 and 43(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A6-0120/2006),

1. Approves the Commission proposal;
2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to reject the text approved by Parliament;
3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

P6_TA(2006)0146**Competition rules relating to agricultural products ***

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation applying certain rules of competition to production of and trade in agricultural products (codified version) (COM(2005)0613 — C6-0019/2006 — 2005/0231(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2005)0613) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Articles 36 and 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0019/2006),
- having regard to Rules 51 and 43(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A6-0121/2006),

1. Approves the Commission proposal;
2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to reject the text approved by Parliament;
3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0147

Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund

European Parliament resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure (COM(2006)0114 — C6-0086/2006 — 2006/2064(ACI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal (COM(2006)0114 — C6-0086/2006),
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽²⁾ and to the conditions governing recourse thereto,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to its position of 10 October 2002 on the proposal for a Council regulation establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the results of the Trialogue of 18 April 2006,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0138/2006),
- A. Whereas the European Union has set up the appropriate institutional and budgetary instruments to provide financial assistance in relation to damage resulting from major natural disasters,
- B. Whereas Bulgaria, Romania and Austria have requested assistance in relation to the damage resulting from the floods between April and August 2005,
- C. Whereas the European Union's financial assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters should be made available as quickly and efficiently as possible,
1. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including the Annex, to the Council and Commission, for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1. Agreement amended by Decision 2003/429/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 147, 14.6.2003, p. 25).

⁽²⁾ OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 279 E, 20.11.2003, p. 118.

Thursday 27 April 2006

ANNEX

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 27 April 2006

on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund according to point 3 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure⁽¹⁾, and in particular point 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union has created a European Union Solidarity Fund (the 'Fund') to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised,
- (4) Bulgaria, Romania and Austria submitted applications to mobilise the Fund, concerning five disasters caused by flooding.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 106 357 627 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 2006

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0148

Draft amending budget No 1/2006

European Parliament resolution on Draft amending budget No 1/2006 of the European Union for the financial year 2006, Section III — Commission (Floods in Bulgaria, Romania and Austria) (8512/2006 — C6-0131/2006 — 2006/2066(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 272(4), penultimate subparagraph, thereof,
 - having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 177 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 37 and 38 thereof,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2006, as finally adopted on 15 December 2005 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the financing of the European Union Solidarity Fund supplementing the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2006 to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to the amount of EUR 106 357 627 to grant financial assistance to Bulgaria, Romania and Austria in order to help those countries to cope with the severe damage caused by floods between April and August 2005,
 - having regard to Preliminary draft amending budget No 1/2006 of the European Union for the financial year 2006, which the Commission presented on 10 March 2006 (SEC(2006)0325),
 - having regard to Draft amending budget No 1/2006, which the Council established on 25 April 2006 (8512/2006 — C6-0131/2006),
 - having regard to Rule 69 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0139/2006),
- A. whereas the European Union should show its solidarity with the population of regions of Member States affected by natural disasters which have serious repercussions on living conditions, the natural environment or the economy,
- B. whereas the appropriate budgetary resources for the European Union's financial assistance have been mobilised in accordance with the provisions of the European Union Solidarity Fund and of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 7 November 2002 relating to its financing,
- C. whereas the purpose of Draft amending budget No 1/2006 is to formally enter these budgetary resources in the 2006 budget,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 78, 15.3.2006, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1. Agreement amended by Decision 2003/429/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 147, 14.6.2003, p. 25).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 283, 20.11.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Welcomes Draft amending budget No 1/2006, the purpose of which is to enter without delay the budgetary resources mobilised from the European Union Solidarity Fund in the 2006 budget so that those affected by these natural disasters can be assisted;
 2. Approves Draft amending budget No 1/2006 unamended;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.
-

P6_TA(2006)0149**Allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the new Member States ***I**

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons with respect to the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 (COM(2004)0550 — 13632/2005 — C6-0421/2005 — 2004/0296(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2004) 0550 — 13632/2005) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 251(2) and Article 175(1) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C6-0421/2005),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0088/2006),
1. Approves the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0150

Convention on the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission ***

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (14343/2005 — C6-0023/2006 — 2005/0137(AVC))

(Assent procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (14343/2005) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the request for assent submitted by the Council pursuant to Article 300(3), second subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 37 and the first sentence of Article 300(2), first subparagraph of the EC Treaty (C6-0023/2006),
 - having regard to Rules 75 and 83(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0070/2006),
1. Gives its assent to conclusion of the Convention;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

P6_TA(2006)0151

Unesco Convention *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (5067/2006 — COM(2005)0678 — C6-0025/2006 — 2005/0268(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2005)0678) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, adopted at the General Conference of Unesco in Paris on 20 October 2005,
- having regard to Article 300(2), first subparagraph, and Articles 89, 133, 151, 181 and 181a of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0025/2006),

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Rules 51 and 83(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education (A6-0079/2006),
1. Approves the conclusion of the Unesco Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States and to Unesco.

P6_TA(2006)0152

Veterinary expenditure *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0282/2005 — 2005/0154(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2005)0362) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0282/2005),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0067/2006),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 1
ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall apply from **1 January** 2007.

This Decision shall apply from **30 June** 2007.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0153

Health requirements for aquaculture animals and products *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals (COM(2005)0362 — C6-0281/2005 — 2005/0153(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2005)0362) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0281/2005),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0091/2006),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 1
Recital 9a (new)

(9a) A mechanism, applicable only to the Member States affected, should therefore be set up for adoption of the animal health measures needed to ensure such protection, such as measures to safeguard wild stocks of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) from infection with *Gyrodactylus salaris*.

Amendment 4
Recital 28

(28) For diseases not subject to Community control measures, but which are of local importance, the aquaculture industry should, with the assistance of the competent authorities of the Member States, take more responsibility for controlling such diseases through self regulation and the development of 'codes of practice'. However, it may be necessary, pending the establishment of such codes, for the Member States to implement certain control measures. Such national control measures must be justified, necessary and proportionate to the goals to be achieved, and should not affect the trade between the Member States.

(28) For diseases not subject to Community control measures, but which are of local importance, the aquaculture industry should, with the assistance of the competent authorities of the Member States, take more responsibility for controlling such diseases through self regulation and the development of 'codes of practice'. However, it may be necessary, pending the establishment of such codes, for the Member States to implement certain control measures. Such national control measures must be justified, necessary and proportionate to the goals to be achieved, and should not affect the trade between the Member States ***unless this is necessary in order to control the disease, and approved at Community level.***

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 5

Recital 31

(31) Directive 2001/82/EC of 6 November 2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency, require that, with only minor exceptions, all veterinary medicinal products that are placed on the market within the Community are to hold a marketing authorisation. In general, all vaccines used in the Community should have a marketing authorisation. However, the Member States may permit the use of a product without a marketing authorisation in the event of a serious **epidemic** subject to certain conditions, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 726/2004. Vaccines against exotic and emerging diseases in aquaculture animals may qualify for such derogation.

(31) Directive 2001/82/EC of 6 November 2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency, require that, with only minor exceptions, all veterinary medicinal products that are placed on the market within the Community are to hold a marketing authorisation. In general, all vaccines used in the Community should have a marketing authorisation. However, the Member States may permit the use of a product without a marketing authorisation in the event of a serious **epizootic** subject to certain conditions, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 726/2004. Vaccines against exotic and emerging diseases in aquaculture animals may qualify for such derogation.

Amendment 6

Recital 31a (new)

(31a) The Commission should review its position on authorising the placing of veterinary medicinal products on the market. The authorisation to place a given veterinary medicinal product on the market in a specific Member State should be valid and apply by extension to all Member States.

Amendment 7

Article 3, paragraph 1, point 5, point (a)

(a) fish belonging to the **classes** Agnatha, **Chondrichytes and Osteichthyes**;

(a) **jawless** fish belonging to the **super-class** Agnatha;

Amendment 8

Article 3, paragraph 1, point 5, point (aa) (new)

(aa) fish (Gnathostomata) belonging to the classes Actinopterygii and Chondrichthyes;

Amendment 9

Chapter II, heading

Aquaculture production businesses and authorised processing establishments

Aquaculture production businesses and authorised processing establishments **and non-processing establishments (wrapping, packaging, preparing and freezing)**

Amendment 10

Article 4, title

Authorisation of aquaculture production businesses and processing establishments

Authorisation of aquaculture production businesses and processing **and non-processing** establishments

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 11

Article 4, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1

1. Member States shall ensure that every aquaculture production **business** is duly authorised by the competent authority in accordance with Article 5.

1. Member States shall ensure that every aquaculture production **establishment** is duly authorised by the competent authority in accordance with Article 5.

Amendment 12

Article 4, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2

Where appropriate, such authorisation may cover several aquaculture production businesses for molluscs in a mollusc farming area.

Authorisation shall always be granted for individual establishments, even where they form part of the same business.

Amendment 13

Article 4, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1

2. Member States shall ensure that **a sufficient number of processing establishments on their territory are authorised for the slaughtering and processing of aquaculture animals being harvested and slaughtered** for disease control purposes, in accordance with Chapter V.

2. Member States shall ensure that every processing **establishment** slaughtering aquaculture animals for disease control purposes in accordance with Article 33 of Chapter V is duly authorised **by the competent authority in accordance with Article 5.**

Amendment 14

Article 4, paragraph 2, subparagraph 2

Those authorised processing establishments shall have an authorisation issued **by the competent authority in accordance with Article 5.**

deleted

Amendment 15

Article 4, paragraph 4

4. Member States may require that installations other than aquaculture production businesses, where aquatic animals are kept without the intention of being placed on the market and put and take fisheries must be registered **by the competent authority.**

4. Member States may require only **the registration by the competent authority** of the following:

- (a) installations other than aquaculture production businesses, where aquatic animals are kept without the intention of being placed on the market;
- (b) put and take fisheries;
- (c) aquaculture production businesses which place aquaculture animals **on the market** solely for human consumption as described in Article 1(3), point (c) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

In that case, the provisions of this Directive shall apply *mutatis mutandis* taking into account the nature, characteristics and situations of the installation **or** put and take fishery concerned and the risk of spreading aquatic animal diseases to other populations of aquatic animals as a result of its operation.

In those cases, the provisions of this Directive shall apply *mutatis mutandis* taking into account the nature, characteristics and situations of the installation, put and take fishery or business concerned and the risk of spreading aquatic animal diseases to other populations of aquatic animals as a result of its operation.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 16

Article 7, title

Supervision**Official controls**

Amendment 17

Article 7, paragraph 1

The competent authority shall supervise aquaculture production businesses and authorised processing establishments.

1. In accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, official controls of aquaculture production businesses and authorised processing establishments shall be carried out by the competent authority.

Amendment 18

Article 7, paragraph 2

Such supervision shall at least consist of regular visits **and** audits. **The frequency of such visits and audits shall be determined** taking account of the risk the aquaculture production business and authorised processing establishment poses in relation to the spreading of disease to aquatic animals in the vicinity of the aquaculture production business or authorised processing establishment.

2. The official controls provided for in paragraph 1 shall at least consist of regular **inspections**, visits, audits **and, where appropriate, sampling, for each aquaculture production business**, taking account of the risk the aquaculture production business and authorised processing establishment poses in relation to the **contracting and** spreading of disease to aquatic animals in the vicinity of the aquaculture production business or authorised processing establishment **in question. Recommendations for the frequencies of such controls, for each health status, are laid down in Annex IV.**

Amendment 19

Article 7, paragraph 2a (new)

2a. Detailed rules for the implementation of this Article may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

Amendment 20

Article 8, title

Recording obligations

Recording obligations — Traceability

Amendment 21

Article 8, paragraph 3a (new)

3a. Without prejudice to specific provisions on traceability, Member States shall ensure that all movements of animals recorded by the aquaculture production business operators as provided for in paragraph 1, point (a) are registered in such a way that the tracing of the place of origin and destination can be guaranteed.

Member States may require such movements to be recorded on a national register and kept in a computerised form.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 22

Article 10, paragraph 2a (new)

2a. The surveillance provided for in this Article shall be carried out without prejudice to the sampling and surveillance carried out in accordance with Chapter V or Article 49(3) and Article 52.

Amendment 23

Article 10, paragraph 3

3. Minimum requirements for the animal health surveillance scheme, **for the diseases listed in Part II of Annex III, based on the principles laid down in Annex IV**, may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

3. Minimum requirements for the animal health surveillance scheme **provided for in paragraph 1** may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

Amendment 24

Article 14, title

Traceability and certification**Animal health** certification

Amendment 25

Article 14, paragraph 1

1. Member States shall ensure that placing on the market of aquaculture animals **for farming and restocking purposes**, including movement of molluscs between mollusc farming areas, are reported using the computerised system provided for in Article 20(1) of Council Directive 90/425/EEC.

1. Member States shall ensure that the placing on the market of aquaculture animals is subject to animal health certification when the animals are introduced into a Member State, zone or compartment declared disease-free in accordance with Article 49 and 50 **for:**

(a) **farming and restocking purposes;**

(b) **human consumption in accordance with point (a) of Article 18(1), point (a) of Article 18(2) and Article 19(2).**

Amendment 26

Article 14, paragraph 2

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to aquaculture animals placed on the market for **human consumption in accordance with point (a) of Article 18(1), point (a) of Article 18(2) and Article 19(2).**

2. Paragraph 1 shall also apply to **diseases and the species susceptible thereto not listed in Part II of Annex III for which national measures have been taken to control the disease in question and which are approved at Community level in accordance with Article 43(3).**

Amendment 27

Article 14, paragraph 3

3. **Paragraph 1 shall not apply when aquaculture animals are moved inside a mollusc farming area or between different farms belonging to one aquaculture production business, provided that the mollusc farming areas or the farms are within the same Member State and, where applicable, within the same disease-free zone or compartment.**

deleted

Such movements shall be recorded by the aquaculture production business operator.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 28

Article 14, paragraph 4

4. Member States shall ensure that introduction of aquaculture animals for farming and restocking purposes into other Member States, zones or compartments declared disease-free in accordance with Articles 49 and 50 **are** subject to animal health certification.

4. Member States shall also ensure that the placing on the market of aquaculture animals **is** subject to animal health certification when the animals are allowed to leave an area subject to the control provisions provided for in sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter V.

This paragraph shall also apply to diseases and the species susceptible thereto not listed in Part II of Annex III.

Amendment 29

Article 14, paragraph 5

5. **This Article shall also apply to diseases and the species susceptible thereto not listed in Part II of Annex III.** **deleted**

Amendment 30

Article 15, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1

1. Member States shall ensure that aquaculture animals placed on the market for farming do not come from a farm or mollusc farming area where there has been any increased mortality or a clinical outbreak of any disease within 31 days prior to the date of placing on the market, unless such animals originate from a part of the farm or mollusc farming area epidemiologically independent of the part where the increased mortality or clinical signs of disease have occurred.

1. Member States shall ensure that aquaculture animals placed on the market for farming are clinically healthy and do not come from a farm or mollusc farming area where there is any unresolved increased mortality unless such animals originate from a part of the farm or mollusc farming area independent of the epizootiological unit where the increased mortality or clinical signs of disease have occurred.

Amendment 31

Article 15, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1, introductory wording

Aquaculture animals may only be released into the wild **and** into put and take fisheries **for restocking purposes** if they:

Aquaculture animals may only be released into the wild **for restocking purposes or** into put and take fisheries if they:

Amendment 32

Article 15, paragraph 3, subparagraph 2

However, Member States may decide that the aquaculture animals shall come from a zone or compartment, declared disease-free in accordance with Articles 49 or 50.

However, Member States may decide that the aquaculture animals shall come from a zone or compartment, declared disease-free in accordance with Articles 49 or 50. **Member States may also decide to apply this paragraph to programmes drawn up and applied in accordance with Article 43.**

Amendment 33

Article 17, title

Introduction of aquaculture animals of **non-susceptible** species into disease-free areas

Introduction of aquaculture animals of **potentially susceptible or vector** species into disease-free areas

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 34

Article 17, paragraph 1, introductory wording

1. Where scientific data or practical experience substantiates that species other than those referred to in Part II of Annex III as susceptible species can be responsible for the passive transmission of a specific disease, **such carrier species** shall, where introduced into a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of that specific disease in accordance with Articles 49 or 50:

1. Where scientific data or practical experience substantiates that species other than those referred to in Part II of Annex III as susceptible species can be responsible for the passive transmission of a specific disease, **Member States** shall **ensure that**, where introduced into a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of that specific disease in accordance with Articles 49 or 50, **such carrier species**:

Amendment 35

Article 17, paragraph 1, point (b)

(b) be held in quarantine facilities in water free of the pathogen in question for **a** period of time sufficient to reduce **to an acceptable level** the risk of **passive** transmission of the specific disease.

(b) be held in quarantine facilities in water free of the pathogen in question for **an appropriate** period of time **where, in the light of the scientific data provided, this proves to be** sufficient to reduce the risk of transmission of the specific disease **to a level acceptable for preventing the spreading of the disease concerned**.

Amendment 36

Article 17, paragraph 2

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply where scientific data or practical experience substantiates that **carrier** species at certain life stages do not transmit the specific disease in question.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply where scientific data or practical experience substantiates that **such** species at certain life stages do not transmit the specific disease in question.

Amendment 37

Article 17, paragraph 3

3. A list of **carrier** species **and** life stages to which this Article **shall apply**, shall be adopted and when necessary amended to take account of scientific and technological developments in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2)

3. A list of **potentially susceptible or vector** species, life stages **of such species** to which this Article **applies and, where appropriate, the conditions in which those species can transmit a disease**, shall be adopted and when necessary amended to take account of scientific and technological developments in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

Amendment 38

Article 17, paragraph 3a (new)

3a. A Member State which can provide scientific data or practical experience demonstrating that species other than those referred to in Part II of Annex III as susceptible species may be responsible for the transmission of a specific disease shall forward such data to the Commission in order for that species to be included on the list.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 39

Article 17, paragraph 3b (new)

3b. Pending a decision on possible inclusion of that species on the list referred to in paragraph 3, the Commission may decide, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(3), that Member States shall apply the provisions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Amendment 40

Article 17, paragraph 3c (new)

3c. Pending that later decision, where a Member State has established that the introduction of a species not referred to as susceptible to the disease in question is likely to constitute a serious threat to animal health in a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of that specific disease in accordance with Article 49 or 50, it may take interim protective measures in accordance with Article 10 of Directive 90/425/EEC and Article 9 of Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33).

Amendment 41

Article 32, point (ca) (new)

(ca) any additional measures necessary are implemented to prevent the further spread of the disease.

Amendment 42

Article 36, paragraph 1a (new)

Special attention shall be paid to stocking densities which increase the concentration of pathogens.

Amendment 43

Article 38, paragraph 1

1. In the case of confirmation of a non-exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex III in a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of that disease, the Member State concerned shall apply the measures provided for in Section 3 in order to regain such disease-free status.

1. In the case of confirmation of a non-exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex III in a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of that disease, the Member State concerned shall apply the measures provided for in Section 3 in order to regain such disease-free status, **or draw up a control and eradication programme in accordance with Article 44(1).**

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 44

Article 39, paragraph 2, point (d)

(d) the removal and disposal of dead fish **and** crustaceans, under the supervision of the competent authority in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, in an appropriate timeframe taking into account the type of production and the risk such dead animals pose for further spread of the disease.

(d) the removal and disposal of dead fish, crustaceans **and molluscs**, under the supervision of the competent authority in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, in an appropriate timeframe taking into account the type of production and the risk such dead animals pose for further spread of the disease.

Amendment 45

Article 40, paragraph 1

1. Where wild aquatic animals are infected or suspected of being infected with exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III, the Member State concerned shall monitor the situation, and take the necessary measures to prevent the further spreading of the disease.

1. Where wild aquatic animals are infected or suspected of being infected with exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III, the Member State concerned shall monitor the situation, and take the necessary measures to prevent the further spreading of the disease **and avoid infections in future**.

Amendment 46

Article 43, title

National provisions for limiting the impact of diseases not listed in Part II of Annex III

Provisions for limiting the impact of diseases not listed in Part II of Annex III

Amendment 47

Article 43, paragraph 1

1. Where a disease not listed in Part II of Annex III constitutes a significant risk for the **aquatic** animal health situation or **the environment** in a Member State, the Member State concerned may take measures to control that disease.

1. Where a disease not listed in Part II of Annex III constitutes a significant risk for the **aquaculture** animal health situation or **wild aquatic animals** in a Member State, the Member State concerned may take measures to control that disease.

Amendment 48

Article 43, paragraph 2

2. Member States shall ensure that the **national** control measures referred to in paragraph 1 do not exceed the limits of what is appropriate and necessary in order to control the disease as referred to in paragraph 1.

2. Member States shall ensure that the control measures referred to in paragraph 1 do not exceed the limits of what is appropriate and necessary in order to control the disease as referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment 49

Article 43, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1

3. Member States shall ensure that any **national** measures referred to in paragraph 1 that may affect trade between Member States are not applied before they are approved in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

3. Member States shall ensure that any measures referred to in paragraph 1 that may affect trade between Member States are not applied before they are approved in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 50

Article 43, paragraph 3, subparagraph 2, point (a)

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) the establishment of intra-Community trade restrictions is unavoidable in order to control the disease; | (a) the establishment of intra-Community trade restrictions is necessary to control the disease; |
|--|---|

Amendment 51

Article 44, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1

1. Where a Member State not declared free of one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III, draws up a control **and eradication** programme (**‘the programme’**) for achieving disease-free status for one or more of those diseases, it shall submit that programme for approval in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(3).

1. Where a Member State **not known to be infected but** not declared free of one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III, draws up a control programme for achieving disease-free status for one or more of those diseases, it shall submit that programme for approval in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

Amendment 52

Article 44, paragraph 1a (new)

1a. Where a Member State known to be infected by one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III draws up a control and eradication programme for one or more of those diseases, it shall submit that programme for approval in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2). Such programmes may also be amended or terminated in accordance with that procedure.

Amendment 53

Article 44, paragraph 2

2. An overview of the programmes approved in accordance with **paragraph 1 of this Article** shall be made available at Community level in accordance with the procedures provided for in Article 51.

2. An overview of the programmes approved in accordance with **paragraphs 1 and 1a** shall be made available at Community level in accordance with the procedures provided for in Article 51.

Amendment 54

Article 48, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1

2. Member States shall **ensure that** vaccination **against the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III is prohibited in any parts of their territory** declared free of **the diseases in question, or covered by approved control and eradication programmes.**

2. Member States shall **allow** vaccination **in areas** declared free of **one or more diseases if such diseases affect neighbouring areas which are not free of the diseases in question.**

Amendment 55

Article 48a (new)

Article 48a**Use of antibiotics**

1. The purchase and use of antibiotics to combat certain diseases in fish shall comply with the Community legislation in force in the matter.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

2. The Member States may not adopt measures restricting the purchase and use of certain antibiotics which might undermine and/or contravene the laws of the market-place and competitiveness between Member States.

3. The Member States shall ensure that the antibiotics used are authorised in accordance with the legislation in force in the matter.

Amendment 56

Article 50, paragraph 1, introductory wording

1. The central competent authority of a Member State may, after having informed the Commission and the other Member States thereof, and after having, on request, submitted the supporting evidence therefore, declare the disease-free status of a zone or compartment within its territory of one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III where:

1. A Member State may declare the disease-free status of a zone or compartment within its territory of one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex III where:

Amendment 57

Article 50, paragraph 1a (new)

1a. A Member State shall notify the declaration referred to in paragraph 1 to the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) the declaration shall be supported by evidence in a form to be determined by the procedure referred to in Article 62(2) and shall be accessible by electronic means to the Commission and Member States in accordance with the requirements of Article 59;**
- (b) the Commission shall add the notification of the declaration to the agenda of the next meeting of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health as an information point. The declaration shall take effect 30 days after the date of that meeting;**
- (c) within that period, the Commission or Member States may seek clarification or additional information on the supporting evidence from the Member State making the declaration;**
- (d) where written comments are made by at least one Member State, indicating significant objective concerns related to the supporting evidence, the Commission and Member States concerned shall together examine the submitted evidence in order to resolve the dispute. In that event, the period referred to in point (b) may be prolonged for 30 days;**

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

- (e) *in the absence of any resolution of the dispute by the means referred to in point (d), the Commission may decide to carry out an on-the-spot inspection in accordance with Article 58 in order to verify the compliance of the declaration submitted with the criteria set out in paragraph 1, unless the declaring Member State withdraws its declaration;*
- (f) *where necessary in the light of the results achieved, a decision may be taken in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2) to suspend the self-declaration of the disease-free status of the zone or compartment concerned.*

Amendment 58

Article 56, paragraph -1 (new)

-1. Member States which do not have national reference laboratories may, if they so wish, request financial support from the EU to set up this type of infrastructure.

Amendment 59

Article 58, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1

3. Where a serious animal health risk is identified during a Commission inspection, the Member State concerned shall immediately take all measures necessary to safeguard animal health.

3. Where a serious animal health risk is identified during a Commission inspection, the Member State concerned shall immediately take all measures necessary to safeguard animal health **and may request the economic compensation provided for in the new European Fisheries Fund for that purpose.**

Amendment 60

Article 59, paragraph 1

1. Member States shall, by 1 January 2007 at the latest, ensure that all procedures and formalities relating to making the information provided for in Article 6, Article 51(1), and Article 56(2) available by electronic means, are in place.

1. Member States shall, by 30 June 2007 at the latest, ensure that all procedures and formalities relating to making the information provided for in Article 6, Article 50(1a), Article 51(1) and Article 56(2) available by electronic means, are in place.

Amendment 61

Article 61, paragraph 1

1. Article 15(1) may be amended in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2), after consultation of the appropriate scientific committee.

1. Article 50(1a) may be amended in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2), after consultation of the appropriate scientific committee.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 62

Article 65, paragraph 1, subparagraphs 1 and 2

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by [30 June **2006**] at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

They shall apply those provisions from [1 January **2007**].

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by [30 June **2007**] at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

They shall apply those provisions from [1 January **2008**].

Amendment 63

*Article 65a (new)***Article 65a****Assessment**

The Commission shall ask the Member States to provide the information necessary to draw up a report assessing the application of this Directive, which report shall be submitted to the Council and the European Parliament within two and a half years of the entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment 65

Annex I, point (i)

(i) ***'Further processing' means processing of aquaculture animals before human consumption by any type of measures and techniques, affecting anatomical wholeness, such as bleeding, gutting/evisceration, heading, slicing and filleting, which produces waste or by-products and could cause a risk of spreading diseases.***

deleted

Amendment 66

Annex I, point (ha) (new)

(ha) 'Processing' means any action that substantially alters the initial product, including heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion or a combination of those processes.

Amendment 67

Annex I, point (hb) (new)

(hb) 'Unprocessed products' means foodstuffs that have not undergone processing, and includes products that have been divided, parted, severed, sliced, boned, minced, skinned, ground, cut, cleaned, trimmed, husked, milled, chilled, frozen, deep-frozen or thawed.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 68

Annex I, point (hc) (new)

(hc) 'Processed products' means foodstuffs resulting from the processing of unprocessed products. These products may contain ingredients that are necessary for their manufacture or to give them specific characteristics.

Amendment 69

Annex I, point (o)

(o) 'Zone' means a **precise** geographical area with a homogeneous hydrological system comprising part of a water catchment area from the source(s) to a natural or artificial barrier that prevents the **upward** migration of aquatic animals from lower stretches of the water catchment area, an entire water catchment area from its source(s) to its estuary, or more than one water catchment area, including their estuaries, **due to the epidemiological link between the catchment areas** through the estuary.

(o) 'Zone' means a **precisely defined** geographical area with a homogeneous hydrological system comprising part of a water catchment area from the source(s) to a natural or artificial barrier that prevents the **anadromous** migration of aquatic animals from lower stretches of the water catchment area, an entire water catchment area from its source(s) to its estuary, or more than one water catchment area, including their estuaries, **epizootiologically linked** through the estuary.

Amendment 71

Annex V, Part I, point 2, subpoint 1, introductory wording

A Member State where the last known clinical occurrence was within **the period of 25 years** before the date of **entry into force of this Directive** or where the infection status prior to targeted surveillance was unknown, because of the absence of conditions conducive to clinical expression, may be considered free from the disease where:

A Member State where the last known clinical occurrence was within **10 years** before the date of **the application for disease-free status** or where the infection status prior to targeted surveillance was unknown, **for example** because of the absence of conditions conducive to clinical expression, may be considered free from the disease where:

Amendment 72

Annex V, Part II, point 2.3

2.3. A compartment where the last known clinical occurrence was within **a period of 25 years** before the date of **entry into force of this Directive** or where the infection status prior to targeted surveillance was unknown, because of the absence of conditions conducive to clinical expression, may be considered free from the disease where it complies *mutatis mutandis* with the requirements in Part I.2, **and the disease is not known to occur in the waters surrounding the compartment.**

2.3. A compartment where the last known clinical occurrence was within **10 years** before the date of **the application for disease-free status** or where the infection status **in the compartment or in the waters surrounding the compartment** prior to targeted surveillance was unknown, **for example** because of the absence of conditions conducive to clinical expression, may be considered free from the disease where it complies *mutatis mutandis* with the requirements in Part I.2.

Amendment 74

Annex V, Part II, point 3.2 (a)

(a) Through a water treatment plant capable of inactivating the relevant pathogen; however, such water treatment is not considered acceptable for use in a disease-free compartment where the disease is known to occur in the water feeding the treatment plant.

(a) Through a water treatment plant inactivating the relevant pathogen in order to reduce the risk of disease introduction to an acceptable level.

Thursday 27 April 2006

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 75

Annex V, Part II, point 3.6a (new)

3.6a. Implementing measures concerning point 3.2 (a) shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

P6_TA(2006)0154

Switch-over from analogue to digital broadcasting

European Parliament resolution on the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting: an opportunity for European audiovisual policy and cultural diversity? (2005/2212(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 16 November 2005 on accelerating the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission communication on accelerating the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting (COM(2005)0204),
 - having regard to the conclusions of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting held in Brussels on 1-5 December 2005,
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education (A6-0075/2006),
- A. whereas the global market developing in the communications media, a sector subject to constant technological change, involves new players, particularly in telecommunications, and increasingly important multinational alliances,
- B. whereas compliance with the principles of media pluralism and diversity of content will not be automatically guaranteed by an increase in the number of television and radio channels, but must be ensured by an active and consistent policy on the part of the public authorities,
- C. whereas coverage of the whole territory in terms of broadcasting and equipment is essential in order to ensure equal access for all,
- D. whereas disparities exist between and within the Member States,
- E. whereas the Commission considers that there is insufficient coordination between the Member States' plans for digital switchover, as not all Member States have yet set a deadline for analogue switch-off; whereas the transition from analogue to digital will be successful and fair for all suppliers if the analogue system is switched off throughout Europe on the same date,
- F. having regard to the Commission communication (COM(2006)0037) to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on reviewing the interoperability of digital interactive television services pursuant to its earlier Communication on the same subject (COM(2004)0541),

⁽¹⁾ Texts Adopted, 16.11.2005, P6_TA(2005)0431.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- G. whereas Council of Europe Resolution No. 2, entitled 'Cultural diversity and media pluralism in times of globalisation', which was adopted by the 7th European Ministerial Conference on Mass Media Policy in Kyiv, 10-11 March 2005, stresses 'the particularly important role of public service broadcasting in the digital environment, as an element of social cohesion, a reflection of cultural diversity and an essential factor for pluralistic communication accessible to all',
- H. whereas the European audiovisual model is based on a healthy balance between a strong and independent public service and a dynamic commercial sector, and whereas this model must continue to be safeguarded when digital technology is introduced,

In the general context of the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting

1. Considers that the new audiovisual technologies should, above all, make it possible to deliver media pluralism and broadcast high-quality programmes which will be accessible to an ever-increasing number of citizens;
2. Considers that it is essential that the development of the information society as a whole, including audiovisual services, should be socially, regionally, culturally and linguistically balanced and that, to avoid new forms of exclusion, and in particular the 'digital divide', all citizens must be assured of the possibility of taking advantage of the benefits of the information society;
3. Insists that, given the role of television in a global society, the technical and legislative options involved in the switchover must not be determined by economic factors alone but must also take account of social, cultural and political factors in order to safeguard, among other things, the European public audiovisual sector;
4. Recommends that, to prevent adverse social repercussions, the measures accompanying the switchover must focus primarily on the interoperability of platforms and standards, and thus on the interests of citizens and consumers;
5. Recognises that it will only be possible to make full use of the whole range of pan-European and trans-frontier services if there is a complete switch to digital broadcasting in Europe;
6. Hopes that the Commission and the Member States will improve the coordination and consistency of national policies in relation to action plans;

National action plans and specific measures

7. Urges the Member States to ensure that, in the context of the specific measures to be adopted at national level:
 - the transition process is geared to seeking a balanced range of services offering added value to the public;
 - consumers are provided with more information about the possibilities offered by digital platforms and the requisite equipment;
 - the transition does not involve increased costs for the consumer, or any loss of service;
 - it is possible for everyone to use the increasing number and range of services on offer, and efforts are made to educate the public about digital technologies ('digital literacy');
 - the public authorities encourage the provision of quality content by television networks and guarantee that public information is broadcast;
 - support is provided for the role which local and regional authorities can play in the development of local television in the education, vocational training and health sectors, in the promotion of cultural and tourism-oriented content and with regard to offers on the local and regional labour markets;

Thursday 27 April 2006

- particular attention is paid to access for people with disabilities and a list of all the services designed to assist them (subtitling, audio description, signing, etc.) is published every year, and action plans are drawn up to develop and extend the services in question;
- broadcasting is facilitated by ensuring equal access throughout their territory — including the Union's peripheral and outermost regions — to infrastructures designed to facilitate access to audiovisual services;

At Union level

8. Stresses the importance of giving thought, at European level, to the socio-cultural implications of the digital society and the adaptation of national education systems to the cultural and social changes brought about by new technologies, convergence and digitisation;
9. Calls on the Commission to produce a communication on media literacy;
10. Suggests that, to combat piracy, which is facilitated by digital technology, the Commission should continue its work on harmonising copyright;
11. Suggests that the Commission continue its work on successfully harmonising copyright by the end of the transition period at the latest, in order to facilitate the establishment of legal on-line markets with specific European content and combat piracy;
12. Declares that, in view of the social and political impact of programme content, action should be taken to ensure:
 - media pluralism by means of legislation at European and national level to guarantee that freedom of information and freedom of expression are upheld, together with the independence and editorial freedom of the media vis-à-vis those wielding political and economic power,
 - an adequate level of competition and diversification of media ownership and strict separation between the political authorities and the interests of media and electronic communications groups;
13. Reiterates its request to the Commission to launch a debate at European level on pluralism and the concentration of media ownership, and in particular the publication of a Green Paper on the subject;
14. Is pleased that the Commission recognised, in November 2005, that the switchover might be delayed if it were left entirely to the free play of competition and that public intervention can bring benefits if it takes the form of legislation, financial support for consumers, and information campaigns or grants aimed at remedying specific weakness in the market or at ensuring social or regional cohesion;
15. Stresses that it is the Commission's task to support the Member States in the event of public-sector intervention, not by a commitment to introduce a specific standard but by clarifying, at an early stage, the conditions under which public-sector intervention is compatible with EC competition law;
16. Stresses that any such public intervention must not distort competition, be discriminatory or place individual market players in a privileged position;
17. States that, as extending a cable network to the whole of large territories is neither technically nor economically feasible (although it may be for smaller, densely urbanised countries), and satellite broadcasting does not always make it possible to meet viewers' requirements with regard to local services, Europe should commit itself to the principle of complementary transmission networks as a means of upholding the public-interest role of public television on a technologically neutral basis;

Thursday 27 April 2006

18. Considers that there should be consultation at European level as soon as possible on how to use the digital dividend in order to secure the most favourable conditions for the development of new audiovisual and telecommunications services (HDTV, mobile television and fixed and mobile high-speed services);
19. Stresses that the redistribution of spectrum resources must not be left to the free play of competition and that appropriate measures must be envisaged to ensure that the frequencies released are used primarily for innovatory services offering high quality and diversity of content;
20. Considers that for the purposes of regulation, it is important to ensure that control of electronic gateways such as electronic programme guides, interactive software or content protection technologies (i.e. systems for managing digital rights) does not prevent service providers maintaining fair access for their audiences;
21. Points out that public-service broadcasting has an obligation to ensure access for all; notes that this remit will become increasingly difficult owing to the fragmentation of distribution networks and methods of access; considers that the provisions on preferential access to distribution networks for services which have a universal access obligation and, in particular, the 'must carry' rules must therefore continue to play an important role after the transition, and contribute to media pluralism;

Public audiovisual services

22. Stresses that, without appropriate funding, public service broadcasters competing with large groups — particularly telecommunications groups — entering the audiovisual market will not be able to remain strong and independent and continue to attract audiences, or generate sufficient resources to fulfil their remit;
23. Draws attention to the fact that placing a strong and independent public service broadcasting system in jeopardy involves risks to pluralism, freedom of expression, cultural diversity, access to audiovisual services and democracy itself;

*
* *
* *

24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.
-

P6_TA(2006)0155

A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America

European Parliament resolution on a stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America (2005/2241(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the declarations issued by the three summits of Latin American and Caribbean and European Union Heads of State or Government held to date in Rio de Janeiro (28 and 29 June 1999), Madrid (17 and 18 May 2002), and Guadalajara (28 and 29 May 2004),
- having regard to the Luxembourg Declaration adopted at the EU — Rio Group 12th Interministerial Meeting, held in Luxembourg on 27 May 2005,
- having regard to the Commission's strategy communication to the Council and the European Parliament entitled 'A stronger partnership between the European Union and Latin America', submitted in anticipation of the Fourth EU-LAC Summit, which will take place in Vienna on 12 and 13 May 2006 (COM(2005)0636),

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Final Act of the 17th European Union — Latin America Interparliamentary Conference, held in Lima from 14 to 16 June 2005,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 November 2001 on a global partnership and a common strategy for relations between the European Union and Latin America⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Development (A6-0047/2006),
- A. whereas at the three above-mentioned summits the Heads of State or Government of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean decided that their ultimate strategic goal was to establish an EU-LAC bi-regional strategic partnership,
- B. whereas current relations still fall short of the expectations implicit in a genuine strategic partnership, whether as regards the political and security aspects or as regards trade, social and budgetary aspects,
- C. whereas Latin America, with which it shares a common commitment to human rights, democracy and multilateralism, is an especially close partner of the Union, which is seeking to consolidate its position as a global player and has become the main foreign investor in Latin America, the principal donor to the region and the leading trading partner of many countries, in particular those belonging to Mercosur,
- D. whereas the EU is the biggest development cooperation and humanitarian aid donor in Latin America,
- E. whereas according to figures compiled by ECLA (the UN Economic Commission for Latin America), the economies of the Latin American countries have recorded growth for three years running, gross domestic product (GDP) having increased by 4,3 % in 2005,
- F. whereas per capita GDP in Latin America varies in the region of EUR 2 800, in other words treble that of China; whereas because of its growing ties with Asia, especially China, and its abundant human resources and raw material stocks, Latin America is a highly important market for the Union; whereas, despite the currently uneven trading patterns, the Union is emerging as a partner with a key role to play in Latin America's economic, industrial, scientific, and technological development, since it is helping to promote diversification in the region, which also has very close ties with the United States,
- G. whereas at present some 45 % of Latin America's population are still living in poverty and are afflicted by blatant social inequality, discrimination and neglect, the main victims being indigenous populations, women and children, a situation which could obviously undermine democracy and cause societies to fragment, as well as jeopardising economic growth and fuelling social unrest and political instability,
- H. acknowledging the substantial efforts made by certain Latin American countries within whose societies significant progress has been made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,
- I. greatly welcoming the activities of those countries under South-South solidarity and cooperation programmes, which are having significant effects in the fields of healthcare, education and action to combat disability,
- J. whereas a number of reports on truth and reconciliation have been produced in different Latin American countries in the aftermath of dictatorial regimes with recommendations which still need to be implemented in order to establish justice as a basis for the development of democratic societies,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 140 E, 13.6.2002, p. 569.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- K. whereas a world economic system which is more sensitive to the needs of the least-developed countries is required if governance and social cohesion are to be improved,
- L. whereas the strategic relationship consequently needs to be reactivated, especially within the bedrock of core areas such as the moves to make relations between the partners truly multilateral, support for regional integration processes and social cohesion in Latin America, migration and improvements to the institutional machinery of the partnership,
- M. whereas the Fourth EU-LAC Summit, to be held in Vienna in May 2006, will afford an excellent opportunity to revitalise relations and, as far as the Union is concerned, a new opportunity to draw up a self-contained, coherent and comprehensive strategic framework to impart ongoing orderly momentum to the Union's relations with Latin America and constitute the mainstay of its external action aimed at that region,
- N. having regard to the additional institutional and development-cooperation support to be derived from the setting-up of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) at the 15th Ibero-American Summit (held in Salamanca in October 2005) — a body with its own legal personality which is designed to support the Ibero-American Conference,
- O. whereas it is likewise essential to revitalise the parliamentary dimension of the strategic partnership; and whereas the best way to do so would be to take a decision without further delay, in Vienna, to set up a Euro-Latin American Transatlantic Assembly to strengthen and rationalise the parliamentary dialogue,
- P. whereas it is vital to provide budgetary resources commensurate with the priorities deriving from a revitalised bi-regional strategic partnership,
1. Congratulates the Commission because, ten years on and on the eve of the Vienna EU-LAC Summit of Heads of State or Government, it has submitted a new strategy communication that serves to identify and assess the challenges and extraordinary opportunities likely to arise as a genuine bi-regional strategic partnership is translated into reality;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction at the constructive interinstitutional climate which the present Commission, showing the political awareness, sense of expediency and leadership so vitally needed at this time, has thus helped to bring about; particularly applauds the quality and conscientiousness of the excellent technical groundwork evidenced by the above-mentioned Commission communication;
 3. Endorses the Austrian Presidency's resolute commitment to strengthening EU-LAC relations, as reflected in the fact that the Presidency has made the Fourth Summit a high point of its programme;
 4. Reaffirms its intention of playing a constructive role in support of the Commission and the current Presidency and to do its utmost to help make the forthcoming Vienna Summit a real success for all the partners;
 5. Supports the role of the SEGIB as the organiser of the Ibero-American summits and recommends that a flexible mechanism be established to prepare and monitor EU-LA summits, including the participation of the Council Presidency, the Commission, the Senior Officials' Group and the SEGIB, so as to utilise and coordinate the synergies created by the various partners involved and prevent duplication of resources;

A comprehensive approach to the bi-regional strategic partnership

6. Repeats that it is absolutely essential to have an overall strategic vision of the partnership, which, ranging beyond isolated proposals or measures, should pursue the ultimate goal of establishing a genuine political, social, cultural, environmental and security partnership, bringing a Euro-Latin American area of global interregional partnership into being in the medium term, and launching a real partnership in the social field and in the spheres of knowledge and joint action to bring about sustainable development;
7. Endorses the Commission's aims and the reasons it sets out for strengthening relations, although it would have preferred the ultimate objectives of the Commission's proposals and recommendations to be spelt out more explicitly along the lines of the preceding paragraph;

Thursday 27 April 2006

8. Supports the Commission's proposals for stepping up and focusing political dialogue, but repeats that a stronger political and security partnership must be built in addition on a Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace and Security, to enable practical expression to be given, under the terms of the United Nations Charter, to policy, strategy, and security proposals of interest to the two regions, on the work of a bi-regional conflict prevention centre and on new institutional machinery, including

- (a) a Euro-Latin American Transatlantic Assembly, whose membership should be drawn in equal numbers from Members of the European Parliament on the one hand and, on the other, from the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino), the Central American Parliament (Parlacen), the Andean Parliament (Parlandino) and the EU-Mexico and EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committees;
- (b) a Euro-Latin American Permanent Secretariat to encourage partnership activities between summits;
- (c) updating of the ministerial-level political dialogue, including frequent meetings of the Defence, Justice and Internal Affairs, Social Affairs, Environment and Development Ministers, etc.;
- (d) systematic attempts to seek a Euro-Latin American consensus in the various international organisations and negotiations, first and foremost in the United Nations and the World Trade Organization;
- (e) a regular bi-regional dialogue between local and regional governments under the auspices of the Committee of the Regions;
- (f) a regular bi-regional entrepreneurial dialogue established on an official footing and appropriate involvement of trade-union organisations and civil society in monitoring the agreements;

9. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the political dialogue be adjusted in line with the needs of the different partners at bi-regional, subregional, or bilateral level and that it be confined to a limited number of topics, including reform of the United Nations and peacekeeping; also considers that the dialogue needs to be broadened to cover other subjects of mutual interest such as respect for human rights, democratic governance and the fight against poverty, terrorism and drug trafficking, and that specific dialogues on social cohesion, the environmental aspect of sustainable development, social justice and workers' rights and migration and human interaction are also essential;

10. Supports the Commission's proposal that a political dialogue on conflict prevention and crisis management be placed on the new political agenda, but suggests that the dialogue should also encompass European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) matters as a whole and be organised around the Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace and Security and the work of a bi-regional conflict prevention centre to be set up in Latin America, since this would be the best way to exchange shared experiences and bolster and coordinate efforts involving the countries and regional bodies concerned, including in particular the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Rio Group;

11. Considers that, if there is a delay in reaching agreement on the abovementioned Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace and Security — as occurred with similar ventures in other geographical areas — efforts should be made to ensure that the other measures and objectives under the strengthened partnership are not held up by the failure to reach agreement;

12. Considers that the purpose of the bi-regional conflict prevention centre should be the early detection of causes of potential violence and armed conflicts, with a view to preventing such conflicts or their possible escalation at an early stage;

13. Reiterates its belief that dialogue between the two regions paves the way for tackling a common challenge, strengthens and bolsters multilateralism in global politics and at the same time increases Latin America's political weight in international fora and organisations;

14. Reaffirms its belief that the internal stability of many Latin American partner countries continues nonetheless to depend on reform of state structures and specifically on modernisation of representative machinery, institutions, and political parties, on the integration of groups such as indigenous peoples into decision-making procedures and on greater democratic governance;

Thursday 27 April 2006

15. Applauds the Commission for coming out in favour of setting up the Euro-Latin American Transatlantic Assembly at the Vienna Summit, since this will help to consolidate democratic governance and strengthen the parliamentary dimension of the partnership; calls on the Fourth Summit to provide expressly in the Final Act or 'Vienna undertaking' for the setting-up of the Assembly as proposed by the Euro-Latin American joint parliamentary bodies, with the membership being drawn in equal numbers from the Members of the European Parliament on the one hand and, on the other, from the Parlantino, the Parlacen, the Parlandino, the Mercosur Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EU-Mexico and EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committees;
16. Proposes that the Euro-Latin American Transatlantic Assembly (Eurolat) be made the parliamentary body of the strategic partnership and be provided with the following advisory and review powers:
- a parliamentary forum to debate and scrutinise matters related to the strategic partnership, which the Assembly should support in order to consolidate and develop it;
 - supervision and parliamentary control to be brought to bear on association agreements already in force or being negotiated or revised, allowing the joint parliamentary committees provided for in the agreements to be involved wherever appropriate;
 - adoption of resolutions, recommendations and acts addressed to EU-LAC summits and the various joint ministerial bodies, including the Rio Group and the San José process;
17. Calls on Latin American partner countries specifically to enter into explicit commitments designed to strengthen the direct legitimacy of all joint regional parliamentary assemblies by seeking as quickly as possible to enable their members to be elected by direct universal suffrage;
18. Proposes enhancing the role of local and regional governments in promoting public decentralised cooperation initiatives which are aimed at people at grassroots level and designed to improve their welfare; also proposes strengthening instruments intended to build on experience acquired through bi-regional links and exchanges undertaken to date;
19. Renews its call for a proper role for civil society (NGOs, business, associations, universities, trade unions, etc.), since this will enable society as a whole to be more fully involved in monitoring the activities and benefits resulting from a stronger partnership;
20. Considers it essential, if the partnership is to run smoothly, that a Euro-Latin American entrepreneurial forum, consisting of representatives of employers' organisations and of European and Latin American small, medium-sized and large enterprises, should work to promote trade and encourage investment of every kind in the two regions;
21. Repeats its proposal for a Euro-Latin American area of global interregional partnership to be set up in the medium term, proceeding in two stages:
- the negotiations on the EU-Mercosur association agreement should be concluded in Vienna; negotiations on individual association agreements with the Andean Community (CAN) and Central America should begin; the new Generalised System of Preferences (GSP 'plus') should be applied to all parties concerned and utmost benefit should be derived from its advantages, until such time as the above agreements have entered into force, and existing EU-Mexico and EU-Chile agreements should be strengthened to enable their potential to be tapped to the full;
 - a comprehensive interregional association agreement should be secured by 2010 in order to provide a legal basis and full geographical scope for the different aspects of the bi-regional partnership and to pursue the ultimate goal of gradual reciprocal liberalisation, on a bilateral preferential basis, of trade in every category of goods and services (subject to the restrictions appropriate to economic services of general interest) within the bi-regional bloc, in accordance with WTO rules;
22. Endorses the Commission's recommendations aimed at creating a favourable climate for trade and investment flows between the two regions by consolidating the WTO multilateral trading system, strengthening the existing agreements with Mexico and Chile, negotiating association and free-trade agreements with Mercosur, the Andean Community (CAN), Central America and the Caribbean countries, and facilitating access to the European market for Latin American exports by applying tariff preferences and exemptions from duty under the GSP 'plus' system;

Thursday 27 April 2006

23. Believes that the conclusion of the European Union-Mercosur agreements and the opening of negotiations with CAN and Central America at the forthcoming Vienna Summit will help make the summit more successful and give a significant boost to relations between the European Union and Latin America;

24. Points out that, in view of the disappointing outcome of the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference, 'WTO conditionality' has become irrelevant for the purposes of the present brief to negotiate with Mercosur and even more so for the purposes of the future briefs for the negotiations with CAN and Central America; maintains that in the current circumstances it is instead more feasible to finalise an agreement with Mercosur containing an agricultural chapter compatible with the timetable and the 2013 cut-off date agreed in Hong Kong, which allow transitional periods to be laid down by mutual agreement;

25. Calls for the briefs to negotiate the new association agreements with the Andean and Central American communities to omit any clause whereby conclusion of the agreements would depend on completion of the WTO round negotiations, notwithstanding the guarantee that the future free trade area would in the end be fully compatible with WTO provisions; calls on the Commission and the Council to consult Parliament on the negotiating directives before they are finally approved by the Council;

26. Recommends that the bilateral and interregional agreements currently in force or in the process of negotiation be placed within an overarching multilateral context with a view to promoting regional integration and internal trade so as to enable their provisions to be incorporated in due course into the proposed comprehensive bi-regional association agreement;

27. Restates its belief that, as well as on the economic and trade aspects of the future agreements, emphasis should likewise be laid on the qualitative importance of their political, social, and cultural components, and those linked to migration and sustainable development; considers it essential to take the steps required to establish a suitable relationship between free trade and social cohesion;

28. Advises the Summit to ensure that the strengthening of relations between the two regions in the transnational business sphere takes into account the sensitivities which certain practices may awaken in given areas and sectors, and to favour ethically-based investment;

29. Supports the Commission's proposal that the stronger EU-LAC strategic partnership should be deemed to encompass the entire body of relations by which the Caribbean countries are linked to the Union and to their Central and South American partners under the series of Lomé Conventions and the successor Cotonou Agreement, and in particular through Cariforum (the Forum of Caribbean States) and by virtue both of the fact that Caricom (the Caribbean Common Market) belongs to the Rio Group and of their attendance at the EU-LAC summits; urges the Commission to explore this avenue further in its forthcoming communication;

30. Considers that the Commission has produced particularly apt proposals to promote the role of European high-tech sectors in the development of Latin America and the Caribbean under the research and technological development framework programmes, including the expanded '@LIS' information-society programme and the 'Galileo' navigation system, which will have a particular impact on maritime and air safety;

31. Repeats its proposals intended to achieve a genuine partnership in the social field and in the spheres of knowledge and joint action to bring about sustainable development, employing various measures and resources, for example:

- launching a resolute, generous development cooperation policy focusing on the common objective of attaining the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;
- purposefully opening up EU markets step by step, in keeping with the aims laid down in the association agreements;
- setting up a bi-regional solidarity fund and a 'Latin America facility';
- adopting a specific legislative framework to regulate the Union's cooperation with Latin America according to a differentiated approach;

Thursday 27 April 2006

- widening the scope of EU vocational training, education, cultural, health and migration-related programmes, so as to enable Latin American countries to benefit therefrom;
- promoting scientific and technical cooperation programmes and exchange programmes for scientists, engineers and students;
- supporting institutional and fiscal reform programmes;
- allocating financial support for the launch of the Andean Bio-Diversity Institute called for at the 17th EU-LA Interparliamentary Conference;
- promoting regional markets and fair trade projects;
- allocating budget resources commensurate with stated ambitions;

considers it vital, as regards the last point, that in its future budget proposals the Commission should put forward ambitious options that will not invariably oblige Parliament to battle with the Council in order to raise the initial draft budget;

32. Considers it essential to give a generous new boost to the Union's development cooperation policy towards Latin America, in which poverty eradication and measures to combat social inequality should become a key element; stresses the importance of placing the emphasis on developing fiscal policies and promoting social cohesion alongside determined action to promote basic education and health (which are key elements in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals), especially where vulnerable groups such as women and children, ethnic minorities and indigenous groups are concerned;

33. Stresses that the cooperation and development aid policy should have a targeted approach taking into account the various economic and social conditions and level of development of the countries of Latin America; considers it vital, however, to support middle-income countries in the region in combating poverty, promoting social cohesion and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, through all means available, including economic cooperation in areas of mutual interest;

34. Agrees that aid should be tailored to the needs of the countries concerned; notes, however, that certain proposed cooperation sectors, such as the fields of migration, counter-terrorism and combating illicit drugs, constitute areas of more urgent priority to donors than to beneficiaries; insists that cooperation in such areas must not be to the detriment of poverty-focused measures;

35. Points out that poverty and hunger are complex and multidimensional problems and that all countries share a responsibility for combating them; also urges governments to adopt direct measures to eliminate them by stepping up employment and income generation programmes, thereby supporting sustainable economic growth which allows for more efficient social security systems offering secure and higher pensions;

36. Emphasises the need for greater cooperation with Latin American countries which have not only succeeded within their own societies in progressing towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals but are also playing a leading role in generating extensive South-South cooperation and mutual support;

37. Points out that budget support is most effective when targeted at specific sectors; insists that minimum conditions of public finance management be a prerequisite for all budget support and that accompanying measures be invariably included;

38. Applauds the Commission's proposal that an 'EU-LAC common area of higher education' be established as a matter of priority, but regards as insufficiently ambitious the aim of welcoming no more than about 4 000 Latin American students and teachers to European universities in the period from 2007 to 2013; maintains that, to produce a real impact on the cultural and political mores of such a vast region, the above figure should be at least trebled; stresses that special attention must also be paid to basic education, in order to meet the needs of the poorest sectors of Latin American society;

Thursday 27 April 2006

39. Strongly supports the Commission's proposals to intensify the transfer of knowledge and good practice regarding cultural cooperation between all the partners involved, and to organise a 'Europe Week' centring on 9 May in all the Latin American countries, aided by the work of the Commission delegations and in close collaboration with the embassies of the Member States;

40. Considers it essential to take additional steps to foster much more exhaustive mutual understanding, for instance by improving the information on the Commission web page and disseminating it in Spanish and Portuguese, including newsgroups and electronic bulletins on the page, and by providing more active support to centres and institutes which are involved in the study of EU-LA relations (OREAL, Celare, the EU-LA Observatory on Decentralised Cooperation, the Institute of Ibero-American and Portuguese Studies, etc.) or which could play an important role in raising awareness of the true picture in the two regions (the Biarritz Forum, the Goethe-Institut, the Instituto Cervantes, the Carolina Foundation, the British Council, the Alliance Française, etc.);

41. Proposes that a Euro-Latin American foundation be set up to foster dialogue between the partners across the public-private divide, modelled on those existing for other geographical areas — Asia and the Mediterranean, for example — and calls on the Commission to draw up a specific proposal to enable this idea to be translated into practice;

42. Considers it essential to substantially improve the information capacities of the network of Commission delegations, undoubtedly one of the most effective and best informed external services in the world, with a view to deepening the above-mentioned mutual understanding; undertakes to ensure that parliamentary diplomacy will play a more important role as an additional tool, using its network of standing parliamentary delegations and ad hoc delegations to interparliamentary conferences; proposes that parliamentary liaison units staffed by European Parliament officials be set up within the main Commission delegations in the region;

43. Points out that the growing rise in the production, trafficking and use of drugs — and especially cocaine — all over the world and in Europe itself, with its familiar consequence (namely the spread of organised crime, illegal arms trafficking, corruption and money-laundering) is severely damaging all the Euro-Latin American partners and demands a resolute strategy to tackle its pernicious effects through encouragement for alternative crops, although without penalising small-scale farmers manipulated by drug traffickers;

44. Endorses the Commission's aim of continuing to help Latin America fight drugs and seeking to strengthen security and stability on both sides by pursuing an approach based on shared responsibility in all areas and bodies where drug enforcement is concerned;

45. Supports the work done by the Co-Presidencies of Costa Rica and Austria under the EU-LAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs, in a joint effort to strengthen its role as a catalyst for initiatives, programmes and projects to prevent and reduce the consumption, production and illegal trafficking of drugs, on the basis of the principle of shared responsibility between the two regions;

46. Reiterates the need for the action plan designed to ensure cooperation with specific projects under the mechanism in relation to the priorities of the Panama Plan and its main elements to be as efficient as possible;

47. Supports the Commission's proposal to promote good financial, fiscal, and judicial governance by means of financial incentives to be laid down under specific agreements with the Latin American countries; calls on the partner countries to adopt sound, effective policies on democratic governance, social issues, public finances and taxation, with a view to increasing social cohesion and reducing poverty, inequality and marginalisation;

Thursday 27 April 2006

48. Repeats its proposals to complement the action mentioned above with specific practical measures to combat drug trafficking, organised crime and small-arms trafficking through new training and exchange programmes for members of judicial and law enforcement authorities (EuroLatinFor), and programmes to encourage the approximation of laws, so as to ensure that the offences in question are actually prosecuted, without in any way encroaching on the sovereignty of the countries concerned (EuroLatinLex);
49. Calls on the Commission, to that end, to include the European Code of Conduct on Arms Exports in the 'political dialogue' chapter of the bi-regional agenda;
50. Strongly supports the Commission's proposals to promote sustainable development in both regions, including a specific dialogue on the environmental aspects thereof, preparatory meetings of Environment Ministers to be held before summits, and in-depth consultations in the different international forums, focusing in particular on climate change and sound management of water resources;
51. Invites the parties to rigorously apply the international conventions on the environment, climate change and biodiversity;
52. Calls on the Commission to vigorously enforce its instruments for preventing the plundering of natural resources in the case of Latin America, including the FLEGT programme (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade), in order to prevent in particular the importation of illegal timber;
53. Calls on the Summit to draw up joint strategies and emergency, warning, and preparedness measures to reduce the vulnerability of all the partners to the natural disasters caused by climate change and the various related phenomena, including volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and floods, which in 2005 in Latin America alone claimed a toll of thousands of lives and over six billion dollars' worth of damage, according to ECLA figures;
54. Urges the Commission to ensure that the social-issues agenda includes discussions designed to bring about an improvement in working conditions, especially for farm workers, in keeping with the international labour standards disseminated by the International Labour Organization, and to treat this as part and parcel of sustainable development in Latin America;

The Vienna Summit: revitalising the bi-regional strategic partnership

55. Recommends that the Vienna Summit make a limited number of verifiable clear-cut commitments serving to lend new impetus to the strategic partnership in four main areas: joint action to bring about effective multilateralism; a decisive boost to regional integration processes in Latin America; and specific commitments regarding social cohesion and migration and human interaction;

(A) Joint action to bring about effective multilateralism

56. Maintains that a genuine strategic partnership must be based on realistic aims and common agendas shaped by the shared advocacy of multilateralism which informs the external action of the Euro-Latin American partners (the Kyoto Protocol, the International Criminal Court, the fight against the death penalty and against terrorism, the central role of the United Nations system, etc.);
57. Points to the excellent opportunities for joint action afforded in multilateral forums regarding matters such as reform of the United Nations, monitoring of the agreements reached at the 'Millennium +5 Summit' held in New York in September 2005, the proceedings of the new Peacebuilding Commission and the Human Rights Council, disarmament and the non-proliferation of weapons, the information society and Internet governance, the new configuration of the international financial system, including reform of the IMF, the WTO Doha Development Agenda, or strengthening the UN's humanitarian response capacity;

Thursday 27 April 2006

58. Points out that effective multilateralism requires continental-scale players speaking with one voice to determinedly assert their values and interests in a globalised world and that at present the role of the two regions on the international stage is not commensurate with their political and economic weight; looks, therefore, to all the partners to make a much more purposeful effort to harmonise their positions among themselves and in relation to the outside world;

59. Reaffirms the commitment made at Guadalajara (consistent, moreover, with European security strategy) to strengthening regional organisations, this being an essential means of achieving the true multilateralism which lies at the heart of Union external action and of its inception and *raison d'être*;

60. Considers that the relationship must continue to be viewed as a unified whole so as not to undermine the intrinsic nature of the strategic partnership or destroy or slow the momentum of the regional integration processes; advocates variable dialogue arrangements to allow for the circumstances in the different partner countries without impairing the overall vision implied in regional integration;

61. Points out that the association agreements in force or about to be concluded offer exceptional opportunities for intensifying relations of every kind between the Union as such and its Latin American partners; recognises that Member States can give priority to their relations with certain Latin American partners, provided that this is done on a purely bilateral basis without in any way infringing or breaking faith with Union policy and powers;

62. Considers it essential for the two regions to play an active part in the collective international security system organised within the United Nations;

(B) *A decisive boost to regional integration processes in Latin America*

63. Welcomes the fact that the Commission is continuing to view regional integration as a priority area for development assistance to Latin America, and supports its proposals aimed at strengthening regional integration processes whereby the negotiations on the association agreement with Mercosur are to be concluded without further delay, at the Vienna Summit, and negotiations are to open immediately on individual agreements of the same type with CAN and Central America;

64. Notes that the prospect of an association agreement with the Union has in itself already been instrumental in inducing the Andean and Central American countries to press ahead with the various aspects of economic integration, especially where the customs union and customs procedures are concerned; believes that these advances will gather pace when the future agreements are being negotiated and that the agreements will thus constitute tangible and decisive support for regional integration in Latin America;

65. Calls on the Commission to keep a close watch on the possible accession of new members and changes in the make-up, or convergence, of the distinct subregional integration systems in Latin America; maintains that any changes in the shape of subregional machinery must be aimed in every case at fostering closer regional integration as opposed to undermining the existing arrangements;

66. Proposes that the Vienna Summit move forward with a longer-term strategy aimed at achieving a comprehensive interregional association agreement and establishing a Euro-Latin American area of global interregional partnership in the medium term; recommends accordingly that a feasibility study on both initiatives be put in hand at Vienna;

67. Points out that the European experience shows that regional integration contributes decisively to economic growth and modernisation of production systems, trade expansion, international market penetration, social cohesion and, in the final analysis, political stability;

68. Backs the Commission's proposals intended to support territorial integration in Latin America and interconnection of its various infrastructure networks, especially where energy, water, transport, telecommunications, and research are concerned; urges the European Investment Bank (EIB) to provide substantial aid under the heading of the 'Latin America facility' referred to below;

Thursday 27 April 2006

69. Calls on the Commission to draw up a broader strategy to promote integration above and beyond trade commitments, laying emphasis also on non-trading aspects such as regional security and democratic governance, movements of persons and workers, joint management of ecosystems and river basins, and physical integration and infrastructure;

70. Considers cross-border cooperation to be a clear necessity where regional integration processes are concerned, as has been shown in the EU, and consequently recommends that means be put in place to support this type of practice;

71. Calls on the Commission to launch a multi-annual programme for cooperation with the SEGIB, funded by the necessary budget, in order to tap the full potential to be gained from mutual cooperation by pursuing institutional cooperation, technical assistance, exchange and training programmes relating to regional integration, and policies concerning development cooperation, preparations for summits and permanent local follow-up thereto;

(C) Specific commitments regarding social cohesion

72. Unreservedly endorses the Commission proposal to encompass the aim of social cohesion in an ongoing, coherent and practical fashion within all the initiatives undertaken in partnership with Latin America; maintains that the Euro-Latin American partners are engaged in a common project in which a market economy and social cohesion should not be opposing forces but should complement each other; insists that relevant action be focused on the reduction of social inequalities and the inclusion of groups that are currently marginalised from mainstream society and excluded from opportunities, with particular attention being paid to the needs (of whatever kind) of indigenous peoples;

73. Points out that, in Latin America, democratic governance and social cohesion are closely linked, as can be inferred from the report on democracy in Latin America compiled by the United Nations Development Programme in 2004 and from that year's annual report of the OAS Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;

74. Supports, therefore, the Commission's recommendations for a specific dialogue to be established on social cohesion; for social cohesion to be treated as a priority in development cooperation; for cooperation with international institutions to be intensified; for the different stakeholders involved to be encouraged to participate; and, in particular, for a forum for social cohesion to be held every two years and attended by government authorities, civil society, the private sector, and international organisations, with a view to addressing, among other things, the high degree of urban sprawl and the related social and security problems;

75. Calls on the partners to pursue joint initiatives and to hold more frequent social forums bringing together the business world, workers, consumers and civil society, on the one hand at the level of the EU and Latin America as such and on the other within the different countries; calls on the European Economic and Social Committee to intensify its activities in this area and to pass on its experience to the Latin American partners; in this connection, welcomes the positive contributions made by the Civil Society Forums meeting alongside the Summits;

76. Recommends that the growing revenue from oil and other resources should, as a matter of priority, be channelled into sustainable long-term training and infrastructure programmes with a view to improving competitiveness and the employment situation;

77. Repeats its proposal for the setting-up of a bi-regional solidarity fund for the purpose of managing and financing sector-based programmes relating initially to the eradication of social exclusion and extreme poverty and to health, education and infrastructures in the countries and regions where per capita income is lower and social inequalities are greater, and subsequently covering the Latin American countries as a whole;

Thursday 27 April 2006

78. Is of the opinion that a modest injection of funds for Latin America, to be contributed from, or reallocated from within, the Union budget and not constituting an additional allocation, could act as a catalyst which, if combined with the budgetary resources earmarked by other bodies (the EIB, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Andean Development Corporation, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the World Bank, etc.) and the countries concerned, could provide the budgetary support needed to create sufficient critical mass to help alleviate the problems;

79. Recommends that the above-mentioned fund be coordinated by the Commission (or, where appropriate, the SEGIB) in collaboration with donor bodies and countries and that it also include a 'Latin America facility' based on exclusively financial contributions from the EIB and other institutions concerned; calls on Latin American financial institutions to support territorial integration and infrastructure interconnection in Latin America in sectors such as energy, water, transport, telecommunications and research;

80. Renews its call on the Commission and the Council to encourage the bodies mentioned above to act to set up the solidarity fund; calls on the Vienna Summit to support the project and to launch the necessary feasibility study without delay;

81. Recommends that the Latin American countries concert their planning with a view to interconnecting the above infrastructure and set up 'energy rings', drawing whenever necessary on European experience with the trans-European networks;

82. Reaffirms the Guadalajara commitment to strengthening the decentralised approach forming the basis of the European development cooperation programmes (URB-AL, AL-INVEST, @LIS, ALFA, ALBAN); also urges that local and regional governments be encouraged to take part in the EUROsocial initiative, a regional programme for social cohesion in Latin America;

83. Recommends that the Commission support the introduction of mechanisms to correct disparities in social and territorial cohesion (to be incorporated into Latin America's regional integration agreements) and that it promote action to combat corruption and to encourage tax and fiscal discipline;

84. Points out that the dialogue and the social cohesion programmes must pay heed to the gender inequalities clearly apparent as regards access to employment, access to education and women's participation in decision-making;

85. Calls upon the Vienna Summit to condemn trafficking in human beings and the murder of and violence against women, and to promote and uphold all relevant national and international law; proposes a comprehensive priority-action programme for children and teenagers in Latin America, modelled on UNICEF activities;

86. Proposes that the partner countries and the various bilateral and multilateral creditors devise generous, imaginative ways of dealing with the debt issue; in this connection, draws attention to the initiatives concerned with converting debt by means of social and educational investment which have been aired at Ibero-American Summits;

(D) Verifiable clear-cut commitments regarding migration and human interaction

87. Points again to the need, as regards relations between the partners, to pursue innovative migration policies, respecting fundamental rights, in accordance with the international agreements in force, and human dignity, and fighting discrimination, racism and xenophobia, without encroaching on the sovereignty of the countries concerned;

88. Considers migration and human interaction to be a key area of the Union's relations with its Latin American partners; maintains that the approach to be adopted should be balanced, comprehensive and coherent, encompassing policies to combat illegal migration and at the same time, in collaboration with the countries concerned, emphasising the advantages of legal migration, and that it should arise from dialogue and fair-minded cooperation suited to the circumstances of each country involved and be backed by sufficient budgetary resources, in keeping with the conclusions reached at the Brussels European Council of 15 and 16 December 2005;

Thursday 27 April 2006

89. Deplores the Commission's failure to produce specific proposals for the Summit; proposes that, proceeding from the Commission Communication of 30 November 2005 entitled 'Priority actions for responding to the challenges of migration: First follow-up to Hampton Court' (COM(2005)0621) and as part of the long-term process initiated by the Hague programme to respond to the opportunities and challenges arising from migration and of the decisions taken at the informal Hampton Court meeting, the Council should, as soon as possible, adopt specific priority measures for Latin America along the lines of the conclusions reached at the above-mentioned Brussels European Council as regards Africa and the Mediterranean;

90. Reaffirms that the above measures should cover a range of matters, for example regulation of migration, by strengthening bilateral agreements and including the fight against illegal migration and the mafias that exploit it and against people-trafficking, especially where vulnerable groups are concerned, in particular women and children, joint migration management, temporary immigration policies, the introduction of a special short-stay travel visa for entrepreneurs, university teachers, researchers, students, journalists and trade unionists involved in the partnership, the use of immigration to foster development in countries of origin (assistance for immigrants' projects in their countries of origin etc.), integration policies to be launched in host countries for the benefit of legal immigrants, and, lastly, funding and monitoring of the measures undertaken;

91. Proposes that the partner countries take suitable action in order to reduce the current excessive costs incurred by emigrants in transferring remittances;

*
* *
*

92. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the European Union Member States and of all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and to the Latin American Parliament, the Central American Parliament, the Andean Parliament and the Mercosur Joint Parliamentary Committee.

P6_TA(2006)0156

EC-Mauritania Sea Fisheries Agreement *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the amendments to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for the period 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2006 (COM(2005)0591 — C6-0433/2005 — 2005/0229(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council regulation (COM(2005)0591) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Articles 37 and 300(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0433/2005),
- having regard to Rules 51 and 83(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0066/2006),

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Approves conclusion of the agreement;
2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

P6_TA(2006)0157

Discharge 2004: Section III — Commission

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume I — Consolidated reports on implementation of the budget and consolidated financial statements (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005)⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005)0449 and COM(2005)0448) and the Commission staff working paper — Annex to the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (SEC(2005)1161),
- having regard to the Commission communication on 2004 Synthesis (COM(2005)0256),
- having regard to the Commission's Annual Report to the Discharge Authority on Internal Audits carried out in 2004 (COM(2005)0257),
- having regard to Opinion No 2/2004 of the Court of Auditors on the 'single audit' model (and a proposal for a Community internal control framework)⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors of 15 June 2005 on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework (COM(2005)0252),
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors — Commission Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework (COM(2006)0009),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 274, 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty and Articles 179a and 180b of the Euratom Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Articles 145, 146 and 147 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 107, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 100.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Rule 70 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinions of the other committees concerned (A6-0108/2006),
- A. whereas under Article 274 of the EC Treaty the Commission implements the budget on its own responsibility, having regard to the principles of sound financial management,
1. Grants discharge to the Commission for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to the national and regional audit institutions of the Member States and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament decision on closing the accounts for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume I — Consolidated reports on implementation of the budget and consolidated financial statements (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005)⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005)0449 and COM(2005)0448) and the Commission staff working paper — Annex to the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (SEC(2005)1161),
- having regard to the Commission communication on 2004 Synthesis (COM(2005)0256),
- having regard to the Commission's Annual Report to the Discharge Authority on Internal Audits carried out in 2004 (COM(2005)0257),
- having regard to Opinion No 2/2004 of the Court of Auditors on the 'single audit' model (and a proposal for a Community internal control framework)⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors of 15 June 2005 on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework (COM(2005)0252),
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors — Commission Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework (COM(2006)0009),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽⁵⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 107, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 100.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 274, 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty and Articles 179a and 180b of the Euratom Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 70 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinions of the other committees concerned (A6-0108/2006),

A. whereas under Article 275 of the EC Treaty the Commission is responsible for drawing up the accounts,

1. Approves closing the accounts for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to the national and regional audit institutions of the Member States and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section III — Commission (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC) — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005 — 2005/2090(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume I — Consolidated reports on implementation of the budget and consolidated financial statements (SEC(2005)1158 — C6-0352/2005 — SEC(2005)1159 — C6-0351/2005)⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005) 0449 and COM(2005)0448) and the Commission staff working paper — Annex to the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (SEC(2005) 1161),
- having regard to the Commission communication on 2004 Synthesis (COM(2005)0256),
- having regard to the Commissions's Annual Report to the Discharge Authority on Internal Audits carried out in 2004 (COM(2005)0257),
- having regard to Opinion No 2/2004 of the Court of Auditors on the 'single audit' model (and a proposal for a Community internal control framework)⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors of 15 June 2005 on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework (COM(2005)0252),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 107, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors — Commission Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework (COM(2006)0009),
 - having regard to the Court of Auditor's annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
 - having regard to Articles 274, 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty and Articles 179a and 180b of the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 70 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinions of the other committees concerned (A6-0108/2006),
- A. whereas high quality financial information is associated with a capacity for high quality financial management, and whereas high quality financial management generates real economic benefits;
- B. whereas the assigning of clear responsibilities within the Commission for the production of financial information and requiring appropriate sign-offs at central level in relation to that information will contribute to the quality of the information reported,
- C. whereas, in its 2003 discharge resolution of 12 April 2005⁽⁴⁾, Parliament proposed that each Member State should provide an *ex ante* disclosure statement and an annual *ex post* statement of assurance (DAS — abbreviation of the French term 'Déclaration d'assurance') as regards its use of EU funding,
- D. whereas procedures to this end have been established in Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾ and implemented through Commission Regulation (EC) No 438/2001⁽⁶⁾, and through Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽⁷⁾ as regards European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD),
- E. whereas Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 imposes a system of three levels of annual *ex post* declarations by Member States, as follows: firstly, the annual accounts of the paying agency; secondly, the DAS of the paying agency; and thirdly, the certification of the previous declarations by a certification body; whereas these signatures of the Member State are complementary to others demanded for monthly payments and *ex ante* evaluations,
- F. whereas Article 38(1)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 and Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 438/2001 foresee a final winding-up Member State declaration on each Community intervention from an authority that must be independent of the various managing and payments authorities,
- G. whereas the Ecofin Council on 8 November 2005 did not accept Parliament's proposal regarding national level declarations⁽⁸⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 100.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0092.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 173/2005 (OJ L 29, 2.2.2005, p. 3).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 63, 3.3.2001, p. 21. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2355/2002 (OJ L 351, 28.12.2002, p. 42).

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ See Ecofin Council conclusions of 8 November 2005 on http://www.fco.gov.uk/Files/kfile/EcofinConclusions_08nov.pdf.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- H. whereas the overriding principle sought by Parliament is that the relevant political authorities within the Member States take responsibility for the funds put at their disposal,
- I. whereas 80 % of Community expenditure is de facto controlled by the Member States and the absence of adequate accountability at central Member State level will be a permanent barrier to obtaining a positive DAS,
- J. whereas the work of its Committee on Budgetary Control in general and the discharge procedure in particular is a process which aims at establishing full accountability from the Commission as a whole, as well as from all other relevant actors in accordance with the Treaty, at creating an environment to facilitate this and at improving financial management in the EU and thereby creating a more solid basis for decision-taking in the light of the Court of Auditors' audit results,
- K. whereas there can only be good governance in an organisation if top management provides a good example,
- L. whereas good governance also means that a sound system of checks and balances is established between controllers, accountants and internal auditors on the one hand and operational management on the other,
- M. whereas effective and efficient internal control should be included as a budgetary principle⁽¹⁾ in the Financial Regulation, as proposed by the Commission in its above mentioned communication on an Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework,
- N. whereas the Commission's directives and recommendations for private sector accounting and auditing suggest that the Commission believes in the importance of high-quality financial reporting and auditing,
- O. whereas the most powerful way that the Commission can demonstrate its real commitment to transparency and high quality financial information and reporting is by leading by example and by obtaining a positive DAS from the Court of Auditors,

HORIZONTAL ISSUES***Reliability of the accounts***

1. Notes, as last year, that, except for the effects of the absence of effective internal control procedures for miscellaneous revenues and advances, the Court is of the opinion that the consolidated annual accounts of the European Communities and the notes thereto faithfully reflect the revenue and expenditure of the Communities for the year 2004 and their financial position at the year-end (DAS, paragraphs II and III);
2. Notes that the Commission is of the opinion that the problems will be addressed by the new accounting system in 2005 (paragraph 1.17 of the Court's annual report);

The opening balance sheet

3. Notes the progress made towards the implementation of the new accounting framework; is however deeply concerned about the Court's remarks regarding the delay in the establishment of the opening balance for 2005; invites the Commission to address urgently the shortcomings identified by the Court in order to avoid consequences for the reliability of the 2005 financial statements;
4. Notes that it is the authorising officers who have to validate the figures needed for the establishment of the opening balance 2005 and that it is the accounting officer who has to present this financial information and be sure that it gives a 'true and fair view' (paragraph 1.45 of the Court's annual report), thus enabling the President of the Commission to sign the accounts on behalf of the Commission as a college and in accordance with the Treaty;
5. Finds the uncertainty about who has final responsibility for the establishment of these figures unacceptable; expects that these difficulties will be resolved in 2006 and that the delay is not to be seen as a dysfunction between authorising officers and the accounting officer;

⁽¹⁾ The current budgetary principles as set out in Article 3 of the Financial Regulation are 'unity, budgetary accuracy, annuality, equilibrium, unit of account, universality, specification, sound financial management and transparency'.

Thursday 27 April 2006

6. Expects that the results of the review of unknown bank accounts related to Commission activities launched by the Commission in October 2005 will be made known completely to Parliament and be followed-up;
7. Expects that the accounts thereby established will be audited and the funds credited to the accounts will be entered in the general budget;

Pre-financing

8. Notes that the amount of pre-financings, that is, money which is disbursed but still not yet finally accepted as eligible or used, is estimated to be approximately EUR 64 000 million (paragraph 1.30 of the Court's annual report), which correspond to about two thirds of the budget;
9. Considers that the Commission should ensure a sound policy (avoiding excessively generous advances and excessively long delays for closing programmes and projects) as regards pre-financing in order to limit the financial importance of unused amounts and/or amounts not yet finally accepted as eligible expenditure; calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal to Parliament's responsible committee on how it plans in future to manage pre-financing in line with the above comments;

Towards an integrated internal control framework

10. Welcomes the above mentioned Opinion No 2/2004 of the Court of Auditors, which includes a proposal for a Community internal control framework as a framework within which to analyse weaknesses in financial controls and identify the remedial actions required, and recalls its main principles as set out in paragraph 57:
 - 'common principles and standards ... (are) to be applied at all levels of administration in the institutions and Member States alike',
 - internal control should 'provide reasonable' — not absolute — 'assurance, on the legality and regularity of transactions, and compliance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness',
 - the 'cost of the controls should be in proportion to the benefits they bring in both monetary and political terms',
 - the 'system should be based around a logical chain structure where controls are undertaken, recorded and reported to a common standard, allowing reliance to be placed on them by all participants';
11. Welcomes the Barroso Commission's making it a strategic objective to strive for a positive DAS from the Court of Auditors, as set out in the communication from the Commission of 26 January 2005 on Strategic Objectives 2005-2009, Europe 2010: A Partnership for European Renewal: Prosperity, Solidarity and Security (COM(2005)0012);
12. Welcomes equally the above mentioned communication from the Commission on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework, the panel of experts and the Action Plan which followed it as a response to Parliament's 2003 discharge resolution and as a follow-up to Opinion No 2/2004 of the Court;
13. Supports the Commission in its effort to give priority to this matter; recognises however that whilst the Commission has sole responsibility under the Treaty for implementing the budget, four out of every five euros in the budget are in reality handled by the Member States under shared management; underlines, therefore, that it is essential that Member States take an active part in the initiative and that Council presidencies make it first priority and include it as a separate subject in their semi-annual working programmes;
14. Emphasises that if the Commission is to be accountable for expenditure, it must have mechanisms that enable it to deliver on that accountability and that if those mechanisms are not made available to it, its accountability should be changed;

Thursday 27 April 2006

15. Stresses that the shortcomings in the European Union's financial management cannot simply be reduced to a question about a positive or negative DAS; warns, therefore, against obtaining a positive DAS without a corresponding improvement in the quality of the financial management;
16. Underlines that the responsibility for financial management lies with the Commission and the Member States and that it is for the Commission and the Member States together to ensure that the Court will be able to find audit evidence of progress towards an adequate management of the risk of error;
17. Takes the view that the move towards improvement of financial management in the Union must be supported and given momentum by a close monitoring of progress in the Commission and in the Member States;
18. Notes that Member States must be held accountable for their use of EU funds and that the primary means of accountability must be their national parliaments and media; urges the Court of Auditors and national audit bodies to take further steps to make available to them high quality and easily accessible information about the weaknesses of local financial controls;

Scoreboard for the implementation of an integrated internal control framework

19. Calls on the Commission to publish and to present to its Committee on Budgetary Control a detailed scoreboard for each area of the financial perspectives with precise targets to be achieved in a set timeline for the implementation of measures identified as necessary for establishing an integrated internal control framework and to report on progress to its competent committee every six months; furthermore expects the integrated control framework to be implemented as from 1 May 2009, allowing the Commission to set a target date for a positive DAS;
20. Requests further detailed information at Commission level and Member State level, and at regional level if needed, on measures implemented and not implemented, reasons for delays, deadlines, effectiveness of implementation and such like, so as to be allowed to have a complete overview of results obtained and outstanding issues still to be dealt with; calls on the Commission to submit to it this information as part of the preparation of the 2005 discharge procedure;
21. Invites the Court of Auditors to:
 - follow and examine the implementation of the Action Plan proposed, based on the Commission's gap assessment, and test the effectiveness of the supervisory and control systems in managing the risk of error over a five year rolling audit programme,
 - assess the related assurance which the Directorates-General give annually on the effective operation of the supervisory and control systems and the adequacy of the supplementary measures taken when they do not operate effectively, in particular in the Member States;
22. Welcomes the 16 concrete actions foreseen in the Action Plan; urges the Commission to ensure a successful outcome in the interests of the European Union and its citizens; underlines that an *ex ante* approval by Parliament of efforts and intentions in the form of an agreement or convergence of positions is in contradiction with its role as independent discharge authority and that it as such only can judge the Commission *ex post* on the results achieved;

Declaration of Assurance

23. Notes that the current single declaration of assurance does not adequately describe areas of success and areas of failure; notes that many equivalent national audit systems are compiled on a department by department basis; suggests that a review of the DAS system be undertaken by the Court of Auditors in order to establish specific statements of assurance for individual Directorates-General within the Commission within an overall DAS;
24. Notes that such a system, coupled with an equivalent system of national statements, would create a matrix identifying areas of most concern both horizontally, regarding Commission programmes, and vertically, concerning Member State responsibilities;

Simplification

25. Welcomes the Commission's initiative to simplify the regulatory environment, which should aim especially at reducing bureaucratic demands on *inter alia* individuals and small and medium sized enterprises; believes that the final objective of the integrated internal control framework will only be achieved if the burden of managing too much and too heavy regulation is reduced significantly;

26. Underlines that simplicity and transparency are two of the most important principles of financial control; insists that the Commission when designing schemes and programmes should consider the relationship between the desired outcomes of a particular scheme, the complexity of the rules governing it and the likelihood of an error occurring;

27. Asks the Commission to produce a report on the effectiveness of the existing regulatory framework regarding management, assurance and certification systems of declarations of the Member States' various bodies, taking into consideration:

- the precise degree of implementation of the existing legislation by Member States and the regulatory mechanism;
- its bureaucratic and administrative cost to the European taxpayers;
- its value added in the prevention of misadministration and the recovery of Community funds;
- its influence in the correct attribution of responsibilities;
- the coherence of the various existing declaration systems;
- the advantages of instituting a single Member State declaration procedure in the context of the Financial Regulation instead of disperse sectoral legislation;

depending on the results of the above mentioned analysis, invites the Commission to proceed with the appropriate legislative proposals;

National management, assurance and certification declarations

28. Deplores the decision of the Council to refuse to discuss national political level *ex ante* statements and *ex post* declarations; invites therefore national public accounts committees as well as national parliaments to seek information from their governments and to have a parliamentary debate on their government's position on paragraph 12 of the above mentioned Ecofin Council's conclusions, which reads as follows:

'Taking into account the need not to put into question the existing balance between the Commission and the Member States or to compromise responsibility and accountability at the operational level, the Council believes existing operational-level declarations can provide an important means of assurance for the Commission and ultimately the Court of Auditors and should be useful and cost effective and be taken into account by the Commission and ultimately the Court of Auditors to attain a positive DAS'

29. Rejects the conclusion of the Council that the instruments proposed by Parliament would 'put into question the existing balance between the Commission and the Member States' since they simply underline Member States' responsibility as stated in the second sentence of the first paragraph of Article 274 of the Treaty;

30. Welcomes the initiatives taken by the Council to reinforce the responsibility of the Member States for improving the control of actions under shared management, with the aim of achieving a positive DAS, and especially the commitment by the Council to producing an annual summary at the appropriate national level of the available audits and declarations;

31. Recalls that whilst the Commission is responsible under Article 274 of the Treaty for the implementation of the budget, the Member States have responsibility for the controls over funds in shared management which are defined in the sector regulations and in their detailed rules;

Thursday 27 April 2006

32. Draws attention to the fact that Member States are free to organise these controls in the way each considers best, given their institutional and administrative structures and the international standards applying and taking into account that Member States, like the Commission, should respect international standards, and that in practice, responsibilities are allocated to a large number of different bodies reporting to ministries of the national government or to regional governments;

33. Believes that the Commission should strive for the same geographical location of paying agencies (Common Agricultural Policy — CAP) and managing authorities (Structural Funds) and whenever possible combine the two in each Member State in order to enable it to keep a good track of where, when and how EU funds are being spent in each Member State;

34. Considers that, as responsibilities are entrusted to so many existing audit bodies, initiatives aimed at bringing about standardisation of audit arrangements should be welcomed and supported;

35. Stresses that Article 274 of the Treaty also requires that Member States cooperate with the Commission to ensure that appropriations are used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management;

36. Finds, therefore, that the Commission should be able to request assurance from each Member State that these control responsibilities have been fully met, and in particular that the risk of error in the underlying transactions is being sufficiently managed;

37. Believes that a declaration at political level covering all Community funds in shared management and signed by finance ministers, as proposed in its above mentioned 2003 discharge resolution, is still a necessity and would be a big step forward;

38. Notes with satisfaction that the Council and the Commission agree on the importance of strengthening internal control; takes the view that this objective must be reached without adding to the administrative burden and that simplification of the underlying legislation is therefore a prerequisite; believes that to achieve a positive DAS, priority should be given to sound financial management for funds under shared management; considers that provisions to this end could be laid down, as appropriate, in the basic legislative acts concerned; notes that as part of their enhanced responsibilities for structural funds and in accordance with national constitutional requirements, the relevant audit authorities in the Member States will produce an assessment concerning the compliance of management and control systems with the regulations of the Community; welcomes the fact that Member States have therefore undertaken to produce an annual summary at the appropriate national level of the available audits and declarations;

39. Draws attention to the fact that the level of a possible signature at Member State level is not mainly a matter of form but first and foremost a signal showing the expected quality of the supervisory and control systems operating under the signature; recalls its resolution of 2 February 2006 on national management declarations⁽¹⁾ which recognised that in practice these national declarations might comprise 'several declarations within a national framework, rather than one alone, in order to acknowledge the federal and decentralised political systems in existence in some Member States';

40. Notes Member States' resistance and wants to be pragmatic and constructive and stresses that the important thing is to find a way of identifying the weaknesses in the current control and supervisory systems and to undertake appropriate remedial action with a view to achieving better financial management of EU funds;

41. Welcomes a discussion about which authority might be the best for the purpose and invites the Commission and the Council to consider the alternative approach inspired by the Council's interest in declarations at sector level as expressed in paragraph 9 of the Ecofin Council conclusions⁽²⁾;

⁽¹⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2006)0043.

⁽²⁾ 'The Commission, working with the Member States, should provide an assessment of the present controls at sector and regional level and the value of existing statements and declarations.'

Thursday 27 April 2006

Ex ante and ex post declarations for each area of the financial perspectives

42. Draws attention to the following figures:

- for the 1994-1999 period the Commission approved 1 104 Structural Funds programmes and 920 Cohesion Fund projects (paragraph 5.4 of the Court of Auditors' annual report);
- for the 2000-2006 period there are 606 Structural Funds programmes, 1 163 Cohesion Fund projects and 72 instruments for structural policy for pre-accession projects (paragraph 5.4 of the Court of Auditors' annual report);
- each programme may contain several thousand projects (paragraph 5.10 of the Court of Auditors' annual report);
- under the CAP there are 91 Paying Agencies (table 4.2 in the Court of Auditors' annual report);

43. Agrees fully with the Court when it states that the 'main inherent risks to the legality and regularity of expenditure for structural measures arise from the variety of bodies and authorities which intervene in the management process, the large number of programmes and projects to be implemented over a period of years and the scope for potential weaknesses in the management and control systems'; also agrees with the statement that 'there are a large number of conditions governing the eligibility of expenditure which are not always clear, giving rise to the risk of divergent interpretations' (paragraph 5.10 of the Court of Auditors' annual report);

44. Underlines that neither the Commission, nor, ultimately, the Court, is in a position to scrutinize every individual certificate and/or audit report emanating from primary or secondary control level due to the very high number of projects, programmes and paying agencies;

45. Takes the view therefore that the existing high number of individual certificates and/or audit reports within each major sector should be consolidated at central Member State level, whereby the quality of the information in the individual declarations issued at lower level should be guaranteed; suggests that Member States should thus participate actively in enhancing the usability of independent audit results in the chain of control; believes that this approach would aid simplification considerably and that it would give a valuable overview of the legality and regularity of the transactions at national level and accordingly contribute to the assurance to be drawn;

46. Invites the Commission to present proposals as regards the form and content of these complementary arrangements in the context of the implementation of the above mentioned Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework and as a temporary measure invites the Member States to identify the body at central Member State level to be responsible and accountable for issuing the declarations and to inform the Commission accordingly thereof;

Ex ante disclosure statement

47. Repeats that the *ex ante* formal disclosure statement should confirm that the organisational structures put in place by the Member State comply with the requirements of Community legislation and are expected to be effective in managing the risk of fraud and error in the underlying transactions in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;

48. Takes the view that the *ex ante* disclosure statement at central Member State level could be backed up by equivalent statements from the Director of each paying agency (CAP) and managing authority (Structural Funds) responsible for the management and control of Community funds;

Ex post declaration of assurance

49. Notes that the *ex post* declaration of assurance at central Member State level could take into account the multi-annual dimension in the accountability process and the multi-annual nature of most Community programmes and at the same time give assurance that the control systems worked effectively during the year in question;

50. Expects the *ex post* declaration at central Member State level to be built on declarations from the Director of each paying agency (CAP) and managing authority (Structural Funds) and on the certification reports issued by the Directors of the certifying bodies;

Thursday 27 April 2006

Article 53(5) of the Financial Regulation

51. Insists that until such a sectoral consolidation at central Member State level for each area of the financial perspectives has been put in place and having noted Member States' unwillingness to give the Commission the assurance it needs, the Commission should fully apply Article 53(5) of the Financial Regulation under which it shall assume final responsibility for the implementation of the budget in accordance with Article 274 of the Treaty through 'clearance-of-accounts procedures or financial correction mechanisms';

52. Invites Member States to issue a voluntary declaration at national level in the sense described in paragraph 45; recommends that any Member State giving such a declaration be subject to a reduced audit programme if the Commission feels that it would present in fact a lower risk of error than a Member State not issuing such a declaration;

53. Invites, therefore, the Commission to set up a more intense programme of *ex post* clearance-of-accounts audits and fully to make use of suspension of payments or financial corrections whenever it cannot obtain assurance from the Member States;

54. Warmly invites national parliaments (in particular national public accounts committees and committees forming part of the Conference of Committees for European and Community Affairs of the European Union Parliaments — COSAC) to discuss this matter with their national governments;

55. Invites the Commission and the Court to confirm on the basis of concrete evidence that consolidation at central Member State level and for each area of the financial perspective by which the quality of individual reports and/or audit reports is guaranteed will be an effective measure in support of an overall declaration at political level covering all Community funds in shared management;

Transparency

56. Welcomes the Commission's transparency initiative and expects it to lead to concrete actions and legislative initiatives that will lead to transparency regarding the way EU funds are spent and managed;

57. Invites the Commission to do everything in its power to induce Member States to give public access to information about the projects and beneficiaries of EU funds in shared management;

58. Feels that the current situation where most Member States have not given the public access to information about projects and beneficiaries of EU funds in shared management does not benefit overall transparency in the EU; strongly urges therefore the Commission and the Member States to resolve this anomaly;

59. Stresses that there are problems with the current manner in which the Commission is applying the rules of *ex ante* and *ex post* publicity to the funds managed under centralised direct management, in that retrieving the information is difficult because the Directorates-General have different ways of publicising the data on the internet;

60. Draws attention to the need for more openness with regard to the different types of expert groups advising the Commission and also the committees working within the comitology procedure;

61. Demands that the Commission makes information easily available to the public about the different types of expert groups, including data about the activities and membership of those groups;

The possible role of national audit offices

62. Recalls that in its above mentioned 2003 discharge resolution it considered it essential 'to examine how national audit institutions can play a more operational role in the process' (paragraph 77);

Thursday 27 April 2006

63. Believes that national audit institutions have an interest in knowing, and hence a responsibility to investigate, whether or not there are no actual or contingent liabilities in the national accounts emanating from sub-standard compliance with EU regulations;
64. Believes that national audit institutions could audit the internal control systems set up by the national administration as well as the regularity and legality of the underlying transactions effected in their own country;
65. Calls on national audit bodies to assume responsibility for controlling the local use of EU funds, so as to make any consideration of establishing national offices of the Court of Auditors unnecessary;
66. Believes that such an audit — focused on national level activities — could contribute to greater awareness of the need for effective control and guide national parliamentarians in shaping their government's position in Ecofin; further invites national public accounts committees to discuss this matter with their national audit office;
67. Suggests that consideration be given to inviting representatives of national audit bodies and national parliamentary budgetary control committees to the presentation of the Court of Auditors' annual report to the Parliament's relevant committee;

Commission's internal control system

Annual activity reports and declarations

68. Notes that despite some progress, the Court continues to report that there remains scope for improvement;
69. Calls on the Member States, in line with the good practices of some of them, to ensure that national audit institutions, and where applicable regional ones, publish an annual audit report on EU funds spent;
70. Is concerned that the Court continues to report that 'the design and use of indicators by the Commission is still not sufficient to continuously monitor the quality of internal control systems and the legality and regularity of underlying transactions' (paragraph 1.53); fully shares the Court's consideration — based on Intosai standards — that management is responsible for the development of indicators which allow for a precise assessment of progress;
71. Expects the Commission, and in particular the central departments responsible for the guidelines for annual activity reports and declarations, to give priority to the elaboration of indicators which have a direct link to legality and regularity;
72. Welcomes the Court's follow-up to the reservations expressed in 2003 and 2004 by the Directors-General (table 1.2), and notes:
- that for five of the seven sectors in the financial perspectives the Court identified weaknesses which had not been included in the declarations of the Directors-General,
 - that for three sectors the declarations were not relevant to the Court's audit conclusions,
 - that for two sectors the declarations were relevant after corrections,
 - that for two sectors the declarations were of immediate relevance;
73. Invites the Commission's Directorates-General to better describe the source of their assurance and ensure that their declarations give a true and fair view of the adequacy of their management of the risk of error in the underlying transactions;

Synthesis report

74. Recalls that in its 2003 discharge resolution it invited the Commission 'to convert the Annual Synthesis Report into a consolidated assurance statement on the Commission's management and financial controls as a whole' (paragraph 62);

Thursday 27 April 2006

75. Notes with disappointment that the Commission 'will not be taking the recommended action' on the grounds that, as set out in the above mentioned Annex to the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions,

'[t]he Synthesis is an act through which the Commission exercises its political responsibility, by analysing the annual activity reports and their declarations and by adopting a position on major horizontal issues, including appropriate actions for issues requiring remedy at Commission level. This approach is based on the reform, which decentralised the management responsibilities to Directors-General and Heads of Service, under the political supervision of the relevant Commissioner.'

76. Underlines that whilst ultimate responsibility for transactions after the reform lies now — and rightly so — with line managers (Directors-General), final responsibility for control systems must be anchored in the centre, not in the periphery; notes that the Court of Auditors supports this view and made a clear recommendation in that respect (paragraph 1.57);

77. Is not convinced that risks are under control and takes the view that the Commission does not have a sufficient basis for declaring that the situation is 'globally satisfactory', as it did at page 7 of its above mentioned communication on 2004 Synthesis;

78. Notes that annual activity reports as well as the above mentioned communication on 2004 Synthesis are elements in the internal control system and that internal control in the Commission will never be stronger than the political will behind it;

79. Considers — without prescribing one single solution — the following measures to be the minimum required in order to place the College in a position whereby it can comply with the requirements of Article 274 of the Treaty as regards the situation in the Commission as an institution:

- since the internal control system is designed by the Central Financial Service in the Directorate-General for Budget, and since the decentralisation of financial controls requires strong central supervision of the control systems operating in individual departments, the Director-General of this Directorate-General should give a formal opinion on the quality and efficiency of the internal control systems,
- since the Synthesis report is drawn up by the Secretary-General of the Commission, and in order to assist the Commission as an institution in adopting a position on the content of the Synthesis report, the Secretary-General, who has ultimate operational executive responsibility for the bureaucracy, should give a formal declaration of assurance as regards the quality of the individual declarations from the line managers (Directors-General),
- the internal auditor of the Commission should give his assessment of the quality and effectiveness of the controls as described in the management's annual activity reports and Synthesis report in the form of an audit opinion as regards the adequacy of the Secretary-General's assurance statement,
- the responsible Commissioner should co-sign, possibly in the form of a negative assurance so as to avoid any undermining of the responsibilities attributed to the authorising officers, the declaration given by the Director-General, as this would bridge the gap between the Director-General's individual assurance declarations and the College's institutional assurance declaration;

80. Invites, therefore, the Commission to forward its position on these considerations to its competent committee in the form of a detailed and comprehensive report explaining and discussing all relevant issues; expects the Commission, in case it disagrees with the above considerations, to explain thoroughly how it will be able otherwise to obtain the assurance required to fulfil its responsibility under Article 274 of the Treaty;

The accounting officer

81. Recalls that in paragraph 10 of its above mentioned 2003 discharge resolution, it invited the Commission to upgrade the current accounting officer to Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to assume the role of the management's institutional counterweight to its 39 services; regrets that the proposed modification of the Financial Regulation is a long way from satisfying this recommendation; fully agrees with the Court of Auditors when it states at paragraph 53 of its Opinion No 10/2005 on the draft Council Regulation amend-

Thursday 27 April 2006

ing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities that 'the amendments proposed [concerning the role of the accounting officer] are not radical enough to resolve the problems to which they are trying to respond';

82. Underlines that the role of a professional accounting officer extends beyond the compilation or aggregation of figures received from the authorising officers; draws attention to the fact that the simple signature of the accounting officer will be nothing more than a purely cosmetic improvement as long as he is not able to declare on his own account, and not only on the basis of information received from the Directors-General, that the accounts present a true and fair view;

83. Repeats its recommendation, which is in line with private sector best practice, that the accounting officer be upgraded to CFO with special responsibility for the quality of the Commission's financial reporting and its system of internal control as a whole;

84. Underlines that a CFO accountable for the quality of the Commission's financial reporting and its system of internal control must have the necessary competence and adequate resources to ensure such quality, and that this includes a means of testing the assurances given by the Directors-General;

85. Welcomes the Commission's initiatives aimed at raising Member States' awareness of their responsibilities under Article 274 of the Treaty, but is unhappy with the Commission's reluctance to look critically at its own responsibilities under that Article; invites therefore the Court to issue an opinion on the Commission's compliance with Article 274 and on the position and the role of the accounting officer and a future CFO in an accruals accounting environment;

86. Would also like to know whether in the Court's opinion the Commission's internal control structures match the recommendations the Commission is proposing for the private sector, as for example in its Communication to the Council and the European Parliament on Modernising Company Law and Enhancing Corporate Governance in the European Union — A Plan to Move Forward (COM(2003)0284), and whether this is desirable;

87. Invites the Court to inform its competent committee before the end of the second month following the adoption of this resolution whether it will accept the invitation to issue such an opinion and, in the case of a positive decision, to present an indicative timetable for the work to be carried out;

Networking

88. Invites the Commission to set up a network for financial control organisations and bodies, including an annual meeting in the presence of the members of its Committee on Budgetary Control, to discuss and exchange experiences as regards general EU internal control systems (including internal audit) and accountability issues and thereby foster more effective cooperation between Member States and the European Union;

89. Invites its competent committee to provide specific resources from the EU budget for such a network;

Error rates, tolerable risk of error and cost-benefit analysis

90. Believes that a global error rate will only give an indication that something is wrong but will not indicate what the problem is and that what is needed is precise information on the origin, frequency, nature and financial impact of errors and factors on which action should be taken in order to prevent new errors in the future;

91. Welcomes the Court's refocusing of its DAS approach so that the central question now is whether the supervisory systems and controls that have been implemented at Community and national level provide the Commission with reasonable assurance as regards the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions;

Thursday 27 April 2006

92. Takes the view that the definition of an *ex ante* tolerable risk of error is a necessary step in the context of defining an efficient and effective internal control framework;
93. Believes further that a tolerable error rate in the underlying transactions can only be established when knowing the costs to be devoted to checking expenditure; welcomes therefore the actions launched through the above mentioned Action Plan towards an Integrated Internal Control Framework to assess the costs and benefits of checks;
94. Considers, as stated by the Court of Auditors at paragraph 55 of its above mentioned Opinion No 2/2004, that the relation between the costs of controls and the benefits they bring is a critical aspect of the control strategy for a programme or a policy and that it therefore must be 'open and transparent';
95. Believes therefore that the balance between costs and benefits of controls shall be approved by the political and budgetary authorities (Parliament and Council) based on a detailed proposal of the Commission, thereby accepting a certain level of tolerable risk of error; supports therefore the Commission's initiative to launch an interinstitutional dialogue in 2006;
96. Further believes that different budgetary areas could be subject to different tolerable risks of error depending on type and risks of the transactions concerned;
97. Invites the Commission to indicate — in as much detail as possible — which areas of the budget it considers HR (High Risk), MR (Medium Risk) and LR (Low Risk) and to adapt its control and audit activities accordingly;
98. Invites the Court of Auditors to take into consideration, when establishing its audit opinion, the risk acceptance decided by the budgetary and political authorities;

Court of Auditors

99. Recalls that the President of the Court of Auditors, in his speech to its competent committee in Strasbourg on 14 November 2005, said that the Court was 'in the process of preparing a self-assessment of its organisation and methods to be followed by a peer review'; notes that no independent review of the Court's work has taken place since it was set up in 1977; welcomes the initiative and understands that the peer review will be an external review, as currently exercised in some Member States, and that the objective is to test the quality and relevance of what the Court is doing and clearly to indicate where the Court could learn from others, including both Member States and other states such as the United States and New Zealand;
100. Calls for this review to give consideration to the question of whether the resources of the Court are sufficient to achieve its objectives;
101. Invites the Court, as part of the preparation of the peer review, to send its competent committee a report in which the Court critically and professionally describes its strengths and weaknesses and whether its governance set-up allows it to meet present standards regarding efficiency, effectiveness, ownership and leadership; further invites the Court to keep its competent committee and main client informed on all major steps in this process and to present the final as well as intermediary reports to this committee;
102. Calls for the Court to give serious and detailed consideration in this report to introducing into its work programme enhanced techniques for measuring and assessing progress in establishing effective financial controls;
103. Welcomes the Court's efforts to improve the presentation of its audit results and in particular the use of tables and indicators such as the assessment of the implementation in the Member States of management and control systems as regards structural measures (Annex 2 to Chapter 4 and Annex 1 to Chapter 5 in the annual report); expresses its hope that the use of such tables and indicators be expanded in future reports;

Thursday 27 April 2006

104. Finds that benchmarking can be an effective tool in evaluating efforts by Member States to improve management of EU funds; demands therefore that information about the strengths and weaknesses of the Member States' control systems be made public both by the Commission and the Court;

105. Regrets that the table in Annex 1 to Chapter 5 includes only a limited number of Member States and invites the Court to find ways to include more explicit and specific information on weaknesses in the different sectors and Member States;

106. Recalls that in its discharge report for 2003 the Parliament already asked for the DAS methodology to be further developed in order to obtain information on improvements in each sector from year to year in the different Member States;

107. Reminds the Court that its operational services could be significantly increased by reducing Members' cabinets to one person;

SECTORAL ISSUES

Revenue

108. Notes that contributions calculated on the basis of gross national income (GNI) are now by far the most important source of revenue for the Community (two thirds of all revenue in 2004) and is concerned that the Court reports significant differences in the supervisory and control systems at statistical offices in Member States (paragraph 3.48) because this could impact on the quality of the data being used for calculating Member States' contributions;

109. Invites the Commission to inform its competent committee on which measures it has or will take to improve the reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of national accounts;

The common agricultural policy

110. Notes with satisfaction that the Court for the first time has issued a positive statement on expenditure under the Integrated Administrative and Control System (IACS) and that it considers this system, when effectively implemented, to be a strong instrument in reducing risk of irregular expenditure;

111. Also notes that the system is still not fully implemented in Greece, as it should have been since 1993, and that the Court, also for the first time, has indicated the reason, namely that 'farmers unions control the input of all data into the computer'; further notes that 'these irregular changes have an estimated financial impact of at least EUR 10 million, and that the impact over the whole claim period could be significantly more' (paragraph 4.8); notes that the government of Greece has refuted these claims and in November 2005 opened negotiations with the Commission in order to settle the issue; feels that the government of Greece should control the data input and not the farmers unions;

112. Notes that under the current system corrections are too often paid by taxpayers and not by the final beneficiary who committed the error; takes the view that corrections therefore only have a limited preventive and dissuasive effect on beneficiaries and managers;

113. Notes the Court's discontent with the scope of the work of the certifying bodies (paragraph 4.60) on the grounds that it does not provide direct assurance that the information supplied by claimants, and used by paying agencies to calculate the payment due, is correct and therefore that payments are legal and regular; invites the Commission explicitly to require certifying bodies to test the operation of the primary-level controls;

114. Fully supports the Court's point of view that the Commission's post-payment checks involving visits to only three Member States is too limited to enable the Commission to state that it has 'reasonable assurance as to the compliance with Community legislation of the expenditure' (paragraph 4.58);

Thursday 27 April 2006

Special Report No 9/2004 concerning Forestry Measures within Rural Development Policy

115. Shares the Court's criticism that there is no commonly applied definition of forest and other wooded land in the EU although the UN already established general definitions of forest and wooded land 10 years ago; strongly recommends that the Commission introduce a minimum of common terminology, such as a set of definitions according to the different climate zones in the Union; requests that the Commission use these common definitions in order better to target EU forestry measures and spending;

116. Finds it unacceptable that the accreditation of the EAGGF paying agencies in some new Member States has been incomplete since accession; calls on the Commission to complete its work as soon as possible, as significant amounts will be charged to the EAGGF in the coming years and further prolongation will definitely cause late or delayed payments for these Member States;

117. Observes a lack of coherence between the 7 years' programming period from 2000 to 2006 for EU afforestation measures and the funds allocated to this period on the one hand and, on the other hand, the major instrument for afforestation which consists of an annual premium per hectare for beneficiaries paid over 20 years to compensate the loss of income if they convert agricultural land into forest; is worried about the Court's finding that the amount of premiums largely exceeds the funds allocated to the programme; is concerned that, as a consequence, the Commission's human resources are not focused on current objectives but have to deal with the administration of the premiums; considers Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) ⁽¹⁾ as a first step into the right direction, as it reduces the compensation scheme from 20 to 15 years; asks the Commission to table further proposals in order to remedy the situation;

Special Report No 3/2005 concerning the Rural Development: The Verification of Agri-Environment expenditure

118. Notes that agri-environment measures form an integral part of the EU's reformed CAP, although the verification of environmental expenditure can pose particular problems due to its labour-intensive character and the requirement of highly specialised knowledge;

119. Points out that good national practices could serve as a template for all Member States, such as the German 2-step method for verifying Good Farming Practice (GFP), with a general check of 5% of farmers and an additional, more detailed check of 1% of farmers; calls upon the responsible authorities to improve and make better use of local knowledge and indicators, possibly through the partial use of funds for technical assistance in the new Rural Development Regulation to increase such knowledge;

120. Urges the Commission, in order better to discharge its responsibilities, to evaluate the verifiable character of sub-measures at the time of approving the rural development programmes;

121. Attaches the greatest importance to an efficient and responsible use of the EU budget and the application of the principle that an initiative that is insufficiently verifiable should not be financed by public money;

122. Therefore considers that the Commission, the Council and Parliament should ensure that this principle is better respected when implementing the proposals for agri-environment expenditure in the 2007 to 2013 planning period, without increasing control costs and bureaucracy;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1.

Structural measures

123. Agrees fully with the Court when it states that 'Member States are responsible in the first instance for the management of operations and control of expenditure and for ensuring the correctness and legality of the underlying transactions through the functioning of systems verified by national audit bodies' (paragraph 5.7); reminds the Commission as well as the Court that in the absence of an adequate audit trail of structural programmes, there is no straightforward and transparent basis for certification of expenditure by Member States;

124. Is in view of this concerned about the Court's very serious findings, as follows (paragraph 5.48):

- 'weaknesses in the management and control systems across all the programmes in its sample for both the 1994-1999 and the 2000-2006 periods',
- concerning the 2000-2006 period that 'most of the systems examined need varying degrees of improvement in order to fully comply with the fundamental regulatory requirements for effective day-to-day management checks and/or independent sample checks of operations',
- 'numerous errors of legality and regularity in the expenditure included in the declarations leading to payments by the Commission in 2004';

125. Invites the Commission and the Member States immediately to take all necessary measures in order to bring 'day-to-day management' up to the required standard;

126. Points out that in the context of the CAP, the paying agencies can assign certain tasks to delegated bodies, but that actual payments may never be subject to any delegation; notes that in this way the paying agency remains primarily responsible for all the decisions which result in an actual payment; feels that the current situation in relation to structural measures, where managing authorities are allowed to delegate actual payment decisions, undermines efficient checks and balances; asks therefore the Commission to address this problem swiftly and adequately;

127. Believes that what is needed are better controls and not more controls and that assurance for the regularity and legality of underlying transactions has to come from better primary controls before approval of applications, during implementation of operations and before final payment, and not via more Commission on-the-spot controls;

128. Calls on Member States to ensure that adequate resources are invested in these controls and that proper guidance is provided; calls on the Commission to support these actions by the dissemination of good practices in this area;

129. Urges Member States to invest more in information activities directed at beneficiaries to make them aware of funding conditions, the probability of checks being made on them and the consequences of breaches;

130. Notes that the high number of national, regional and local offices and departments in the Member States involved in the management and control of structural measures makes the consolidation of audit reports as proposed at central Member State level a necessary and efficient way of facilitating better controls;

131. Notes that in the future structural measures could account for nearly half the appropriations in the Community budget and urges therefore the Commission and the Member States to implement the proposed sectoral declarations at central Member State level;

132. Believes that the independence of management and control bodies is of fundamental importance and invites the Commission to make arrangements for Commission approval of management and control bodies set up at national level;

133. Invites the Commission to present as soon as possible a proposal which would require the audit body proposed in the 2007-2013 regulations to certify the claims made on all structural funds in the course of any given year, and not just the claims under the 2007-2013 programmes, because 2000-2006 expenditure continues until 2010;

Thursday 27 April 2006

134. Underlines that the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, should ensure that the lessons drawn from the closing of programmes for the 1994 to 1999 period are applied for the 2000 to 2006 period and future periods of the implementation of Structural Fund programmes and Cohesion Fund projects; notes that this also requires that the Member States ensure an adequate and timely submission of national closure documents;

135. Invites the Commission to present every six months a scoreboard showing Member States' progress as regards efficient implementation of supervisory and control systems as described in the regulations;

Internal policies, including research

136. Asks the Commission to work towards a maximum of standardised procedures in internal policies, thereby facilitating financial controls and reducing the administrative burden for beneficiaries; in particular, urges the Commission to follow the Court's repeated advice to establish a common or integrated IT system for the management of the fifth, sixth and further framework programmes for research, technological development and demonstration activities;

137. Notes that the Commission shares the Court's concerns as regards the persistent high risk of errors caused by incorrect declarations of costs by final beneficiaries; is convinced that simplification of procedures would help to remedy this problem; asks therefore the Commission thoroughly to consider the Court's suggestions in this respect;

Employment and social affairs

138. Notes the fact that, with regard to structural measures, the Court found further shortcomings in management and control systems and calls specifically on the Member States to undertake improvements as a matter of urgency with the assistance of national audit bodies and the relevant independent authorities;

139. Agrees with the recommendation of the Court that the number of on-site project assessments should be increased; regrets, in that connection, that the Directorate-General for Employment has not carried out any adequate assessments in order to substantiate the conclusions regarding management and control systems in the Member States for the 2000 to 2006 period;

140. Calls on the Member States, the Commission and in particular the relevant Directorates-General to work together effectively, according to the principles of good faith and sound financial management, to ensure that appropriations from the Structural Funds in particular are properly allocated;

141. Agrees that the electronic system introduced by the Directorate-General for Employment for monitoring recommendations concerning controls cannot be considered effective and encourages the Commission to issue a memorandum concerning good practice as regards controls on management of national expenditure and assessing the results of all kinds of financial resources;

142. Is generally satisfied with the progress made with regard to utilisation rates; notes that this may also be attributed to the application of the n+2 rule;

143. Agrees with the lessons learned concerning the evaluation of the Community initiative INTEGRA on social exclusion at the workplace and therefore calls on the Member States and the Commission to continue their efforts to ensure greater social cohesion;

144. Is generally satisfied with the utilisation rates in the budget lines devoted to employment and social affairs, which are to be attributed to improved management by the Commission;

145. Notes that, in internal policy areas, there is still, unfortunately, no adequate DAS as regards the legality and regularity of payments; calls on the Commission continuously to verify whether its cost-reimbursement systems could not be simplified and the procedures and instructions governing the various programmes not be formulated more clearly;

Thursday 27 April 2006

146. Calls on the Commission, in view of the uncertainty regarding the adoption of proposals for participation in Community programmes, to take practical measures to facilitate procedures;

Environment, public health and food safety

147. Considers the overall implementation rates of the budget headings for environment, public health and food safety satisfactory;

148. Calls on the Commission to develop further assistance to applicants in the context of multi-annual programmes; welcomes the efforts better to focus calls for tenders and to provide more assistance to applicants in order to avoid the submission of project applications which are clearly not eligible for funding or of poor quality, but notes that further work is needed in order to obtain a satisfactory situation;

149. Notes that the payment rates for the environment, health and food safety policy areas were all below 80%; acknowledges the difficulties in planning payment appropriation needs, as the submission of bills by beneficiaries and contractors is largely outside the Commission's control; calls on the Commission, however, to examine its own procedures carefully to see if the implementation of payment appropriations could be improved;

150. Points out that compliance with the administrative and financial provisions of the Financial Regulation should not lead to unnecessary delays in awarding grants or selecting projects to be financed;

Internal market and consumer protection

151. Welcomes the steps that the Commission has taken to date to obviate the risk of errors in grant management, with the result that consumer actions are not singled out in the Court's observations; equally, welcomes the absence of critical observations on both internal market policy actions and customs policy;

152. Recognises the practical difficulty that the Commission faces in trying to reconcile demands that the administrative burden placed on grant applicants under the relevant programmes be as light as possible with the obligation to ensure sound financial management consistent with the implementing rules for the Financial Regulation;

153. Stresses that proper implementation of annual calls for proposals for specific consumer protection projects needs to be ensured; calls on the Commission to translate the lessons learnt during the execution of the current consumer programme in designing the new programme for 2007-2013, allowing for alternative beneficiaries that would be better equipped to undertake the actions envisaged;

154. Emphasises the importance it attaches to effective follow-up of observations by the Court concerning internal audit capabilities and failures to meet accepted standards;

Transport and tourism

155. Notes that in its annual report the Court found that there had been a substantial increase in internal audit activity in the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN), where the value of audited contracts rose from EUR 52 920 000 in 2003 to EUR 504 000 000 and the total value of adjustments in the Commission's favour rose from EUR 2 530 000 in 2003 to EUR 14 910 000;

156. Notes also that in the Court's view DG TREN should take further action to reach its audit target of 20% of projects and 35% of total project costs, define model costs statements and distinguish between studies and works for audit purposes;

157. Welcomes the fact that, following the Court's remarks in its previous annual reports, a new model Commission decision was adopted in 2004 which gives a tighter definition of eligible and ineligible costs;

Thursday 27 April 2006

158. Is concerned that while 93 % of commitment appropriations for transport safety were used, only 60 % of the payment appropriations were deployed;

159. Expresses its disappointment that only 25 % of commitments and 11 % of payments available for protecting passengers' rights were used;

160. Notes that another area where implementation has been low is Marco Polo payment appropriations, and this for reasons outside the control of the Community, and that a number of advance payments were not executed because some projects were not ready to deliver the required bank guarantee or used the wrong bank guarantee forms;

161. Notes with great satisfaction that, of the appropriations available for the important TEN-T budget item, 100 % of commitments and 95,82 % of payments have been taken up, showing that it is essential to increase the appropriations for this item in future;

Culture and education

162. Endorses the recommendations made by the Court in Chapter 6 of its annual report on internal policies concerning the need to reduce the risk of errors, particularly in the light of the specificities characterising beneficiaries of grants within EU programmes on education, culture, youth and the media;

163. Welcomes the replies provided by the Commission to continue its efforts to improve its internal control systems by implementing the actions provided for in the above mentioned communication on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework;

164. Underlines the importance that the Commission capitalise on the procedural difficulties and bottlenecks in the management of projects encountered by beneficiaries of grants; invites the relevant Commission services to identify solutions and present them in the form of lessons to be learnt by and disseminated among beneficiaries, as well as to be used for improving inputs for internal procedures;

165. Recalls that it will attach great importance to the interim and *ex post* evaluation reports on the future Lifelong Learning, Culture, Media, Youth and Citizens for Europe Programmes, and advocates a wider use of assessment indicators;

166. Emphasises the importance of strengthening multi-lingual procedures in relation to calls for proposals addressed to citizens and potential beneficiaries of EU programmes;

167. Notes the low implementation rate of some key press and communication-related budget lines and considers that this undermines any effective communication policy capable of adequately reflecting the current need for debate about the future of the Union;

Gender equality

168. Notes that 2004 was the year of enlargement, and the main priority for the budget was to proactively ease the process of integration of the ten new Member States;

169. Regrets the fact that the discharge report does not give enough relevant information as to how the budget has achieved this priority, especially as regards equal opportunities for women in the enlarged Union;

170. Reminds the Commission that the provisions of the Treaty of Nice imply that a very broad range of Community policies and measures have to be looked at from the point of view of equal opportunities;

Thursday 27 April 2006

171. Reiterates its request to the Commission made in its resolution of 3 July 2003 on gender budgeting⁽¹⁾ and regrets that the discharge report does not give it the possibility to assess the impact of the budget from a gender perspective; regrets the lack of budgetary data concerning funding allocated to the promotion of gender equality in the context of different budget lines;

172. Demands that relevant information on gender mainstreaming policies be included in every discharge report; regrets that the Commission has not delivered this information; repeats its demand for gender-specific data in the discharge reports;

173. Welcomes the progress achieved in the implementation of the 2004 budget with regard to all the objectives and the programming period for the Structural Funds, which translates into a payment implementation rate of 99 %, well above that achieved in 2003 (89 %);

174. Notes the low payment implementation rate as regards the 'Daphne' programme while accepting the Commission's reasoning regarding maintaining high quality standards for the projects supported by the programme;

175. Calls on the Member States, the Commission and the Commission's Directorates-General concerned to collaborate effectively and in keeping with the rules of good faith and sound financial management with a view to the proper implementation of appropriations committed, particularly as regards Structural Funds;

176. Calls on the Commission, in view of the uncertainty that exists regarding the acceptance of proposals to participate in the different Community programmes, to take practical measures aimed at making the process easier and at reducing the expenditure incurred during submission of such proposals;

Area of freedom, security and justice

177. Welcomes the fact that some progress has been made in the implementation of the budget for an area of freedom, security and justice; deeply deplores, however, the still very low level of implementation of payments (83,8 % according to the Court, in comparison to 68 % in 2003), which leads to a considerable increase of outstanding commitments (*reste à liquider* — RAL) from EUR 160 000 000 to 238 000 000; calls on the Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security further to improve the implementation of the budget and to reduce RAL;

178. Regrets that the Court in its annual report had to repeat its concerns about the implementation of the Refugee Fund by Member States and in particular the weaknesses of control systems; stresses that adequate control mechanisms by the Member States need to be put in place to ensure proper implementation of the programmes within the new financial perspective by shared management; calls on the Commission to provide appropriate training for Member States' officials in time for the new programmes;

179. Regrets that the financial regulation of Eurojust has still not been approved by the Commission;

External actions

180. Requests that the Commission, in line with the Court's recommendation, clarify with the UN agencies the Court's right of access to projects managed by such agencies in order to enable the Court to carry out the necessary on-the-spot checks;

181. Requests that the Commission inform its competent committee when and why it contributes in a substantial way to UN agencies;

182. Requests that the Court report on how EU contributions can retain their own identity in the UN family and requests that the Court report on the advantages of financing actions through the UN instead of through the Commission's actions in the field of external relations;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 74 E, 24.3.2004, p. 746.

Thursday 27 April 2006

183. Expresses its concerns as regards the Court's observations on the project implementing organisations, namely weaknesses in internal controls and a considerable number of errors in transactions; calls on EuropeAid to pay particular attention to the implementing level in its overall risk assessment and to intensify its audits of implementing organisations;

184. Asks the Commission to ensure that information on all audits, including those contracted by delegations and implementing organisations, is introduced in EuropeAid's CRIS financial information system, thereby linking it to the respective project monitoring information and making it available for the headquarters' services; welcomes the Commission's willingness to examine this proposal but urges however the Commission to implement this recommendation of the Court as soon as possible;

185. Regrets, while recognising that EuropeAid has reacted to its request for greater transparency and fully supporting the need for a better system of checks, the vastly increased complexity of the new procedures, which are cumbersome and take far too long to implement; points out the need for real simplification, while not losing sight of the original objective; welcomes, therefore, the decision by EuropeAid to simplify as from 1 February 2006 the procedure for evaluating proposals submitted to it, in order to reduce the burden on applicant organisations of producing supporting documentation and guarantees of eligibility;

186. Insists that equal emphasis be placed on both programme quality and commitment and disbursement rates;

187. Invites the Commission to inform its competent committee on its current concrete measures and future plans to reduce the risks of implementing and funding projects in a notably highly corruption-prone environment with feeble checks and balances and governance structures; would also appreciate the Commission's view on whether and to what degree the resulting risks are manageable under the provisions of the Treaty;

188. Reiterates its view that the considerable additional costs entailed by deconcentration need to be justified by tangible results; as such, welcomes the Court's evaluation of how effectively deconcentration has been working in the delegations, as called for by Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs in its opinion on the 2002 discharge; notes, however, the Court's assertion that 'some problem areas' in the planning process 'need further attention';

189. Recognises the difficulty of reporting a single donor's results in a multi-donor environment; deplores, however, the Commission's intention to move to a 'results-based approach' to development policy without establishing a methodology to measure the specific results of Community cooperation against the key objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

190. Agrees with the Court on the need for objective, useful and comprehensive indicators to measure the output of aid (Special Report No 4/2005, paragraph 63); trusts that these will be put in place for the period 2007-2013;

191. Regrets that the Commission's total reported allocation for basic education and basic health in 2004 was only 4,98 %, which was far from meeting the 20 % benchmark established by Parliament; calls for a meaningful dialogue with the Commission on how this figure may be improved;

192. Insists that greater priority be given to the main MDG sectors of health and education in the next round of Country Strategy Papers;

193. Welcomes the identification of sector budget support⁽¹⁾ as a means of increasing the level of financing for education and health; considers this option more effective than general budget support, even when linked to progress in these sectors;

(¹) Reply to question 1.4, DEVE questionnaire.

Thursday 27 April 2006

194. Appreciates the Commission's contribution to the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) programme, which is helping to reduce the inherent risks of budget support; notes, however, the finding of the Court that the shared responsibility for public finance management between the EuropeAid Cooperation Office and the Development Directorate-General 'only works because of good interpersonal relations' (Special Report No 2/2005, paragraph 65);

195. Congratulates the Commission on increasing both commitment and payment levels each year since the reform of the management of external assistance and for reorganising EuropeAid to provide better support to deconcentrated delegations; shares the Commission's concern⁽¹⁾ over the timely availability of competent staff in delegations, especially in relation to finance, contracts and audit;

196. Welcomes the increase in average staff per EUR 10 000 000 managed from 4,1 in 1999 to 4,8 in 2004; regrets that this figure remains well below the average for European donors and is now falling;

197. Calls on the Commission to ensure that administrative capacity for development policy in Bulgaria and Romania is strengthened before they accede to the EU;

Special Report No 10/2004 concerning the Devolution of EC external aid management to the Commission delegations

198. Calls on the Commission to improve its cost indicators and speed up its work on the development of indicators on the speed and quality of aid delivery, in order to allow a better assessment of the costs and benefits of the devolution process;

199. Encourages the Commission further to improve the quality of support provided by headquarters to the delegations;

200. Encourages the Commission to continue its efforts to ensure that staffing needs both at headquarters and in the delegations are met, and to further enhance training;

201. Urges the Commission to increase its efforts to try to reduce delays in project implementation which occur outside the delegations;

202. Welcomes the steps taken by the Commission to simplify and harmonise financial and contractual procedures;

203. Stresses that the 24 internal control standards in place in the delegations must be applied effectively;

204. Requests from the Court a report on how non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are financed dealing with the definition of NGO in the Court's view, which percentage of NGOs' resources the Commission finances and which part comes from private entities not attached to any governmental body and the advantages of having projects implemented by NGOs rather than by private undertakings;

205. Further requests the Court to provide a separate examination of the proper implementation in its totality of budget line 19-04 European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), as established by Parliament in 1992;

⁽¹⁾ Reply to question 5.2, DEVE questionnaire.

Thursday 27 April 2006

Special Report No 4/2005 concerning the Commission's management of economic cooperation in Asia

206. Welcomes the Court's Special Report on the Commission's management of economic cooperation in Asia; takes note of the Court's finding that there has been a lack of focus in expenditure and, equally, that Asia-wide projects have suffered from an overly complex application procedure; welcomes the statement that the projects audited reached a sizeable number of beneficiaries; endorses the recommendations made that the Commission should ensure that application procedures are not unnecessarily complex, that delegations give adequate assistance to applicants and that there be a greater focus on the sustainability of projects;

207. Invites the Commission to clarify the operational framework for EU aid to Asia, focusing on a small number of better defined key priorities which in turn would help to improve effective aid implementation and enable a more result and impact-oriented approach;

208. Calls on the Commission to step up its work in developing the appropriate indicators against which to measure progress made and to ensure the necessary monitoring in order to evaluate the results obtained;

209. Expects the Commission to introduce in the current review of the Financial Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾ an adequate simplification of contractual procedures and of procedures for grants, as regards in particular small-scale projects, so that flexibility may be achieved in the application of the rules, along with efficiency and sound financial management;

Pre-accession strategy

210. Invites the Commission to rethink the design of pre-accession projects in terms of better targeting and simplifying objectives and conditions; agrees with the Court that this would reduce the risk of errors in implementation; is convinced that simplifying project design would also facilitate the assessments of results;

211. Acknowledges that the Commission has to support the accession countries' authorities in controlling EU spending in a fully decentralised way; observes that, at the same time, the Commission still has to compensate weaknesses in the accession countries' financial management by keeping *ex ante* controls in the hands of the delegations; feels that proper risk management in this area implies that the Commission strike a balance between these two poles;

212. Notes the Court's finding that weaknesses in the management capacity of Bulgaria and Romania remain, welcomes the improvements that have already been made and urges the Bulgarian and Romanian authorities to continue enhancements in the supervision of pre-accession assistance in order to prepare themselves for more efficient use of Structural Funds; at the same time, urges the Commission to improve its management and targeting of those funds;

Administrative expenditure

Issues concerning the agencies

213. Is pleased to note that the Commission has come forward with a proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on the Agencies, as requested by Parliament in its 2003 discharge reports on the agencies; calls on the Council to begin negotiations as soon as possible with a view to concluding an agreement on the basis of the Commission's draft text, taking account of the principles set out by Parliament in its resolution of 13 January 2004 on The Operating Framework for the European Regulatory Agencies ⁽²⁾ and in its resolution of 1 December 2005 on European Regulatory Agencies ⁽³⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 92 E, 16.4.2004, p. 119.

⁽³⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0460.

Thursday 27 April 2006

214. Notes that the Financial Regulation was designed primarily for the Commission; is aware that the agencies' framework Financial Regulation⁽¹⁾ and the subsequent individual financial regulations for each agency⁽²⁾ were all designed to follow as closely as possible the general Financial Regulation; points out that a financial regulation fitting for the Commission might not always suit the much smaller agencies; asks the Commission to ensure that the needs of the agencies are properly addressed in the current reform of the Financial Regulation;

215. Finds it necessary to improve the agencies' responsibility for the efficient use of EU taxpayers' money and therefore considers that the agencies have to be accountable to Parliament's respective committees;

216. Considers that the agencies probably need more help with recruitment than the bigger institutions, which are likely to have a larger, more experienced administration to draw on to help with such tasks; urges the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) to respond positively to requests for assistance with recruitment from the agencies; asks the Commission to make other horizontal services in addition available to the agencies, such as training and the legal service;

217. Asks the Commission to report on the state of play concerning internal audit in the agencies, describing the internal audit capability available within each agency and the internal audit services provided by the Commission in terms of provision both of guidance and of internal audits;

218. Notes the UN's apparent failure properly to apply the financing agreement signed between the Commission and it regarding the European Agency for Reconstruction, leaving the Court frequently unable to carry out adequate financial control of payments and underlying documents concerning contracts managed or overseen by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK); notes the statement by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to grant full access to all files at the request of the Court; urges however the Commission to review the financing agreement with the UN; is of the opinion that a possible phasing out of the European Agency for Reconstruction should not be done according to a pre-set timetable but should depend on economic and political criteria and developments, making full use of the added value of the Agency in terms of expertise and know-how developed over the years, and asks the Commission to bring forward a proposal after a proper final evaluation to see whether the mandate of the reconstruction agency could be altered in such a way that that existing expertise and know-how could be used to provide reconstruction assistance wherever needed, for example in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and the countries affected by the Tsunami, as a second stage after immediate humanitarian needs have been addressed by the Humanitarian Aid Office;

219. Urges the Commission to help the European Environment Agency resolve the dispute with the Danish authorities concerning reimbursement of inappropriately paid taxes;

220. Is disappointed to note that the conflict between the Commission and the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union concerning payment of employer's pension contributions has still not been resolved; urges the Commission to step up its efforts to settle this dispute.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0158

2004 Discharge: Section I — European Parliament

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section I — European Parliament (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0357/2005 — 2005/2091(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the revenue and expenditure account and balance sheet in respect of the financial year 2004 (C6-0357/2005),
 - having regard to the Internal Auditor's annual report,
 - having regard to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors on the Implementation of the Budget, together with the institutions' replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 272(10) and 275 of the EC Treaty and Article 179a of the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
 - having regard to Article 13 of the Internal Rules for the implementation of the European Parliament's budget ⁽⁵⁾,
 - having regard to Article 147(1) of the Financial Regulation, pursuant to which each Community institution is required to take all appropriate steps to act on the observations accompanying the European Parliament's discharge decision,
 - having regard to Rules 71 and 74(3) of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0119/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors pointed to weaknesses in supervisory and control systems (paragraph 9.16), albeit mostly of a formal nature; whereas, according to the Court, the errors did not materially affect the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying administrative expenditure (paragraph 9.27),
- B. whereas the Financial Regulation and Parliament's Rules of Procedure as amended on 23 October 2002 ⁽⁶⁾ apply with effect from 1 January 2003 as regards the procedural rules governing the discharge,
- C. whereas Parliament's Rules of Procedure were amended on 23 October 2002 to provide that discharge is to be given to the President rather than to the Secretary-General,
1. Postpones the decision to grant its President discharge for implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors and the European Ombudsman and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 105, 30.4.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 302, 30.11.2005, p. 100.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ PE 349.540.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 300 E, 11.12.2003, p. 303.

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0159

2004 Discharge: Section II — Council**1.****European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section II — Council (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC))***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0111/2006),

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Council discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

2.**European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section II — Council (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005 — 2005/2092(DEC))***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0359/2005),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
 - having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0111/2006),
1. Notes that in 2004 the Council administered a budget of EUR 541 916 200 with a utilisation rate of 98,10 %;
 2. Takes note of the remarks made by the Court of Auditors and calls on the Council to take them into account and to continue to improve its financial management;
 3. Observes that, according to paragraph 9.4 of the Court of Auditors' annual report, the Council had in 2004 still not set up any internal control standards following the adoption of the Financial Regulation in June 2002 and that, according to the Council's reply, the internal control standards for the Council were finally adopted on 20 July 2005;
 4. Recalls that the Commission's communication of 15 June 2005 on a roadmap to an integrated internal control framework (COM(2005)0252) is equally applicable to all institutions and that therefore the Council should lead by example;
 5. Points out that according to paragraph 9.18 of the Court of Auditors' annual report additional annual leave granted before 31 December 1997 as compensation for overtime was paid on retirement if the official had not taken the additional leave; notes that the Council's reply does not explain why such payments were made to A and B grade staff, who under the Staff Regulations are not entitled to compensation for overtime;
 6. Notes the Council's recourse to the technique of the end-of-year 'mopping-up' transfer to front-load payments on the LEX building, resulting in a 333 % increase in the amount initially foreseen on budget article 2 0 6 from EUR 13 500 000 to EUR 58 449 000; notes at the same time that Parliament faces similar problems;
 7. Notes a 225 % increase in the initial appropriation for special advisers in the field of European security and defence policy (budget article 3 1 3);
 8. Recalls the remark made in its resolution of 27 October 2005 on the draft general budget for 2006⁽⁵⁾ that the other institutions' budgets should cover administrative expenditure;
 9. Finds that greater clarity with regard to spending on and by the EU Counter-terrorism Co-ordinator would enhance transparency; recalls that as a matter of principle operational expenditure should only be incurred by the Commission;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0410.

Thursday 27 April 2006

10. Urges the Council to improve its reporting capacity by making available at an early stage to the discharge authority, as all other institutions have done, including Parliament, the annual activity report referred to in Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation, thereby contributing to the greater transparency of the institutions;

11. Notes that the Council is currently managing a project for the construction of the LEX building at an estimated cost of EUR 233 000 000 (at 2003 prices);

12. Recalls that in a letter dated 18 November 2004 concerning the 2003 discharge procedure, the Council declined an invitation to attend a meeting of the Committee on Budgetary Control, citing the Gentlemen's Agreement of 22 April 1970; recalls further the Council's reluctance in previous years to give more than cursory answers to the questionnaire sent by the Committee on Budgetary Control to the other institutions by way of preparation of the discharge decision; believes that, in the context of the current compromise consisting in an informal dialogue between the Council and the competent committee's chairman and rapporteur, the competent committee should broaden the scope of its participation to include other Members wishing to contribute to this informal dialogue.

P6_TA(2006)0160

2004 Discharge: Section IV — Court of Justice

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0112/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Grants the Registrar of the Court of Justice discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section IV — Court of Justice (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005 — 2005/2093(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0360/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and to the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0112/2006),

1. Notes that in 2004 the European Court of Justice (ECJ) administered a budget of EUR 235 041 565, with a utilisation rate of 94 %;
2. Notes that as a consequence of enlargement the number of staff at the ECJ increased in 2004 by some 40 %⁽⁶⁾;
3. Notes with disapproval that in 2004 the ECJ again failed to implement several internal control standards;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ Source: annual activity report.

Thursday 27 April 2006

4. Points to the finding set out by the Court of Auditors in paragraph 9.13 of its annual report that the ECJ's internal auditor exercises the function of head of the 'verification unit', which performs ex-ante controls on the authorising officer's operations; agrees with the Court of Auditors that such involvement in the carrying out of financial operations is not compatible with the tasks of an independent internal auditor; criticises the fact that since his appointment in 2003 the internal auditor has not completed any of the audits in his work programme; urges the ECJ to enlist outside support to ensure timely completion of the outstanding audits in the work programme;
5. Regrets that the ECJ's annual activity report could not be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Court of Auditors' annual report as it had not been finalised before the Court of Auditors' audit was concluded; understands that this issue has been resolved with regard to the 2005 annual activity report;
6. Notes that the ECJ, unlike most of the institutions, does not attach to its annual activity report a declaration of assurance signed by its authorising officer by delegation; notes that the Registrar nonetheless drew up and signed a memorandum dated 21 June 2005 assuring the ECJ's President of the regularity of its 2004 accounts; asks the ECJ to draw up such a declaration in future years and hopes that this matter will be regulated in the current review of the Financial Regulation;
7. Congratulates the ECJ on the design, content and legibility of its annual activity report and, in particular, the analysis at the end of each chapter of the type and degree of risk attaching to the operations described therein; believes that the usefulness of annual activity reports could be increased if all institutions followed this example;
8. Welcomes the reduction in the average duration of cases before the ECJ from 25 months in 2003 to 20 months in 2004 against the background of a steadily rising number of cases brought; considers that 20 months per case is still too long; calls on the ECJ to reduce the duration of cases further;
9. Notes that no ex-post verification was carried out in 2004 because of the need for the ex-ante verification service to concentrate on setting up the new financial circuit;
10. Notes that the ECJ is currently managing a substantial project for the construction of new buildings comprising two towers and a 'ring' with accommodation for staff to be needed following future enlargements, together with up to 40 judges and their cabinets, at an estimated cost of EUR 296 924 590 (at 2000 prices); asks the ECJ for a written description of the arrangements for checking invoices and auditing the project, as well as for an explanation as to which of the parties involved will bear the risk of possible cost overruns; calls on the ECJ to create appropriate control bodies that have permanent responsibility for this large project and for checking that deadlines are met, for monitoring costs and for making any adjustments required;
11. Points out that, according to a comparison of costs between the institutions in the matter of buildings drawn up by the Commission services in June 2005, the ECJ has the highest cost per occupant (EUR 250/m), which is explained however by the shorter than average repayment period chosen by the ECJ, namely 15 years;
12. Believes that, in the interests of transparency, wider publicity should be given to Regulation No 422/67/EEC, 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July 1967 determining the emoluments of the President and members of the Commission and of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal⁽¹⁾ laying down the emoluments of the ECJ's judges, possibly by publishing it on the ECJ's website;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 187, 8.8.1967, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 202/2005 (OJ L 33, 5.2.2005, p. 1).

Thursday 27 April 2006

13. Notes that the ECJ currently imposes no obligation on judges to declare financial interests, such as share holdings, directorships and consultancy contracts; points out that both Commissioners and Members of the European Parliament are required to declare such interests in a public register and that Members of the Court of Auditors deposit a declaration of their financial interests with the Court's President; recommends that, in the interests of transparency, even in the absence of a legal requirement at present, the ECJ should ask for binding rules of this kind to be drawn up;

14. Recalls, as regards official cars for use by the ECJ, that its resolution of 27 October 2005 ⁽¹⁾ called on the ECJ to amend by 1 November 2005 its administrative decision of 31 March 2004 in such a way as to rule out the private use of official cars.

⁽¹⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0410.

P6_TA(2006)0161

2004 Discharge: Section V — Court of Auditors

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0113/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Grants the Secretary-General of the Court of Auditors discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section V — Court of Auditors (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005 — 2005/2094(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0361/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0113/2006),

1. Notes that in 2004 the European Court of Auditors (ECA) administered a budget of EUR 96 925 410, with a utilisation rate of 81,5 %;
2. Recalls that the 2004 accounts of the ECA were audited by an external firm, KPMG ⁽⁶⁾, which concluded that '[i]n our opinion the (...) accounting data and financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with the Financial Regulation, the implementing rules, generally accepted accounting principles and the European Court of Auditor's Internal Rules, of the assets and the financial position of the European Court of Auditors at 31 December 2004 and of the economic result and the revenue and expenditure for the financial year then ended.';

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ Report by the external auditor on the Court of Auditor's accounts for the financial year 2004 (OJ C 299, 29.11.2005, p. 1).

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Notes with interest the terms of the certificate⁽¹⁾ issued by ECA's auditors, KPMG drawing attention for the first time: 'to the information given in note 1 of the Annex to the financial statements, to the effect that, in accordance with accounting standard No 12 (Employee benefits), which was adopted on 28 December 2004 by a decision of the Commission's accounting officer pursuant to Article 133 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities on 31 December 2004 for the first time the Court recorded a provision for its Members' pensions combined with a long-term claim on the Member States to the value of EUR 43 689 621. The amount of the provision was calculated on the basis of an actuarial analysis carried out by the European Commission.';

4. Notes that the extension to the ECA's headquarters building in Luxembourg, under construction since 2001, was occupied in October 2003, ahead of the scheduled date of June 2004; notes also that the accounts for the project are in the process of being closed and that a full report will be provided to the budgetary authority in due course;

5. Notes further a reference in the KPMG report under off-balance sheet commitments to an undertaking by the ECA to acquire land for a further extension (the K3 project); notes that the K3 project is intended to meet the ECA's expected needs arising from the future accession of Bulgaria, Romania and one other country at an estimated cost of EUR 26 450 000 (April 2003 prices)⁽²⁾; notes the ECA's wish 'to distribute the risks associated with such a project more widely, so that these are not ultimately borne to such a large degree by the European taxpayer'; asks to be informed about how this aim will be achieved, with special reference to financial liability for cost overruns;

6. Approves the holding at regular intervals of calls for tender for the appointment of an external firm to audit the ECA's accounts, while expressing concern at the dominant position occupied by a small number of large accountancy practices in Luxembourg and elsewhere; calls for a tender procedure for the appointment of external auditors that is transparent, fair and intelligible to Parliament;

7. Notes that following the latest enlargement in 2004 and its expansion to 25 Members, the ECA has reorganised its structure into four audit groups and a coordination group; queries whether a structure involving 25 Members and their cabinets is the most effective one possible; calls on the ECA to examine the possibility of reducing the number of Members to one third of the number of Member States;

8. Recalls the view expressed by the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union in relation to the negotiations over the Convention on the future of Europe that:

'[t]he ECA's present structure of 15 members of equal status, one from each Member State, who act as a college, is in need of change and, come enlargement, will have to change. A Court with over 20 full-time executive members would be unwieldy, sluggish and ineffective. The proposal for a system of "chambers", a concept now incorporated by the Nice Treaty, appears to be merely a mechanism to absorb members without improving efficiency and is not radical enough to solve this problem.'

9. Recalls that Mr Weber, President of the ECA, in a speech in Strasbourg on 14 November 2005 told the Committee on Budgetary Control that the ECA was carrying out a self-assessment of its organisation and methods to be followed by a 'peer review'; hopes that it will be possible to devise a more rational structure for the ECA before the next enlargement;

10. Suggests that this review of the ECA's working methods could include as one of the possible options the proposal by the House of Lords to replace the current structure by 'a highly qualified chief executive supported by a strong auditing staff, and reporting to a part-time, non-executive board of representatives from each of the Member States';

11. Welcomes the forwarding to the discharge authority of the annual activity report together with the signed declaration by the authorising officer by delegation;

⁽¹⁾ Report by the external auditor on the Court of Auditor's accounts for the financial year 2004 (OJ C 299, 29.11.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Source: The buildings policy of the ECA, overview and state of play, September 2003.

Thursday 27 April 2006

12. Is grateful for the transmission to the discharge authority of the annual report on the internal audit function but regrets that despite the request contained in paragraph 15 of its resolution of 12 April 2005 ⁽¹⁾ this one-page report still does not provide a clear picture of the current control environment;

13. Recalls, as regards official cars for use by ECA Members, that its resolution of 27 October 2005 ⁽²⁾ calls on the ECA to amend by 1 November 2005 its administrative decision of 15 June 2004 in such a way as to rule out the private use of official cars;

14. Invites the ECA to consider publishing Members' declarations of financial interests on its website, thereby contributing to the greater transparency of the institutions; believes that it would improve transparency if greater publicity were given to Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2290/77 determining the emoluments of the Members of the Court of Auditors ⁽³⁾, possibly by publishing it on the ECA's website;

15. Recalls that, following an investigation by OLAF, legal proceedings against a former Member of the ECA have been pending before the courts of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg for some considerable time; regrets that all too often final case reports forwarded by OLAF to the Member States' authorities are simply filed without further action; believes that judicial delay is not an acceptable response to a potentially embarrassing dossier; will follow attentively the Luxembourg judicial authorities' hearing of the above case.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 47.

⁽²⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0410.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 268, 20.10.1977, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1293/2004 (OJ L 243, 15.7.2004, p. 26).

P6_TA(2006)0162

2004 Discharge: Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0114/2006),
1. Grants the Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005 — 2005/2095(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0362/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0114/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes that in 2004 the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) administered a budget of EUR 103 000 000 with a utilisation rate of 88,56 % (2003: 98,12 %);
2. Notes, as stated in paragraph 9.23 of the Court of Auditors' annual report, that the internal control standards were approved in July 2004 but that not all the measures needed to achieve full compliance with them have yet been taken;
3. Notes in relation to the Court of Auditor's findings at paragraph 9.7 of its annual report concerning the transfer of part of staff emoluments with the application of a weighting coefficient the significant number of cases not supported by adequate evidence of the officials' right to the transfers requested; notes that according to information provided by the EESC corrective measures were taken in 2005;
4. Recalls the EESC's assurance given in 2004 that there had been no further irregularities whatsoever with regard to the payment of its Members' travel expenses⁽¹⁾; points out that the Court of Auditors nevertheless referred in its annual report on the 2003 financial year, published in November 2004, to three cases in which the travel allowance paid to Members was twice the amount set out in the Committee's own rules; notes that the Belgian prosecution service has opened a formal investigation based on a finding by OLAF of strong prima facie evidence that up to EUR 45 000 in expenses was wrongfully claimed by an EESC Member over a six-year period; is aware that the EESC voted to lift the immunity of the Member concerned and that a judgment of the competent Belgian court is expected before the end of 2006;
5. Notes that in 2004 the EESC changed its internal rules so as to designate a vice-president to be responsible for budgetary matters and for relations with Parliament;
6. Welcomes the fact that the EESC has forwarded the annual activity report, including a report by the internal auditor and accompanied by the statement of assurance by the authorising officer by delegation;
7. Notes the EESC Secretary-General's reservation regarding the assurance of salary calculations through new payroll application (NAP) software during the 2004 financial year, and that this matter is also described in paragraph 9.5 of the Court of Auditor's report;
8. Points to the following findings arising from the annual activity report:
 - the increase in the number of Members from 222 to 317 (an increase of 42,79 %) following enlargement on 1 May 2004;
 - the closure and replacement of the imprest account office from 1 January 2004 with direct processing of payment orders in the Si2 computer programme;
 - an increase in translation requests of 33,5 % in comparison with 2003;
 - a 35 % increase in the number of meetings;
 - problems with NAP as well as difficulties in recruiting all staff needed in 2004;
9. Notes that in addition to its move to the recently completed Belliard building, the EESC, together with the Committee of the Regions, has a buildings programme comprising four other buildings (Belliard 68, Belliard 96, Trèves and Remorqueur) and will require further office accommodation for future enlargements;
10. Awaits the results of the Court of Auditors' audit of the acquisition and renovation procedures for all buildings shared by the Committee of the Regions and the EESC, including the Belliard I and II buildings; believes there should be an audit of the Montoyer renovation as well; points out that renting buildings would significantly reduce the risks involved for small institutions and that this solution should be considered as a serious alternative for future building projects; approves the fact that, as a result of the policy on sensitive functions, the head of the infrastructure unit has changed position and that a new recruitment process for this post is ongoing;

⁽¹⁾ See paragraph 3 of the European Parliament resolution containing the comments accompanying the decision concerning discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the 2002 financial year — Section VI — European Economic and Social Committee (OJ C 104 E, 30.4.2004, p. 698).

Thursday 27 April 2006

11. Welcomes the fact that the annual activity report includes the results of ex-post controls in accordance with Article 52 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, which provides as follows:

'The result of the ex post verifications shall, with other matters, be set out in the annual activity report submitted by the authorising officer by delegation to his institution'

12. Believes that in this respect the EESC's example could usefully be followed by other institutions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

P6_TA(2006)0163

2004 Discharge: Section VII — Committee of the Regions

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0115/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Grants discharge to the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VII — Committee of the Regions (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005 — 2005/2096(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0363/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0115/2006),

1. Notes that in 2004 the Committee of the Regions (CoR) administered a budget of EUR 59 413 031 with a utilisation rate of 83,57 %;
2. Observes the remark at paragraph 9.24 of the Court of Auditors' annual report that internal control standards were approved only in November 2004; especially notes the insufficient number of ex-post controls and verifications carried out in 2004;
3. Underlines that the CoR appears in the Court of Auditors' annual report to be the institution with the highest number of criticisms of all the other institutions (paragraphs 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.9, 9.11a and b and 9.13 of the report);
4. Criticises the fact that the internal audit function was carried out by a temporary member of staff employed on the basis of renewable contracts of short duration; welcomes the solution now found;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

5. Notes that according to the information given at the hearing of the other institutions organised by the Committee on Budgetary Control on 25 January 2006 certain matters are now the subject of an investigation by OLAF;
6. Notes that the CoR trade unions contest the CoR's recent reorganisation exercise, which has been carried out despite some controversy as already pointed out in previous discharge resolutions;
7. Finds it regrettable that the Court of Auditors was unable to take account of the CoR's annual activity report as it had not been produced before the Court's audit was concluded;
8. Awaits the results of the Court of Auditors' audit of the acquisition and renovation procedures for all buildings shared by the CoR and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), including the Belliard I and II buildings; believes there should also be an audit of the Montoyer renovation; notes that at the time Parliament recommended purchase; points to the fact that renting buildings would significantly reduce the risks involved for small institutions and that this solution should be considered as a serious alternative for future building projects; approves the fact that, as a result of the policy on sensitive functions, the head of the infrastructure unit has changed position and a new recruitment process for this post is ongoing;
9. Invites the Court of Auditors, in the light of the CoR's financial management problems, to draw up a detailed analysis of the CoR's managerial practice in relation to off-budget accounts as compared to the practice in other institutions;
10. Notes that while the authorising officer by delegation did not enter any formal reservations in his statement of assurance, he did annex to it a number of remarks, as follows:
 - due to difficulties in recruiting staff with the necessary skills and because no audits were produced in 2003, the authorising officer by delegation (the CoR's new Secretary-General) did not receive the full benefit of advice and support from the internal audit service in 2004;
 - the process for the acquisition of the two committees' (EESC and CoR) new buildings was virtually complete when the new Secretary-General took over in late 2003; this being so, the decisions on contractual matters and fitting-out had already been taken;
 - due to weaknesses in the new payroll application (NAP) managed by the Commission, the sub-delegated authorising officers and their ex-ante verifiers were unable to guarantee the accuracy of all staff salary calculations;
 - the extensive checking of weighted transfers requested before the entry into force of the new Staff Regulations;
11. Acknowledges that weaknesses in the NAP were a problem for all institutions and not a specific problem for the CoR; expects that after this year of transition following the introduction of the system the NAP will run smoothly;
12. Considers that the CoR should have focused on the importance of setting up a fully functioning internal audit service in 2004, knowing the challenges resulting from enlargement; notes the following as particular challenges: a substantial increase in the budget in 2004 (up 50 %); growth in staff numbers (up 63 %); the arrival of new members (up 43 %); the financial and regulatory impact of the new Staff Regulations; and the continuing implementation of the new Financial Regulation, together with the move of most of the CoR's services to the new buildings (Belliard 99-101 and Belliard 68), which took place in June 2004;
13. Notes that during 2004 the CoR amended its rules on the refunding of travel expenses and the payment of travel and meeting allowances for its members, and that in addition it reformed its Committee for Financial and Administrative Affairs, reducing the membership from 15 to eight, as the political body within the CoR responsible for significant financial or administrative decisions, such as budgets, discharge and internal rules;

Thursday 27 April 2006

14. Recalls that, in relation to OLAF's findings, the public prosecutor at the Brussels Court of Appeal concluded in March 2005 that there was insufficient evidence to bring a prosecution and therefore decided to close the file without further action, but demands nevertheless, given the lack of follow-up in 2004 to the OLAF report on fraud and irregularities at the CoR, that the CoR abolish the imprest account system for the reimbursement of members' travel expenses and adopt the same system as the EESC.

P6_TA(2006)0164

2004 Discharge: Section VIII A — European Ombudsman

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005 — 2005/2042(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0116/2006),

1. Grants the European Ombudsman discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2004, Section VIII A — European Ombudsman (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005 — 2005/2042(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0364/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0116/2006),

1. Notes that in 2004 the European Ombudsman (the Ombudsman) administered a budget of EUR 5 782 988 with a utilisation rate of 88,05 %; notes further that 2004 was the first year in which the Ombudsman's office experienced full autonomy and therefore had full responsibility in financial matters;

2. Points out that the Court of Auditors in its annual report for the financial year 2004 indicates that the audit did not give rise to any observations as regards the Ombudsman;

3. Remarks that the statement of assurance signed by the Ombudsman and attached to his annual activity report contains no reservations or observations concerning management or control issues;

4. Notes that following the entry into force in 2003 of the new Financial Regulation the Ombudsman as an institution with an independent budget had to comply with the rules concerning the separation and independence between the various actors involved in financial operations, to guarantee the economic effectiveness and efficiency of operations and to establish appropriate internal control mechanisms;

5. Recalls that the Ombudsman, therefore, asked for and received authorisation from the budgetary authority to increase in the year 2004 the number of administrative staff dealing with financial and administrative matters; recalls furthermore that these new members of staff enabled the Ombudsman's office to perform during 2004 all the financial tasks that, until the end of 2003, had been provided by Parliament's services under the co-operation agreements; notes that these tasks included, *inter alia*, the management, calculation and processing of missions and the preparation of payment orders concerning staff salaries and also the Ombudsman's emoluments;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

6. Notes that in 2004 the Ombudsman had full control over the financial transactions relating to his section of the budget;
7. Notes that the internal auditor's appraisal of the Ombudsman's office in relation to budgetary transactions in 2004 did not identify any areas of significant risk, but that a series of action plans was agreed with the management to reduce risk further and to enhance the existing systems, especially in the area of public procurement;
8. Notes that 2004 saw an unprecedented rise of 51 % in complaints to the Ombudsman, the total in 2004 being 3 688 such complaints, which represents a clear sign of increasing awareness of the service provided by the Ombudsman and the greater degree of information provided by the institutions; notes that half of that increase was accounted for by complaints from the ten new Member States;
9. Observes that on the Ombudsman's own estimate, 74,8 % of those complaints fell outside the scope of his mandate; notes that in 2004 the Ombudsman nevertheless initiated 351 inquiries, the great majority of which concerned the Commission, with the main type of maladministration alleged being lack of transparency, including refusal of information (22 %);
10. Believes that the Ombudsman could serve as a model for other institutions, both as regards a clearly defined scope of competence and a well administered budget.

P6_TA(2006)0165

2004 Discharge: Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the 2004 financial year, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
- having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
- having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0117/2006),
1. Grants the European Data Protection Supervisor discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the 2004 financial year, Section VIII B — European Data Protection Supervisor (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005 — 2005/2208(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, Volume III (N6-0027/2005 — C6-0365/2005),
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 2004, accompanied by the replies of the institutions audited ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5971/2006 — C6-0092/2006),
 - having regard to Articles 272(10), 275 and 276 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 50, 86, 145, 146 and 147 thereof,
 - having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0117/2006),
1. Notes that in 2004 the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) administered a budget of EUR 1942 279 with an utilisation rate of 54,67 %;
 2. Notes that the audit of the EDPS by the Court of Auditors did not give rise to any observations (paragraph 9.24 of the Court of Auditors' annual report);

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2004.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Notes that on 24 June 2004 the Secretaries-General of the Commission, Parliament and the Council signed, together with the EDPS, an administrative cooperation agreement to assist the EDPS for a start-up period of three years under which:

- the Commission's accounting officer and internal auditor are appointed as the EDPS's accounting officer and auditor;
- Commission departments shall provide assistance for all tasks concerning the management of persons linked to the institution, such as recruitment of staff, determination of entitlements, payment of salaries, reimbursement of medical costs, mission payments and so on;
- Commission departments shall also provide assistance to the EDPS in establishing and implementing the budget;
- the EDPS shall be installed in the Parliament's premises; Parliament's departments shall assist the EDPS as regards material facilities and know-how relating to that installation (security of the buildings, mail, computers, telephones, offices and supplies);

4. Believes that a renewal of the cooperation agreement would be desirable considering the small size of the EDPS' administration;

5. Calls on the EDPS to continue the setting-up of the institution with full respect for the basic principles of legality, regularity and sound financial management.

P6_TA(2006)0166

2004 Discharge: sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005) 0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005) 0449),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Annual accounts for the financial year 2004 of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Financial Management Report on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds for the year 2004 (COM(2005)0307),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the activities funded by the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds (EDFs), together with the institutions' replies ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to Court of Auditors' Special report No 2/2005 concerning EDF budget aid to ACP countries: the Commission's management of the public finance reform aspect, together with the Commission's replies ⁽³⁾ (submitted pursuant to Article 248(4), second subparagraph, of the EC Treaty),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 249.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 261.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 249, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendations of 22 February 2006 (5677/2006 — C6-0094/2006, 5679/2006 — C6-0095/2006, 5680/2006 — C6-0096/2006, 5681/2006 — C6-0097/2006),
 - having regard to Article 33 of the Internal Agreement of 20 December 1995 between the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of the Community aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 32 of the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000 and the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to Article 276 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Article 74 of the Financial Regulation of 16 June 1998 applicable to development finance cooperation under the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to Article 119 of the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 70 and the third indent of Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Development (A6-0110/2006),
- A. whereas, in its statement of assurance on the European Development Funds (EDF), the Court of Auditors concluded that, with certain exceptions, the accounts for the financial year 2004 reliably reflect the revenue and expenditure for the financial year and the financial situation at the end of the year,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors' conclusion on the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions is based *inter alia* on the audit of a sample of transactions,
- C. whereas the Court of Auditors, on the basis of the documentation examined, is of the opinion that the revenue entered in the accounts, the EDF allocations and the commitments and payments are, taken as a whole, legal and regular,
1. Grants discharge to the Commission for the implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth EDF for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 108.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 53.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 83, 1.4.2003, p. 1.

2.

European Parliament decision on closing the accounts for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005)0449),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Annual accounts for the financial year 2004 of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Financial Management Report on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds for the year 2004 (COM(2005)0307),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the activities funded by the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds (EDFs), together with the institutions' replies ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to Court of Auditors' Special report No 2/2005 concerning EDF budget aid to ACP countries: the Commission's management of the public finance reform aspect, together with the Commission's replies ⁽³⁾ (submitted pursuant to Article 248(4), second subparagraph, of the EC Treaty),
- having regard to the Council's recommendations of 22 February 2006 (5677/2006 — C6-0094/2006, 5679/2006 — C6-0095/2006, 5680/2006 — C6-0096/2006, 5681/2006 — C6-0097/2006),
- having regard to Article 33 of the Internal Agreement of 20 December 1995 between the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of the Community aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to Article 32 of the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000 and the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to Article 276 of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Article 74 of the Financial Regulation of 16 June 1998 applicable to development finance cooperation under the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽⁶⁾,
- having regard to Article 119 of the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund ⁽⁷⁾,
- having regard to Rule 70 and the third indent of Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Development (A6-0110/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 249.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 261.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 249, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 108.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 53.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 83, 1.4.2003, p. 1.

1. Notes that the financial situation of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds (EDF) as at 31 December 2004 was as follows:

Table 1 — Cumulative utilisation of EDF resources as at 31 December 2004 (million EUR)													
	Situation at end of 2003 ⁽¹⁾		Budgetary implementation during the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾					Situation at end of 2004 ⁽¹⁾					
	Global amount	Implementation rate %	6th EDF	7th EDF	8th EDF	9th EDF	Global amount	6th EDF	7th EDF	8th EDF	9th EDF	Global amount ⁽¹⁾	Implementation rate %
A — RESOURCES⁽²⁾	43 408,7		- 32,2	- 58,4	- 172,3	656,0	393,1	7 439,4	10 867,7	11 590,6	13 904,1	43 801,8	
B — UTILISATION													
1. Financial commitments	33 317,0	76,8	- 32,2	- 58,4	- 172,3	2 638,1	2 375,2	7 439,4	10 867,7	11 590,6	5 794,5	35 692,2	81,5
2. Individual legal commitments	27 566,9	63,5	28,7	121,4	848,7	1 747,5	2 746,3	7 378,3	10 418,5	9 775,2	2 741,2	30 313,2	69,2
3. Payments	23 504,1	54,1	30,0	244,5	1 191,9	947,6	2 413,9	7 312,1	9 849,6	7 531,1	1 225,2	25 918,0	59,2
C — Outstanding payments (B1 - B3)	9 812,9	22,6						127,3	1 018,1	4 059,5	4 569,3	9 774,1	22,3
D — Available balance (A - B1)	10 091,7	23,2						0,0	0,0	0,0	8 109,6	8 109,6	18,5

Source: Court of Auditors, Annual Report on the activities funded by the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds (EDFs) in the financial year 2004 (OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 257).

⁽¹⁾ With a view to ensuring consistency with the financial statements and budget implementation statements drawn up by the Commission, these figures do not include operations now managed autonomously by the EIB (at end of 2003: resources: EUR 2 245 million; financial commitments: EUR 366 million; individual legal commitments: EUR 140 million; payments: EUR 4 million).

⁽²⁾ Initial allocations to the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th EDFs, interest, sundry resources and transfers from previous EDFs.

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Approves closing the accounts for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth EDF for the financial year 2004;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the European Investment Bank and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds for the financial year 2004 (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005 — 2005/2157(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's report on the follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions (COM(2005) 0449),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Annual accounts for the financial year 2004 of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds (COM(2005)0485 — C6-0430/2005),
- having regard to the Commission communication on the Financial Management Report on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th European Development Funds for the year 2004 (COM(2005)0307),
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the activities funded by the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth European Development Funds (EDFs), together with the institutions' replies ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors pursuant to Article 248 of the EC Treaty ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to Court of Auditors' Special report No 2/2005 concerning EDF budget aid to ACP countries: the Commission's management of the public finance reform aspect, together with the Commission's replies ⁽³⁾ (submitted pursuant to Article 248(4), second subparagraph, of the EC Treaty),
- having regard to the 2005 United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 1 March 2001 on the Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament on the European Community's Development Policy ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 9 March 2005 on the work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in 2004 ⁽⁶⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 8 June 2005 on Policy Challenges and Budgetary Means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013 ⁽⁷⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 17 November 2005 on a development strategy for Africa ⁽⁸⁾,
- having regard to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office's annual activity report 2004,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 249.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 301, 30.11.2005, p. 261.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 249, 7.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ Published by the United Nations Department of Public Information, DPI/2390 — May 2005, <http://millenniumindicators.un.org>.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 277, 1.10.2001, p. 130.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 320 E, 15.12.2005, p. 142.

⁽⁷⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0224.

⁽⁸⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2005)0445.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Commission communication on the Annual Report 2005 on the European Community's Development Policy and the Implementation of External Assistance in 2004 (COM(2005) 0292),
 - having regard to the Council's recommendations of 22 February 2006 (5677/2006 — C6-0094/2006, 5679/2006 — C6-0095/2006, 5680/2006 — C6-0096/2006, 5681/2006 — C6-0097/2006),
 - having regard to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou, Benin, on 23 June 2000 ⁽¹⁾ (the Cotonou Agreement),
 - having regard to Article 33 of the Internal Agreement of 20 December 1995 between the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing and administration of the Community aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to Article 32 of the Internal Agreement of 18 September 2000 between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council ⁽³⁾, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Cotonou Agreement and the allocation of financial assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies,
 - having regard to Article 276 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Article 74 of the Financial Regulation of 16 June 1998 applicable to development finance cooperation under the fourth ACP-EC Convention ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to Articles 119 and 120 of the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund ⁽⁵⁾,
 - having regard to Rule 70 and the third indent of Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Development (A6-0110/2006),
- A. whereas Article 119 of the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund requires the Commission to take all appropriate steps to act on the observations accompanying the decision giving discharge and to report, at the request of the European Parliament, on the measures taken in the light of those observations and comments,
- B. whereas the reform of the management of the EC's external assistance was launched in May 2000 ⁽⁶⁾ and the reform of the EC's development policy in November 2000 ⁽⁷⁾,
- C. whereas the Cotonou Agreement entered into force on 1 April 2003,

EDF and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

1. Takes the view that development policy is an essential component of the Union's external action, the aims of which are to eradicate poverty by means of economic and social reform and by bolstering social, educational and health-related infrastructure, increasing the production capacity of poor populations, ensuring environmental sustainability and granting support to the countries concerned to enable them to increase growth and local potential; welcomes the fact that the Commission is continuing to seek to achieve the MDGs on this basis;
2. Takes the view that the European Development Fund (EDF) is an important tool for carrying out this policy in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and that it must be made more effective through a focus on actions aimed at poverty eradication and through swift implementation characterised by transparency, accountability and compliance with the principles of sound financial management;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 108.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 53.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 83, 1.4.2003, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ Commission communication on reform of the management of external assistance, adopted by the Commission on 16 May 2000.

⁽⁷⁾ Declaration of the Council and the Commission on the European Community's development policy, adopted by the General Affairs (Development) Council on 10 November 2000.

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Recognises the problems of measuring the impact of Community assistance on the achievement of the MDGs in multi-donor environments; calls on the Commission to make greater efforts to establish an appropriate mechanism to measure such an impact and not to confine itself to measuring the progress of the developing countries towards the MDGs;
4. Agrees with the Court of Auditors ⁽¹⁾ on the need for objective, useful and comprehensive indicators to measure the output of aid; trusts that these will be put in place for the period 2007-13;
5. Notes that, in 2004, out of a total of EUR 2 723 million in funding provided by EuropeAid to ACP countries (EDF and EU general budget), 41 % (EUR 1 129 million) was committed for infrastructure and social services; deplores the fact that only EUR 12 million (0.4 %) was earmarked for basic education and EUR 74 million (2.7 %) for basic health, despite the recommendation at paragraph 6 of its previous discharge resolution ⁽²⁾; urges the Commission to increase funding for these sectors and calls for the percentage of European Union development cooperation spending earmarked for basic education and health in the developing countries to be substantially increased;
6. Insists that greater priority be given to the main MDG sectors of health and education in the next round of Country Strategy Papers;
7. Welcomes the identification of sector budget support ⁽³⁾ as a means of increasing the level of financing for education and health; considers this option more effective than general budget support, even when linked to progress in these sectors;
8. Supports the Commission in its efforts to put the provisions of the Cotonou Agreement into practise; notes, however, that the Commission has not promoted fair trade appropriately, though this is stipulated in Article 23(g) of the Agreement; calls on the Commission to support all provisions in the Cotonou Agreement, in particular Article 23(g) concerning trade development, including the promotion of fair trade;
9. Takes the view that democratisation, good governance, human rights, equal opportunities (with particular reference to respect for women's rights), consolidation of the rule of law and judicial and civil administrative capacity building are not just important values in themselves, to be pursued as external aid objectives, but can also have a beneficial effect in terms of sound management of external aid projects;

Accounts

10. Expresses concern at the fact that modernisation of the EDF accounts was not completed within the deadlines set and that, for the moment, the existing On-line Accounting System (OLAS) is being used to keep the accounts; asks to be kept informed every six months on progress with modernisation of the new integrated IT system (ABAC-FED) and its implementation at head office and within the delegations;
11. Notes that although EDF funds managed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) are not audited by the Court of Auditors or controlled by Parliament as part of the discharge procedure, they are included in the EDF accounts; considers that transparency would be enhanced if information on these funds (amounts by type of use, overview of results) were provided to the discharge authority which is responsible for signing off the EDF accounts; calls on the EIB and the Commission to provide such information and to include it in their reports on the EDF;

⁽¹⁾ Special Report No 4/2005, paragraph 63.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 155.

⁽³⁾ Reply to question 1.4 of the questionnaire of the Committee on Development (DEVE).

Thursday 27 April 2006

Statement of assurance

12. Notes that, with the exception of problems relating to the following ⁽¹⁾, the Court of Auditors is of the opinion that the accounts reliably reflect the revenue and expenditure relating to the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth EDFs:

- (a) the incompleteness of the assets, as the Commission has not sufficiently investigated which part of the outstanding advances are to be reimbursed by the debtors to the EDF;
- (b) the incompleteness of the provisions on doubtful debts, which do not reflect the real level of bad debts;
- (c) the unreliability of the balance of Stabex funds disclosed in a report attached to the financial statements (EUR 832 million);

13. Notes that, according to the Court of Auditors' annual report, the EuropeAid Director-General's activity report makes no mention of major internal control weaknesses; notes that these weaknesses consist mainly of insufficient audits and follow-up and that weaknesses in national authorising officers' management capability result in a heavier workload for the delegations; calls on the Commission to take appropriate action and to report on that action;

14. Notes that, with regard to the underlying transactions, the Court of Auditors is of the opinion that the revenue entered in the accounts, the EDF allocations and the commitments and payments for the financial year are, taken as a whole, legal and regular;

15. Points out that in its annual report the Court of Auditors stresses that the cases of deliberate irregularity and corruption committed outside the Commission's control environment cannot, by their nature, be systematically detected through application of the Court's auditing policies and standards; considers that, in all its external aid-related activities, the Commission should endeavour to ensure that:

- its control environment is protected, extended, strengthened or made more effective,
- protection is provided for anyone reporting fraud, irregularities and maladministration both within the Commission and its intermediary organisations and within national authorising services and beneficiary organisations, with due reference to the recommendation at paragraph 9 above;

Financial Management Report

16. Welcomes the improvement in the quantity and quality of information contained in the Financial Management Report but, like the Court of Auditors, calls on the Commission to provide more details in future reports, particularly so as to enable comparisons to be made of the amounts allocated to projects, budgetary support and non-programmable aid coming under the ninth EDF to those for previous EDFs and in order to have an overview of the related administrative expenditure;

17. Welcomes the increase in average staff per EUR 10 million managed from 4,1 in 1999 to 4,8 in 2004; regrets that this figure remains well below the average for European donors and is now falling;

Accountability

18. Notes that while the Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid is responsible for EDF policy and for specific matters concerning the related projects and programmes managed by EuropeAid, the Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy is responsible for all general policy and management matters concerning the functioning of EuropeAid, which implements the EDF; remains concerned that the lack of clarity over responsibility may create ambiguities and disrupt operations; calls on the Commission to clarify the breakdown of responsibilities for the EDF and external aid;

⁽¹⁾ Court of Auditors, Annual Report concerning the financial year 2004, p. 261.

Thursday 27 April 2006

Implementation and RAL

19. Notes that EuropeAid quotes a figure as at the end of 2004 of EUR 9 776 million in outstanding commitments (reste à liquider — RAL) for the EDF and a figure of EUR 11 607 million for the budget lines which it manages; considers these figures to be far too high and urges the Commission to speed up implementation of external aid;

20. Points out that, while desirable, more rapid implementation is not of itself sufficient to conclude that the performance of the EDFs has improved, and that better achievement of objectives is also required; notes the comparison between objectives and achievements included in the Financial Management Report, but asks the Commission to make more effort to set quantifiable objectives as defined in the Financial Regulation;

21. Calls on the Commission to look into the feasibility of administrative, legislative, technical and other measures to ensure that, before further increases are planned, RAL in the field of external aid is better kept under control and reduced, and to report thereon;

Budgetary support for ACP countries

22. Notes the increasing significance of budget support, with EUR 624 million disbursed in 23 ACP countries in 2004; acknowledges that budget support can contribute effectively towards realising the objectives of reducing poverty and improving public financial management in recipient countries, in particular by giving them a greater sense of 'ownership'; calls on the Commission to adjust its instruments to assess economic reforms and the quality of public financial management as conditions for eligibility for budget support within the meaning of Article 61(2) of the Cotonou Agreement⁽¹⁾;

23. Supports the Commission's efforts to introduce and improve the necessary instruments for monitoring and assessing progress made in implementing public finance reform in beneficiary countries; expects decisions and funding agreements, as well as how appropriate tools are used to monitor implementation of reforms, henceforth to be presented in a more structured manner, so as clearly to indicate whether the public finance reforms in beneficiary countries are going in the right direction;

24. Expects the Commission to pay special attention to the collection of domestic revenue and action to combat fraud and corruption in beneficiary countries and to make further efforts to take due account of such issues in connection with the implementation of public finance reforms;

25. Calls on the Commission to improve, where possible, its relations at local level with other donors, particularly as regards information on the allocation and disbursement of budgetary assistance, with a view to improving the design and programming of public finance reforms and, thereby, the assessment of the quality and effectiveness of such reforms;

26. Urges the Commission to step up and place on a more systematic footing its cooperation with supreme audit institutions and, where possible, to call on governments of beneficiary countries to secure more active parliamentary involvement in audit and the public finance reform process;

Supreme audit institutions

27. Recalls the importance attached by Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors to involving ACP states' supreme audit institutions in EDF control⁽²⁾;

28. Notes that the Commission is considering different modalities for supporting and promoting the role of the supreme audit institutions in the ACP states; asks for an assessment of the various options under consideration and of progress in their implementation to be submitted in time for the next discharge exercise;

(1) 'Direct budgetary assistance in support of macroeconomic or sectoral reforms shall be granted where:

- (a) public expenditure management is sufficiently transparent, accountable and effective;
- (b) well defined macroeconomic or sectoral policies established by the country itself and agreed to by its main donors are in place; and
- (c) public procurement is open and transparent.'

(2) See paragraphs 21 to 24 in the resolution containing the comments accompanying the decision concerning discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget of the sixth, seventh and eighth European Development Funds for the 2002 financial year (OJ L 330, 4.11.2004, p. 128).

Thursday 27 April 2006

Budgetisation

29. Considers that budgetisation of the EDF would remove many of the complications and difficulties of implementing successive EDFs, help speed up disbursement and eliminate the current democratic deficit;

30. Draws attention to the following statement made in its above mentioned resolution of 8 June 2005:

‘European Development Fund (EDF):

recalls that the European Parliament has strongly supported the integration of the EDF into the general budget on the basis of the principle of the unity of the budget and for reasons of transparency, but observes that, in financial terms, the budgetisation should not jeopardise other policies; underlines therefore that the budgetisation is only acceptable if the overall ceiling of the financial framework brings additional resources into the general budget; points out that the appropriations budgeted should be ring-fenced to avoid any negative effect on the ACP countries; stresses that the principle of partnership with the ACP countries must be respected when the EDF is integrated into the general budget’

31. Regrets that at its meeting in Brussels on 15 and 16 December 2005 the European Council did not agree to the budgetisation of the EDF, but welcomes the fact that the Member States did agree to allocate EUR 22 682 million at current prices to cooperation with the ACP states over the period 2008-2013; calls, nonetheless, on the Council and Commission to continue to work on incorporating the EDF into the general budget; is awaiting the final decision on the financial perspective 2007-2013 which depends on agreement between Parliament and the Council on the new interinstitutional agreement;

Devolution of management of aid and support

32. Supports the Commission’s devolution of resources and decision-making powers to the delegations of the Commission; expects that this new organisational structure will contribute to even swifter implementation of commitments and payments and to better project follow-up;

33. Notes the risks of the process of devolution to the Commission delegations in ACP countries, such as difficulties in finding appropriate staff and the possibility of incoherent interpretation of rules between Commission delegations; underlines the need to improve the rules and to find a balance between reinforced control mechanisms and the need for reporting on one hand, and efficient and speedy decision-making locating the main decisions on projects in the delegations on the other;

34. Welcomes the fact that the devolution process has now extended to almost all delegations; seeks confirmation that appropriate staff training and controls are accompanying the devolution of resources and decision-making powers to delegations; asks for a report outlining the state of play of the devolution process, describing the expected benefits with quantifiable indicators and setting out the benefits so far achieved and detailing the control structures in place in delegations, including the state of implementation of internal control standards;

Stabex funds

35. Notes that the Commission completed the inventory of Stabex funds in 2004, showing that some ACP states do not supply the required financial statements and that, as a result, an unknown portion of the declared bank balance of EUR 832 million has not been certified by the Commission on the basis of reliable supporting documents; reiterates the request it made to the Commission last year to work with the beneficiary countries to enhance monitoring and ensure that the outstanding funds are committed as rapidly as possible;

Internal control standards

36. Welcomes the internal control efforts made by the Commission; expresses concern, nonetheless, at the fact that the Commission is complying with only the minimum requirements for certain control standards; asks the Commission to report on compliance with control standards;

Thursday 27 April 2006

Visibility and transparency

37. Urges the Commission, in the interests of greater transparency and better information as to reliability and sound management in connection with implementation of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth EDF, to clarify its reply to the request for additional explanations on key issues made by the Court of Auditors in paragraph 8(a) of Chapter 1 of its annual report covering the increase in resources for the ninth EDF, with specific reference to the item concerning aid granted to the Democratic Republic of Congo;

38. Acknowledges the progress made by the Commission in ensuring a higher profile for Community external aid action and urges it to continue the efforts currently being made; deplores, however, the fact that the public is not aware of the European Union's close involvement in many projects and programmes conducted jointly with the United Nations and other organisations; calls on the Commission to make representations to these organisations with a view to:

- ensuring public awareness of EU contributions and involvement;
- laying down provisions enabling proper assessment, audit and control operations to be carried out, including in connection with projects and programmes conducted jointly with or through these international organisations or NGOs.

P6_TA(2006)0167

2004 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training**1.**

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 60.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 39, 13.2.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2051/2004 (OJ L 355, 1.12.2004, p. 1).

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0094/2006),
1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary (A6-0094/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 60.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 39, 13.2.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2051/2004 (OJ L 355, 1.12.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Commission subsidies	13 700	14 500
Revenue from previous financial years	0	0
Miscellaneous revenue	42	3
Assigned revenue (Phare and third countries)	724	792
Financial revenue	0	0
Total revenue (a)	14 466	15 295
Budgetary expenditure for the financial year		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	8 579	7 554
Appropriations carried over	466	443
<i>Administration — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	768	778
Appropriations carried over	542	358
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget (except for assigned revenue)</i>		
Payments	2 508	2 381
Payments against RAL (outstanding commitments) at 31.12.2003	2 702	
Appropriations carried over	0	3 138
<i>Assigned revenue (Phare and third countries)</i>		
Payments	416	546
Appropriations carried over	309	246
Total expenditure (b)	16 290	15 444
Outturn for the financial year (a - b)	- 1 824	- 149
Balance carried over from the previous financial year		
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	- 993	- 545
Neutralisation of the carry-over n-1 in Title III linked to the change to differentiated appropriations	56	399
Sums for reuse from the previous financial year not used	3 138	10
Refunds to the Commission	1	- 716
Exchange-rate differences	- 4	8
Balance for the financial year	374	- 993

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004 (N6-0001/2005 — C6-0158/2005 — 2005/2106(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 60.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0094/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that, except for a number of irregularities noted in the award of contracts, the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
- C. whereas on 12 April 2005 Parliament gave discharge to the Director in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the 2003 financial year⁽⁴⁾ and in its resolution containing the comments accompanying the discharge decision⁽⁵⁾ it *inter alia* urged the Centre to complete changes to its financial organisation during 2005,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
 2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Centre's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Centre; asks the Court to verify the contents of table 1;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 39, 13.2.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2051/2004 (OJ L 355, 1.12.2004, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 68.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 69.

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Urges the Centre to adapt future budgets to ensure that differentiated appropriations are properly presented;
8. Is pleased to note the significant reduction in carryovers achieved by the Centre in 2004 compared to previous years, allowing the budget implemented by the Centre to reflect more closely the budget approved by the budgetary authority;
9. Stresses that the Centre must ensure that the accounts are complete and that all activities, including the staff canteen's purchases and sales, are properly monitored;
10. Is concerned by the irregularities noted by the Court of Auditors in the contract award procedure; notes the steps taken by the Centre to ensure that such irregularities will not be repeated; calls on the Centre to ensure that tendering specifications and competition rules are strictly applied;
11. Notes the Court of Auditors' comments on inconsistencies in recruitment procedure; stresses the need for fairness, openness and transparency in recruitment; welcomes the Centre's intention to prepare a guide on recruitment procedures in 2005;
12. Notes the Centre's observation in the comments accompanying the 2004 annual accounts that 'not all stages of the modernisation process have been completed'; expects a fuller report accompanying the 2005 accounts confirming whether changes to its financial organisation have been completed and, if this is not the case, explaining why this is so, and what remains to be done and indicating the expected timetable for completion;
13. Welcomes the information supplied on internal audits; notes the recommendation of the Governing Board in its opinion on the 2004 accounts that the Centre ensure full implementation of the internal control standards; asks the Centre to report on progress in this regard in its report on the 2005 accounts, as well as on progress in establishing a specific internal audit function and in recruiting its own internal auditor;

Thursday 27 April 2006

14. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;

15. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0168

2004 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0093/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 40.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 82.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the Report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0093/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 40.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 82.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Commission subsidies	18 000	17 090
Miscellaneous revenue	85	47
Financial revenue	0	35
Total revenue (a)	18 085	17 172
Expenditure		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	8 606	8 927
Appropriations carried over	132	109
<i>Administration — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	1 267	968
Appropriations carried over	489	224
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget</i>		
Payments	5 056	3 733
Appropriations carried over	2 522	2 817
Total expenditure (b)	18 072	16 778
Outturn for the financial year (a – b)	13	394
Balance carried over from the previous financial year	- 1 296	- 1 836
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	35	118
Sums from the previous financial year for reuse that were not used	17	19
Exceptional result from previous years	2	0
Phare appropriations carried over and cancelled	8	0
Phare revenue collected	0	639
Phare revenue to be collected	0	361
Phare expenditure	0	- 1 000
Exchange-rate differences	- 4	9
Balance for the financial year	- 1 225	- 1 296

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 (N6-0002/2005 — C6-0159/2005 — 2005/2107(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 40.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 82.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0093/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Foundation's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Foundation; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding that 37 % of appropriations carried over into 2005 related to commitments entered into in December 2004 and that the majority of these related to contracts for studies to be carried out in 2005; reminds the Foundation of the principle of budget annuality and urges it to respect this principle in order to allow correct and transparent implementation of the budgets set by the budgetary authority;
8. Welcomes the steps taken by the Foundation to improve the completeness and sound management of the inventory in response to the Court of Auditors' findings;
9. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
10. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0169

2004 discharge: European Agency for Reconstruction

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 15.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 of 5 December 2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0095/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 306, 7.12.2000, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2068/2004 (OJ L 358, 3.12.2004, p. 2).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 of 5 December 2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 306, 7.12.2000, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2068/2004 (OJ L 358, 3.12.2004, p. 2).

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0095/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 ⁽¹⁾ (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
EC subsidy	231 909	274 221
Recovery of expenses (reuse Title III)	1 229	1 318
Revenues from administrative operations (reuse Titles I and II)	181	199
Other operating revenue	6 113	28 413
Total operating revenue	239 432	304 151
Expenditure		
<i>Administrative expenses</i>		
— Staff expenses	17 575	17 333
— Other administrative expenses	6 290	6 475
<i>Operational expenses</i>		
— Centralised direct management	268 965	297 168
Total administrative and operational expenditure	292 830	320 976
Surplus/(Deficit) from operating activities	- 53 398	- 16 825
Extraordinary gains	738	0
Extraordinary losses	- 1 269	- 4 118
Economic result of the year	- 53 929	- 20 943

NB: Any discrepancies in totals are due to the effects of rounding.

Source: The Agency's data — This table summarises the data provided by the Agency in its annual accounts.

⁽¹⁾ The figures for 2003 have been adjusted from those previously presented to reflect a change in accounting practices.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0003/2005 — C6-0160/2005 — 2005/2108(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Reconstruction for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 of 5 December 2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0095/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that, except for an inability to be certain that long-term receivables had been recorded completely, the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that, except for anomalies in the award of contracts due to inappropriate selection criteria, the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 306, 7.12.2000, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2068/2004 (OJ L 358, 3.12.2004, p. 2).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with the appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Is pleased to note that the Court of Auditors has been able to give the Agency a positive statement of assurance for the financial year 2004; praises the Agency for the progress made; notes, however, that the Court of Auditors entered reservations qualifying its statement of assurance on the grounds of uncertainties concerning the completeness of the accounts and problems in the contract award procedure; urges the Agency to keep up its efforts to improve financial management and control, particularly in the areas of weakness highlighted by the Court of Auditors;
8. Urges the Agency to seek guidance to improve its treasury management policy in order to make best use of the often considerable sums maintained in current bank accounts;
9. Notes with concern the reservation concerning the accounts expressed by the Court of Auditors on the grounds that it cannot be certain that the transactions relating to counterpart funds, credit line schemes and special funds have been completely recorded in the absence of effective internal control procedures for long-term receivables; insists that all transactions be capable of verification by the Court of Auditors;
10. Welcomes the statement made to a delegation of Parliament by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations that certified copies of all documents related to projects and programmes financed from funds of the Agency will be available for verification upon request by the Court of Auditors; calls on the Court to discuss and agree with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) the detailed arrangements for such verifications;
11. In order to improve the reliability and supervision of the management of the budget as regards programmes that are shared with other bodies (UNMIK, IOM, etc.), urges the Court of Auditors, the Commission and those responsible for the UN in Kosovo to act as soon as possible to review and improve the implementation of the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement signed by the Commission and the UN on 29 April 2003 and to keep Parliament informed as to progress made;

Thursday 27 April 2006

12. In order to address the serious problems of unreliability and accusations of corrupt practices currently surrounding award of public procurement contracts and concessions for highly sensitive projects such as mobile telephony, urges the Commission and the Agency, in close cooperation with UNMIK and its Financial Investigation Unit (FIU), to lay down clear and transparent public procurement rules, to establish internal and supreme audit institutions and to keep Parliament informed as to progress made;
 13. With a view to maximising transparency and improving budgetary control, calls on the Commission and the Court of Auditors to include within the annual report on the European Agency for Reconstruction a chapter on the activities of both OLAF and the FIU in respect of programmes and projects carried out in Kosovo that have received Community funding;
 14. Notes the Commission's intention to end the Agency's mandate at the end of 2008 and to hand over the Agency's activities to the Commission's own delegations and local offices; takes the view that, under its mandate, the Agency has achieved positive results despite both numerous criticisms from the Court of Auditors throughout its existence and a lack of support from the Commission; takes the view that the know-how acquired by the Agency's staff could be used once again by the Commission; calls on its competent committee to see whether phasing out the Agency would not have a negative impact on the economic and political progress needed and whether the Commission's own delegations and local offices can perform the same tasks as defined in the Agency's mandate;
 15. Notes the problems faced by the Agency in recruiting suitable staff because of the short-term mandate of the Agency; considers that instead of phasing out the Agency according to a pre-set timetable, the time span of the mandate should depend on political and economic criteria and developments; considers furthermore that the mandate should be lengthened and broadened for policy reasons and notes that this would also help to improve the Agency's ability to recruit and keep suitably qualified and experienced staff; considers that experience gained by and with the reconstruction agency could be used to provide reconstruction assistance wherever needed, for example in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and the countries affected by the Tsunami, as a second stage after immediate humanitarian needs have been addressed by the Humanitarian Aid Office;
 16. Is disappointed to note that the Court of Auditors has again discovered anomalies in the award of contracts due to inappropriate selection criteria; urges the Agency to set more realistic, appropriate selection criteria and to apply them strictly in order to guarantee transparent and fair treatment of tenderers; notes the Agency's assurances that improvements will be seen in the 2005 audit exercise;
 17. Urges the Agency to introduce a standardised system for dealing with payment requests as soon as possible, as recommended by the Court of Auditors;
 18. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 19. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0170

2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1035/97 of 2 June 1997 establishing a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0096/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 97.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 151, 10.6.1997, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1652/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 33).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1035/97 of 2 June 1997 establishing a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0096/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 97.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 151, 10.6.1997, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1652/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 33).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Community subsidies	5 675	7 318
Other revenue	421	374
Sundry revenue	35	
Financial revenue	21	1
Phare revenue	82	676
Total revenue (a)	6 234	8 369
Expenditure		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	2 645	2 618
Appropriations carried over	85	64
<i>Administration — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	447	412
Appropriations carried over	37	51
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget</i>		
Payments	2 352	1 678
Appropriations carried over	745	1 162
Assigned revenue (Phare and others)		
Payments	7	377
Appropriations carried over	0	694
Total expenditure (b)	6 318	7 055
Outturn for the financial year (a – b)	– 84	1 334
Balance carried over from the previous financial year	98	–1 579
Appropriations carried over, cancelled	241	301
Appropriations for reuse from the previous financial year	0	38
Amounts due written off	–23	0
Exchange-rate differences	–1	5
Amounts refunded to the Commission		0
Balance for the financial year	231	98

NB: Totals may include differences due to rounding.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 (N6-0004/2005 — C6-0161/2005 — 2005/2109(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 97.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1035/97 of 2 June 1997 establishing a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12a thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0096/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that, except for irregularities noted in the award of contracts, the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
 2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Centre's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 151, 10.6.1997, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1652/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 33).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
 5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Is pleased to note that the Court of Auditors has been able to obtain reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 are reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, are legal and regular;
 8. Expresses its concern about the high level of cancelled carry-overs, in particular in title I (staff expenditure);
 9. Is pleased to note that the level of carry-overs decreased significantly; welcomes the Centre's assurances that it has taken measures to further reduce the level of carry-overs; encourages the Centre to improve the way carry-overs are established in order to avoid the high percentage of cancellations of appropriations;
 10. Is pleased to note the Centre's assurance that risk analysis of internal control standards has been carried out and that the *ex-ante* verification checklists have been reviewed;
 11. Is concerned by the irregularities noted by the Court of Auditors in contract tendering and awards; urges the Centre to improve procedures as soon as possible with a view to avoiding similar irregularities in future;
 12. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 13. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

P6_TA(2006)0171

2004 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 of 8 February 1993 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 11a thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0097/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 89.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1651/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 30).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 of 8 February 1993 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 11a thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0097/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 89.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1651/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 30).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Subsidies from the Commission	11 730	9 300
Subsidies from Norway	514	421
Assigned revenue	211	335
Miscellaneous revenue	33	67
Total revenue (a)	12 488	10 122
Budgetary expenditure for the financial year		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	5 832	5 189
Appropriations carried over	122	80
<i>Administration — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	1 088	555
Appropriations carried over	355	267
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget (except assigned revenue)</i>		
Payments against payment appropriations for the financial year	2 342	2 057
Appropriations carried over	1 260	1 469
Assigned revenue (Phare and third countries)	201	500
Total expenditure (b)	11 200	10 117
Outturn for the financial year (a - b)	1 288	5
Balance carried over from the previous financial year	295	1 626
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	245	221
Sums for reuse from the previous financial year not used	15	21
Refunds to the Commission	- 3	- 1 584
Refunds to Norway	81	
Exchange-rate differences	- 1	6
Balance for the financial year	1 920	295

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 (N6-0005/2005 — C6-0162/2005 — 2005/2110(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 89.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 of 8 February 1993 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11a thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0097/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Centre's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly using whatever means it considers necessary;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1651/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 30).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Is pleased to note that the Court of Auditors has been able to obtain reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 are reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, are legal and regular;
8. Regrets the very high level of transfers made; urges the Centre to respect more closely the budget originally set by the budgetary authority;
9. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding of a number of anomalies in the management of contracts; welcomes the steps taken by the Centre to improve the management of contracts;
10. Agrees with the Court of Auditors that bank balance and accounts should be reconciled to allow detection of errors in the amounts to be paid and that instructions to the bank should be countersigned; welcomes the measures taken by the Centre to implement the Court of Auditors' recommendations; is pleased to note the Centre's assurance that a countersigning system will be implemented;
11. Encourages the Centre to avoid in future the use of electronic calculation sheets in order to guarantee the integrity of the data recorded, as recommended by the Court of Auditors; welcomes the Centre's introduction of a new, more effective inventory system;
12. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
13. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0172

2004 discharge: European Environment Agency

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 37.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 of 7 May 1990 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation network⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0098/2006),
1. Grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 120, 11.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1641/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 of 7 May 1990 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation network⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 120, 11.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1641/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 1).

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0098/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
EC subsidy	28 658	28 723
Subventions	1 998	1 080
Bank interest	128	89
Total revenue (a)	30 784	29 891
Expenditure		
<i>Total expenditure for Title I</i>		
Payments	12 447	11 123
Payments — Grants	2	
Appropriations carried over	435	315
Appropriations carried over — Grants	66	
<i>Total expenditure for Title II</i>		
Payments ⁽¹⁾	3 451	2 447
Appropriations carried over	394	395
<i>Total expenditure for Title III</i>		
Payments	9 534	5 997
Payments — Grants	14	
Appropriations carried over	4 845	7 008
Appropriations carried over — Grants	2 419	
Total revenue (b)	33 606	27 284
Net result for the year (a - b)	- 2 822	2 607
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	508	295
Refunds carried over and cancelled	0	36
Balance carried over from the previous year	- 4 190	- 7 427
Grants cancelled	98	322
Exchange rate differences	3	- 4
Regularisation regarding previous years	43	- 18
Balance carried forward	- 6 360	- 4 190

NB: The totals may include differences due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾ Includes EUR 905 823 of property taxes paid to the Danish government. The Agency is of the opinion that the amount should be refunded. The issue is currently negotiated with the Danish government.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0006/2005 — C6-0163/2005 — 2005/2111(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Environment Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 of 7 May 1990 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation network ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0098/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 120, 11.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1641/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding that surplus appropriations in 2004 were committed for operations to be carried out in 2005 and that appropriations relating to staff expenditure were carried over; insists that the Agency respect the principle of budget annuality as defined in the Financial Regulation and the rule prohibiting carry over of appropriations relating to staff expenditure in order to allow a correct and transparent implementation of the budgets set by the budgetary authority;
8. Notes the weaknesses in checking and the omissions found by the Court of Auditors in its audit of the inventory; urges the Agency to rectify these shortcomings without delay;
9. Welcomes the Agency's assurance that problems discovered by the Court of Auditors concerning the amendment of contracts will be remedied;
10. Supports the Agency's efforts to obtain reimbursement of unwarranted payment of taxes to the City of Copenhagen;
11. Expresses its satisfaction with the effective implementation of the 2004 budget;
12. Considers the Agency to be a source of important environmental information for all EU institutions and policy-making; notes with satisfaction that the Agency has been able to transform some complicated data into user-friendly information and to communicate its conclusions to the public; congratulates the Agency on its informative website;
13. Encourages the Agency to continue its efforts to further develop its communication methods in order to attract more media coverage for its findings and thus feed public debate on important environmental issues, such as climate change;

Thursday 27 April 2006

14. Points out that the impact of environmental programmes is often hampered by the lack of assessment of environmental impacts of other Community policies; invites the Agency further to develop its work in the field of environmental impact assessment;
15. Emphasises the role of the Agency in the evaluation of the implementation of EU environmental legislation;
16. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
17. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0173

2004 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 216, 20.8.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1112/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0099/2006),
1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;
 2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112 (DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0099/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 216, 20.8.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1112/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Community subsidies	9 542	11 641
Other subsidies	66	66
Other revenue	111	157
Phare revenue	121	824
Total revenue (a)	9 840	12 688
Expenditure		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	3 379	3 245
Appropriations carried over	60	87
<i>Administration — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	966	1 146
Appropriations carried over	248	186
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget</i>		
Payments ⁽¹⁾	2 426	2 559
Appropriations carried over	2 549	5 859
<i>Phare expenditure</i>		
Payments	0	548
Appropriations carried over	0	502
Total expenditure (b)	9 628	14 131
Outturn for the financial year (c = a - b) ⁽²⁾	212	- 1 443
Balance carried over from the previous financial year	- 1 987	- 1 108
Appropriations carried over from the previous financial year and cancelled	887	766
Sums to be re-used carried over from the previous financial year and not used	0	1
RO (Phare II)	144	0
Payments against commitments cancelled in 2002	0	- 191
Exchange-rate differences	0	4
Phare amount to be refunded to the Commission	- 39	0
Adjustment entries	3	- 16
Outturn for the financial year before economic adjustments (d)	- 779	- 1 987
Budget revenue to be recovered	0	850
Other revenue to be recovered	0	3
Acquisitions of fixed assets	58	207
Depreciation	- 175	- 186
Stock	- 6	0
Scrapping of fixed assets	- 91	0
Depreciation	88	0
Miscellaneous expenditure	- 34	- 1
Economic adjustments (e)	- 161	873
Balance for the financial year (d + e)	- 940	- 1 113

NB: Differences in totals are due to the effects of rounding.

⁽¹⁾ This sum includes payments made from the appropriations to be reused in 2004 (EUR 18 573).

⁽²⁾ Calculation according to the principles of Article 15 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 of 22 May 2000 (OJ L 130, 31.5.2000, p. 8).

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004 (N6-0007/2005 — C6-0164/2005 — 2005/2112(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0099/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 216, 20.8.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1112/2005 (OJ L 184, 15.7.2005, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
 4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this via, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
 5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Welcomes the reduction in carry-overs achieved; encourages the Agency to continue its efforts to further reduce carry-overs;
 8. Urges the Agency to put in place detailed rules for the implementation of its new financial regulation and internal control procedures based on risk analysis as soon as possible;
 9. Insists that the Agency respect the rules concerning the duration of framework contracts;
 10. Expects the Agency, in future, to include negative balances at year end in amending budgets for the following financial year;
 11. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 12. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

P6_TA(2006)0174

2004 discharge: Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 of 28 November 1994 setting up a Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0100/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the implementation of the Centre's budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 53.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 314, 7.12.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1645/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 13).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 of 28 November 1994 setting up a Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0100/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 53.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 314, 7.12.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1645/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 13).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Operating revenue		
Invoicing for the financial year	23 423	22 075
Miscellaneous revenue	150	223
Total (a)	23 573	22 298
Operating expenditure		
Current expenses	11 929	10 347
Buildings, equipment and sundry operating expenditure	2 734	2 095
Operational expenditure	5 919	3 618
Allocation to provisions	1 410	2 195
Total (b)	21 992	18 255
Operating result (c = a - b)	1 581	4 043
Financial income		
Bank interest	387	387
Exchange-rate gain	1	1
Total (d)	388	388
Financial expenses		
Bank charges	7	10
Total (e)	7	10
Financial result (f = d - e)	381	378
Result for ordinary activities (g = c + f)	1 962	4 421
Exceptional income (h)	2 230	19
Exceptional expenses (i)	0	9
Exceptional result (j = h - i)	2 230	10
Result for the financial year (g + j)	4 192	4 431

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 (N6-0008/2005 — C6-0165/2005 — 2005/2113(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union for the financial year 2004, together with the Centre's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 53.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 of 28 November 1994 setting up a Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0100/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that, except for a number of irregularities noted in the award of contracts, the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
- C. whereas on 12 April 2005 Parliament gave discharge to the Director in respect of the implementation of the Centre's budget for the 2003 financial year⁽⁴⁾ and in its resolution containing the comments accompanying the discharge decision⁽⁵⁾ it *inter alia* urged the Centre to make further efforts to resolve the problems concerning pension contributions,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Centre's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Centre; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 314, 7.12.1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1645/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 13).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 100.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 101.

Thursday 27 April 2006

3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Notes the high level of appropriations cancelled by the Centre in 2004; insists that the Centre improve its estimates in order that the budget as implemented more closely resembles the budget adopted by the budgetary authority;
8. Is disappointed to note that the conflict concerning payment of employer's pension contributions has still not been resolved; urges the Centre to step up its efforts to settle this dispute;
9. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
10. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0175

2004 discharge: European Medicines Agency

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 17.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 68 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0101/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 68 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0101/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Fees relating to marketing authorisations	68 412	58 657
Commission subsidy including subsidies received from the EEA	20 529	19 786
Community subsidy for orphan medicines	4 026	2 814
Contributions for Community programmes	0	1 208
Administrative revenue	1 973	1 703
Miscellaneous revenue	1 473	1 788
Total (a)	96 413	85 956
Expenditure⁽¹⁾		
Staff expenditure	34 333	29 663
Administrative expenditure	11 224	10 835
Operating expenditure	38 573	32 838
Depreciation	3 650	2 364
Other expenditure	280	0
Total (b)	88 060	75 700
Surplus from operating activities (c = a - b)	8 353	10 256
Financial operations (e)	1 160	676
Economic result (f = c + e)	9 513	10 932

⁽¹⁾ The portion of the appropriations carried over which is to be regarded as expenditure for the financial year has been evaluated on an overall basis rather than on the basis of examining individual transactions.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0009/2005 — C6-0166/2005 — 2005/2114(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Medicines Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 68 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0101/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
 4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with the appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
 5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding that contracts concluded with banks have been in force for over five years, in contravention of the Agency's financial regulation implementing rules, which require a new invitation to tender at least every five years; notes the Agency's reply explaining the reasons for the delay in launching a call for tender and setting out the benefits achieved through direct negotiation with the bank and will bear this in mind when considering revisions to the Financial Regulation;
 8. Notes that the implementation of both the operating and the administrative budget was lower in 2004 than in 2003; is very pleased with the full implementation of the orphan drugs budget line;
 9. Points out that the new pharmaceuticals legislation, which was adopted in 2004, had a considerable impact on the Agency's work and management structures; congratulates the Agency on its successful adaptation to the new regulatory environment;
 10. Notes that the implementation by Member States of the Europe-wide pharmacovigilance reporting system (the EudraVigilance database) was slower than expected; is, however, satisfied with the recent announcement by the Executive Director that the situation has substantially improved during 2005;
 11. Invites the Agency to improve contacts with consumer protection organisations in order to improve awareness concerning toxic and potentially harmful products in medicinal products; underlines the Agency's duty to act in the public interest;
 12. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 13. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0176

Discharge 2004: Eurojust

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004, together with Eurojust's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, in particular Article 276 thereof, and the EU Treaty, in particular Article 41 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 36 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0092/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Administrative Director of Eurojust for the implementation of Eurojust's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Administrative Director of Eurojust, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 68.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision 2003/659/JHA (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 44).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004, together with Eurojust's replies ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 68.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, in particular Article 276 thereof, and the EU Treaty, in particular Article 41 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 36 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0092/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of Eurojust for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1000 EUR)		
	2004	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Operating revenue		
Community subsidies	8 726	6 441
Miscellaneous revenue	397	12
Total (a)	9 123	6 453
Operating expenditure		
Purchases of goods and services	4 476	3 228
Staff costs	4 142	2 112
Depreciation	332	211
Total (b)	8 950	5 551
Outturn for the financial year (a - b)	173	902

⁽¹⁾ The 2003 financial statements have been restated to account for the repayable amounts on the positive budgetary outturn to the European Commission for 2003 and 2002.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Administrative Director of Eurojust, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision 2003/659/JHA (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 44).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 (N6-0010/2005 — C6-0167/2005 — 2005/2115(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of Eurojust for the financial year 2004, together with Eurojust's replies ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, in particular Article 276 thereof, and the EU Treaty, in particular Article 41 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 36 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A6-0092/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 68.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision 2003/659/JHA (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 44).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises Eurojust's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by Eurojust; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
 4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
 5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Is pleased to note that the Court of Auditors has been able to obtain reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 are reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, are legal and regular;
 8. Wishes to be kept fully informed of the intentions of the Dutch host authorities regarding any new premises for Eurojust; in particular, wishes to be informed of the possibilities for Eurojust and Europol to occupy the same premises and of the conditions of such a move and the financial support that the host state will grant to Eurojust in that respect;
 9. Notes that Eurojust implemented a different budget from the one set by the budgetary authority; insists that Eurojust follow the correct procedures and await approval from the budgetary authority before implementing any such change in future;
 10. Stresses that the principle of the segregation of the duties of authorising officer and accounting officer should be respected and that there should be no repetition of the situation which occurred in 2004, when one member of staff filled both roles;
 11. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 12. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0177

2004 discharge: European Training Foundation

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116 (DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 establishing a European Training Foundation ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0102/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Director of the European Training Foundation for the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Director of the European Training Foundation, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 75.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 131, 23.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1648/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 22).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0168/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 36.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 establishing a European Training Foundation ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0102/2006),

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 ⁽¹⁾ (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Revenue		
Commission subsidies	17 600	18 100
Other donors	800	523
Miscellaneous revenue	80	17
Financial revenue	-	-
Total revenue (a)	18 480	18 640
Expenditure		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	11 122	10 771
Appropriations carried over	123	329
<i>Administration— Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	1 213	1 076
Appropriations carried over	247	310
<i>Operating activities — Title III of the budget</i>		
Payments	3 449	3 396
Appropriations carried over	1 168	1 087
<i>Earmarked revenue</i>		
Payments	260	237
Appropriations carried over	540	286
Total expenditure (b)	18 122	17 492
Outturn for the financial year (a - b)	358	1 148
Balance carried over from the previous financial year	- 1 318	- 2 155
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	204	375
Reimbursements to the Commission	0	- 703
Exchange-rate differences	- 4	17
Balance for the financial year	- 759	- 1 318

⁽¹⁾ The revenue and expenditure account and balance sheet only take account of the Foundation's specific activities: they do not include programmes managed on behalf of the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 75.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 131, 23.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1648/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 22).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Director of the European Training Foundation, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004 (N6-0011/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2116(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Training Foundation for the financial year 2004, together with the Foundation's replies⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 establishing a European Training Foundation⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control (A6-0102/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that, except for a failure to include expenditure incurred within the framework of the Tempus programmes, the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
 - B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
 - C. whereas on 12 April 2005 Parliament gave discharge to the Director in respect of the implementation of the Foundation's budget for the 2003 financial year⁽⁶⁾ and in its resolution containing the comments accompanying the discharge decision⁽⁷⁾ it *inter alia* noted that the Court of Auditors had again criticised the Foundation for a failure to properly present in its accounts expenditure related to the Tempus programme and expected to be fully informed in the Foundation's 2004 annual activity report about a solution, agreed with the Commission, regarding the correct presentation in the accounts of this expenditure,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 75.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 131, 23.5.1990, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1648/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 22).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 113.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 196, 27.7.2005, p. 114.

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Foundation's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Foundation; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
7. Is disappointed to note that the Foundation has still not solved the problem concerning the correct presentation in its accounts of expenditure related to the Tempus programme; notes that this problem has persisted despite repeated criticisms from the Court of Auditors in annual reports since 1999 and that the Court of Auditors has now entered a reservation concerning the Foundation's accounts as a consequence; insists that the accounts of the Foundation respect the principles of unity and budget accuracy;
8. Insists that the Agency comply with the regulations in force concerning the publication of a budget subdivided into articles and items and including an establishment plan; will nevertheless bear in mind the Agency's comments on the disproportionate cost of publication and assurances of transparency when considering revisions to the Financial Regulation;
9. Welcomes the detailed information on the development of internal auditing by the Foundation included in the 2004 annual activity report; looks forward to a progress report in the 2005 annual activity report and to the summary report on internal audits in 2005 as required by Article 72(5) of the framework Financial Regulation;

Thursday 27 April 2006

10. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;

11. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.

P6_TA(2006)0178

2004 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0103/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;
2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;
3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0103/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Revenue		
Community subsidies	12 800	2 630
Other revenue	5	2
Total budget revenue (a)	12 805	2 632
Expenditure		
<i>Staff — Title I of the budget</i>		
Payments	3 594	647
Appropriations carried over	143	66
<i>Operating expenditure — Title II of the budget</i>		
Payments	635	238
Appropriations carried over	684	315
<i>Operational expenditure — Title III of the budget</i>		
Payments	437	13
Appropriations carried over	2 074	155
Total budget expenditure (b)	7 567	1 434
Balance (c = a - b)	5 238	1 198
Appropriations carried over and cancelled	251	-
Exchange-rate differences	- 1	0
Balance of the budget implementation for the financial year (d)	5 488	1 198
Variation in automatic carry-overs of appropriations and invoices to be received	2 089	399
Variation in investments for the financial year	242	11
Variation in debts (Commission)	- 5 489	- 1 198
Depreciation for the financial year	- 43	- 3
Variation in advances to suppliers	56	-
Outturn of the economic adjustments for the financial year (e)	2 343	407

NB: Variations in totals are due to the effects of rounding.

⁽¹⁾ The data for the financial year 2003 have been restated in order to comply with the principle of accruals-based accounting.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0012/2005 — C6-0169/2005 — 2005/2117(DEC))

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 30.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
 - having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0103/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;
 5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors found the Agency's accounts for 2004 to be reliable and the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, to be legal and regular;
 8. Stress that the Agency must make a clear distinction between commitment and payment appropriations in its budget; is pleased to note that the Agency is in contact with the Commission with a view to drawing up appropriate presentation models for its budget data, and expects future budgets to be presented in the appropriate form;
 9. Notes the low level of implementation of the 2004 budget and the high level of carry-overs; notes the Agency's explanation that this was due to late launching of calls for tender due to a lack of operational managerial staff; hopes that staffing problems have been resolved;
 10. Notes the Court of Auditors' finding of a number of failures in the internal control system; is pleased to note the steps taken by the Agency to strengthen its internal control system and to avoid such problems in the future;
 11. Regrets the little use made of appropriations for maritime anti-pollution measures, namely that only EUR 200 000 of the EUR 700 000 available in both commitment and payment appropriations was used, representing a rate of 28%; recalls that anti-pollution measures are a key aspect of the Agency's activities and insists that funds made available be effectively deployed in the future;
 12. Notes that the Community subsidy for the Agency rose from EUR 2 630 000 in 2003 to EUR 12 800 000 in 2004 and that in 2004 the Agency implemented less than 60% of such subsidy in expenditure;
 13. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 14. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0179

2004 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency**1.****European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 49 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0104/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 240, 7.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 49 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0104/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 240, 7.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 5).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 ⁽¹⁾ (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003
Operating revenue		
Community subsidies	7 777	3 725
Other subsidies	248	0
Reimbursement of expenditure	3	0
Other revenue	350	0
Total (a)	8 378	3 725
Operating expenditure		
Staff	5 556	662
Buildings and related expenditure	689	92
Other administrative expenditure	743	82
Allocation to provisions	89	1
Operating expenditure	2 081	261
Total (b)	9 158	1 098
Operating outturn (c = a - b)	- 780	2 627
Financial income (d)	0	0
Financial expenses (e)	2	0
Financial outturn (f = d - e)	-2	0
Outturn for the financial year (g = c + f)	- 782	2 627

⁽¹⁾ The data for the financial year 2003 have been restated to make them comparable, following the transition to accruals-based accounting.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Aviation Safety Agency, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 (N6-0013/2005 — C6-0170/2005 — 2005/2118(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2004, together with the Agency's replies ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 49 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0104/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
 2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Agency's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Agency; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
 4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 240, 7.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Welcomes the fact that the Court of Auditors found the Agency's accounts for 2004 to be reliable and the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, to be legal and regular;
 8. Notes the Court of Auditors' remark that the Agency's initial budget and its amending budgets as published in the Official Journal do not give a breakdown of appropriations in terms of articles and items as required by Article 22 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002; reminds the Agency of the principle of specification and urges it to respect this principle in order to allow the clear and transparent implementation of the budgets set by the budget authority;
 9. Notes that the Agency did not record the loss on the 2003 budget as an amending budget in 2004 in accordance with the rules; expects the Agency, in future, to include negative balances at year end in amending budgets the following financial year;
 10. Is concerned by the anomalies noted by the Court of Auditors in budgetary management, including a lack of any indication in the amending budgets about transfers carried out or about the reasons for these transfers and a failure to inform the Management Board about transfers and payment of advances outside the budget; welcomes the steps taken by the Agency to improve budgetary management;
 11. Notes that in 2004 the Agency had not yet adopted the implementing rules for its financial regulation and had not carried out any risk analysis or prepared any internal control standards; welcomes the Agency's adoption in June 2005 of the implementing rules for its financial regulation and the recruitment of a risk manager/internal auditor;
 12. Notes that staff selection procedures at the Agency have varied from one round of selections to another and urges the Commission and the Agency to agree on a transparent and coherent recruitment procedure consistent with the Agency's needs in terms of specifically qualified personnel;
 13. Is pleased to note the Agency's assurance that recruitment procedures will be formalised by the drawing up of manuals of procedure in order to improve the transparency of decisions taken in this regard and to avoid apparently arbitrary variations in staff selection procedures, as stressed by the Court of Auditors;
 14. Notes that over 70% of the Commission's subsidy to the Agency was implemented under titles I and II, which concern personnel and administrative expenses only, and that, in operational expenditure, the Agency spent only about 10% of the Commission's subsidy; also notes that the increase from 2003 to 2004 in expenditure on personnel and administration was much greater than the increase in operational expenditure;
 15. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 16. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0180

2004 discharge: European Food Safety Authority

1.

European Parliament decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004, together with the Authority's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0105/2006),

1. Grants discharge to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority for the implementation of the Authority's budget for the financial year 2004;

2. Sets out its comments in the resolution below;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision and the resolution that forms an integral part of it to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have them published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 45.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1642/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 4).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

2.

European Parliament decision on the closure of the accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004, together with the Authority's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
- having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0105/2006),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 45.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1642/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 4).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

1. Notes the following figures for the accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial years 2004 and 2003:

Revenue and expenditure account for the financial years 2004 and 2003 (in 1 000 EUR)		
	2004	2003 ⁽¹⁾
Operating revenue	20 591	10 171
Total operating revenue	20 591	10 171
Administrative expenditure		
Staff expenditure	- 7 564	- 3 213
Buildings and related expenditure	- 4 192	- 781
Other expenditure	- 1 263	- 536
Depreciation and write-off	- 333	- 204
Operating expenditure	- 6 431	- 2 159
Total operating expenditure	- 19 783	- 6 894
Total operating profit/loss	808	3 277
Revenue from financial operations	0	1
Expenditure from financial operations	- 7	- 3
Profit/(loss) on financial operations	- 6	- 2
Current profit/(loss)	802	3 275
Extraordinary revenue		402
Extraordinary expenditure	- 27	
Extraordinary profit/(loss)	- 27	402
Economic outturn for the financial year	775	3 677

NB: Variations in totals are due to the effects of rounding.

⁽¹⁾ The data for the financial year 2003 have been restated to make them comply with the principle of accruals-based accounting.

2. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004;

3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors and to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union (L series).

3.

European Parliament resolution with comments forming an integral part of the decision on the discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004 (N6-0014/2005 — C6-0171/2005 — 2005/2119(DEC))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Food Safety Authority for the financial year 2004, together with the Authority's replies⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Council's recommendation of 14 March 2006 (5972/2006 — C6-0093/2006),
- having regard to the EC Treaty, and in particular Article 276 thereof,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 185 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 269, 28.10.2005, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 332, 28.12.2005, p. 45.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 44 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2343/2002 of 19 November 2002 on the framework Financial Regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 185 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 94 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 71 of and Annex V to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0105/2006),
- A. whereas the Court of Auditors stated that it had obtained reasonable assurance that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2004 were reliable and that, except for irregularities in staff recruitment and contract awards, the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, were legal and regular,
- B. whereas the Court of Auditors states that it has obtained reasonable assurance from all the agencies, excepting the express reservations in respect of the 2004 financial year concerning the European Agency for Reconstruction, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the European Training Foundation, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia and the European Food Safety Authority,
1. Recalls that, under Article 185 of the Financial Regulation, Parliament shall give discharge for the implementation of the budgets of the bodies set up by the Communities and having legal personality which actually receive grants charged to the budget; points out, however, that not all of these bodies are fully, or even partially, funded via grants charged to the budget; emphasises that the discharge decision therefore covers both the budget and the non-budget funding of these bodies; considers it unacceptable that some of the bodies set up by the Union are accountable for the expenditure of income received from sources other than the budget whilst others, which do not receive a subsidy from the budget, are not; affirms the principle that all Community agencies, whether or not they are subsidised, are subject to discharge by Parliament, even when another discharge authority intervenes in accordance with their basic texts; takes the view that there is a need to review all texts that go against this principle;
 2. Finds table 1 of the Court of Auditors' report, introduced for the first time during the 2003 discharge exercise, which summarises the Authority's powers and responsibilities, governance, resources, activities and services provided, of great value; notes that the information contained in table 1 is supplied by the Authority; asks the Court of Auditors to verify the contents of table 1;
 3. Insists that as well as spending money properly, agencies should also strive to spend money as efficiently and effectively as possible; invites the Court of Auditors to consider the possibility of extending its specific annual reports on the agencies to include an examination of performance and achievement of objectives; in this context and in line with its resolutions on the 2003 discharge, insists that the following aspects be taken into account: that duplication of work among the agencies must be avoided as much as possible and that measures designed to improve transparency and communication with the public must be clarified, along with Community affirmative action measures at all levels of recruitment, training and the assignment of responsibilities;
 4. Notes that Community agencies do not always have a good image or good press and that many of them do not deserve such a negative image; points out that EU citizens should be made aware of this, with appropriate means being used to explain as often as is necessary the *raison d'être* and achievements of the agencies; calls on the Commission to act accordingly, using whatever means it considers necessary;

(¹) OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1642/2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 4).

(²) OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 72. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1261/2005 (OJ L 201, 2.8.2005, p. 3).

Thursday 27 April 2006

5. Notes that the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 has affected the structures and operating arrangements of the Community agencies in many ways, and that several of the agencies draw attention to these effects in their activity reports, focusing in particular on the increase in the number of administrators; calls on the Commission to assess the real or supposed problems encountered and to recommend the regulatory changes required;
 6. Notes that the Commission has made a commitment to harmonising the way in which activity reports concerning its directorates-general are presented; calls for a similar approach to be taken in respect of the activity reports of the Communities' agencies, which differ significantly in terms of content; calls on the Commission to point out to the Communities' agencies the information and activity indicators that they must provide;
 7. Notes the Court of Auditors' comments on the anomalies regarding the declarations of the authorising officers on which carry-overs of appropriations are partly based; welcomes the Authority's assurance that the system designed to inform the accounting officer of expenditure will be more accurate and reliable;
 8. Is disappointed to note that the Court of Auditors has again discovered anomalies in the application of the rules concerning staff recruitment; urges the Authority to apply with more transparency the rules regarding selection procedures; is pleased to note the Authority's assurance that selection procedures and recruitment decisions have been improved in order to improve transparency; urges the Authority to keep up its efforts to improve the regularity of staff recruitment procedures;
 9. Is concerned by the irregularities noted by the Court of Auditors in contract award procedures; welcomes the measures undertaken by the Authority with the aim of avoiding such problems in the future; urges the Authority to improve by any means necessary the transparency of its decisions on the award of contracts in order to avoid any suspicion of bias, as stressed by the Court of Auditors;
 10. Notes that 2004 was the second operating year for the Authority; recalls that, due to the delayed decision by the Council on its permanent seat, the Authority continued operating on a transitional basis;
 11. Notes that the Authority was not able to complete its establishment plan largely due to the announced move to Parma in 2005; considers it understandable, therefore, that with fewer staff it was not possible fully to implement all actions in the operating budget;
 12. Expresses its satisfaction with the full implementation of the commitment appropriations for both the operating and the administrative budget;
 13. Insists that the Authority act in compliance with Article 14(4) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, especially regarding the probable short and long-term effects on the health of consumers of new foods such as GMOs;
 14. Calls on the Commission to help the agencies follow as closely as possible the work plan agreed for the year ahead, allowing activities to be properly planned and implemented, and particularly to avoid major, last-minute changes to the work load;
 15. Asks the Commission to improve synergies between agencies by making cooperation more effective, avoiding duplication of work and addressing shortcomings, in particular as regards common areas such as training, the implementation of Community policies across the board, the use of the latest management systems and solving problems relating to sound management of the budget.
-

Thursday 27 April 2006

P6_TA(2006)0181**Asset management****European Parliament resolution on asset management (2006/2037(INI))***The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Green Paper on the enhancement of the EU framework for investment funds (COM(2005)0314) and the European Economic and Social Committee Opinion of 15 March 2006,
 - having regard to Directives 2001/107/EC⁽¹⁾ and 2001/108/EC⁽²⁾ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 January 2002 on undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS), respectively, with a view to regulating management companies and simplified prospectuses, and with regard to investments of UCITS,
 - having regard to Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments⁽³⁾ (MiFID),
 - having regard to Directive 2005/1/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2005 establishing a new organisational structure for financial services committees⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to Directive 2003/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 June 2003 on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision⁽⁵⁾ (pension fund directive),
 - having regard to Directive 2002/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 December 2002 on insurance mediation⁽⁶⁾ and Directive 2002/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 concerning life assurance⁽⁷⁾,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 January 2004 on the future of hedge funds and derivatives⁽⁸⁾,
 - having regard to the Asset Management Expert Group report of 7 May 2004,
 - having regard to the hearing organised by the committee responsible on 21 November 2005,
 - having regard to the Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR) advice to the Commission of 26 January 2006 on clarification of definitions concerning eligible assets for investments of UCITS,
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (A6-0106/2006),
- A. whereas the primary objectives of asset management regulations are to protect investors, to diversify the financing of the economy, and to create a level playing field within the internal market,
- B. whereas a regulatory framework should promote European industrial competitiveness, both within the internal market and *vis-à-vis* non-European competitors at European and global level, and not inhibit new entrants to an open, competitive and customer-oriented asset management industry,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 41, 13.2.2002, p. 20.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 41, 13.2.2002, p. 35.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 79, 24.3.2005, p. 9.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 9, 15.1.2003, p. 3.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 345, 19.12.2002, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ C 92 E, 16.4.2004, p. 407.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- C. whereas MiFID is the appropriate legislative instrument to address the transparency of distribution costs and the charges imposed by distributors for third-party funds, while it does not apply to in-house distribution,
- D. whereas cooperation among supervisory authorities is of the highest importance in ensuring the stability and development of the European financial market for the benefit of investors and European industry,
- E. whereas asset management is an appropriate instrument for enhancing sustainably funded retirement provisions and an effective and sufficient supply of capital to a dynamic economy,
- F. whereas it should be stressed that the European asset management industry is still fragmented in size in comparison with that of the US and that, therefore, action at European level is needed to boost economic efficiency,
- G. whereas the Commission is being invited to look into the possibility of how to advance the convergence of regulatory practices and conditions in various Member States,

General framework

Interaction with other directives

1. Believes that the interaction between the Directive 85/611/EEC⁽¹⁾ on UCITS, MiFID and its Level 2 measures, and the Directive 2000/31/EC⁽²⁾ on electronic commerce, leave undesirable scope for interpretation and require clarification and consolidation;
2. Draws attention to differences between the regulation of UCITS and other investment products and calls on the Commission, CESR and the Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors (CEIOPS) to ensure a high standard of transparency, management of conflicts of interests, notification requirements, and thus of equal treatment between UCITS and competing products;

Objectives and implementation of the UCITS directives

3. Notes that the objectives of investor protection and product diversity, ensuring fair conditions of competition and improving performance and competitiveness at global level have not yet all been achieved to a satisfactory degree despite existing EC regulations;
4. States that the changes introduced by Directives 2001/107/EC and 2001/108/EC (UCITS III) have not yet been exhausted; considers that the transposition and interpretation of these Directives should be closely monitored and invites the Commission to act immediately and vigorously in order to rectify failings identified in the different Member States; believes however that there is a need to go further and to modify in some areas the Directive 85/611/EEC as amended by UCITS III in order to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 3; these modifications concern the following: a simplified prospectus, a modification of the notification procedure, the abolition of tax barriers for cross-border mergers and pooling and, if appropriate, the adaptation of eligible assets to market developments;

Investor information and protection

5. Notes that, within the current legislative framework, Member States have implemented the simplified prospectus in different ways and have, in some instances, established additional stringent national requirements in spite of Commission Recommendation 2004/384/EC⁽³⁾ on some contents of the simplified prospectus;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 375, 31.12.1985, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 178, 17.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 144, 30.4.2004, p. 44.

Thursday 27 April 2006

6. Proposes that the simplified prospectus — in the spirit of the European Federation of Investment Funds and Companies (FEFSI) proposal of October 2003 — should take the form of a fact sheet to give investors transparency and provide them with a harmonised pan-European document setting out brief, standardised, understandable, and comparable information, on two to three pages, in their own language, including information on the nature and risk of the financial instruments used and a quotation of the total expense ratio based on a standardised calculation and of load fees, an understandable description of the asset management (investment) strategy and references to the relevant sections of the full prospectus from which detailed information can be obtained; believes that this document should be offered to the investor before conclusion of the contract;
7. Hopes that the forthcoming CESR recommendations will be in line with these criteria and calls on the Commission to take them into account in evaluating the implementation of UCITS III and to propose amendments to Directive 85/611/EEC on the content of the simplified prospectus for the purpose of establishing binding EC legislation on a fully harmonised simplified prospectus; suggests that the simplified prospectus should be designed after consulting all relevant parties, including industry and consumer associations, after direct consumer testing, and with the help of marketing experts, otherwise it will remain unlikely to be read and understood by consumers;
8. Refers to the principle of appropriate and suitable advice regarding the financial situation of the investor laid down in MiFID, which is including an assessment of the operational risks; notices that small investors, in particular first-time investors, shall be informed about their rights and responsibilities concerning complaints procedures and, if provided for in national law, about their right of recourse to an ombudsman;
9. Draws attention to the importance of improving investor knowledge about existing investment products and more particularly about new products, and urges the competent authorities at national, regional and local level to ensure that basic knowledge about financial services and investment matters is taught at school;
10. Welcomes the industry's efforts to develop changes aimed at building long-term client relations, including those related to the transparency of fees;
11. Notices that those employed in the financial services sector have an important role to play when it comes to identifying consumer requirements; therefore stresses that the financial services industry should aim at an appropriate and continuing training of their employees in order to ensure professional advice and to meet current and future developments;

Risk management

12. Urges the Commission to bear risk management in mind and to undertake further studies on effective risk control;
13. Considers that, in the long term, the following matters, among others, should be examined more closely: the differing risks of the individual components of the value chain, and the risk profiles of individual products;

European passports

Product passport

14. Points out that a harmonised simplified prospectus as requested by the Commission is a precondition for an effective product passport;
15. Draws attention to the different interpretations by national regulators of eligible assets falling within the scope of the Directive 85/611/EEC and, in the absence of coherence in national transposition of the directive, the differing requirements for the actual notification procedure and for the subsequent reporting of changes in fund composition and the fact that in practice the notification procedure has unintentionally become a licensing procedure;

Thursday 27 April 2006

16. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, as part of a more ambitious approach, a new and simplified notification procedure based on recognition of the authorisation by the competent authority of the Member State of origin, mutual recognition of the product passport, and regulator-to-regulator notification;

17. Points out that provisions on advertising and consumer protection are not harmonised; therefore asks the Member States and the supervisory authorities to step up their efforts to find practical solutions to these problems; stresses that advertising should not be misleading, encourages the industry and distribution companies to develop and implement a voluntary code of conduct, corresponding to MiFID, upon their own initiative;

Management company and depositary passports

18. Regrets the unclear legal situation created by Directive 2001/107/EC and calls on the Commission to develop its work for achieving a real management company passport for this purpose, for which purpose enhancing the harmonised rules for management companies is a prerequisite;

19. Points out that it is already legally possible to use management company passports in Italy and the United Kingdom;

20. Believes that, in practise, it would be appropriate to adopt either a lead supervision or a clearly defined split supervision approach, this requires the development of coordination between supervisors and a precise and incontestable definition of the powers and responsibilities of the supervisory authorities concerned;

21. Does not consider that a depositary passport is feasible in the short term as long as the precondition for its creation, namely the harmonisation of the role and responsibilities of the depositor, is not yet met and, therefore, close cooperation between supervisory authorities to facilitate convergence and European harmonisation is necessary; but would, on the other hand, welcome the use of the possibility of cross-border delegation of pure custody function, this delegation remaining a decision of the depositary to guarantee a high level of investor protection;

Fund processing standardisation

22. Points out that the inefficiency of fund processing is an obstacle to further growth;

23. Emphasises that order processing and settlement of funds are different from the clearing and settlement of securities, order execution and settlement often being an integrated process;

24. Calls on the industry to step up its own initiatives, in coordination with the Commission and regulators if called on by the industry, to develop an operational, standardised and consistent European model for fund processing in a secure environment, thereby making it possible to reduce costs; suggests that this would lead to the development of uniform common standards;

25. Supports the greater use of electronic fund processing through the creation of common standards;

Cross-border consolidation

26. Notes that the size and number of European funds is sub-optimal and that greater consolidation would bring lower costs and/or higher net returns for investors; notes also that greater flexibility and higher product quality, especially aiming at more cross-border competition in accordance with European competition law would be beneficial;

27. Does not consider that delegation is the optimum solution in all cases because of the additional costs of local employees and the fact that certain functions cannot be delegated;

Thursday 27 April 2006

28. Calls on the Commission to continue to identify and eliminate obstacles to a real internal market in particular as regards the treatment of cross-border mergers and different kinds of cross-border pooling; draws attention to the importance of tax barriers, the limited scope for applying tax concessions to external funds, the *de facto* double taxation of foreign funds and the interpretation of cross-border and domestic mergers and pooling as a taxable event; believes that a new legal basis is required and suggests that the Commission should be guided by the principles set out in Directives 2005/56/EC on cross-border mergers of limited liability companies ⁽¹⁾ and 90/434/EEC ⁽²⁾ on taxation of mergers;

29. Notes that the industry would like to develop cross-border pooling starting from existing national experiences, such as, for instance, domestic master-feeder structures in France, Spain and Luxembourg, but anticipates that the total costs (including load fees) of such arrangements must be made clear to the investor;

30. Calls on the CESR and the CEIOPS to work towards greater regulatory convergence in pooling and considers that in the field of pensions, cooperation between the Committees is necessary;

31. Points out that an amendment to Directive 85/611/EEC is necessary to allow master-feeder structures;

32. Stresses that both kinds of pooling (entity pooling and virtual pooling) must be possible and that a dialogue of supervisory authorities is necessary to enable pooling to function effectively;

33. Points out, however, that, alongside tax harmonisation, the focus should be on ensuring the convergence of the general legislative and regulatory conditions and that measures for cross-border consolidation should not be allowed to result in a small number of large management companies in a dominant position distorting competition;

Distribution structure

34. Welcomes, in principle, the creation of an open architecture through competing channels of distribution;

35. Encourages the industry to develop further direct distribution via the Internet but with appropriate investor safeguards;

36. Regrets, however, that in a number of Member States, distribution and sales often remain locally based, with very limited competition;

37. Has reservations concerning the fixing of prices, their transparency in terms of distribution costs and the charges imposed by distributors for third-party funds, and calls on the Commission to investigate this from a competition law perspective; considers that this requirement should be extended to all financial products which are sold to retail investors in order to prevent distributors from applying unfair prices;

38. Advocates uniform rules on distribution and advice on each product sold to small investors; in particular the distributor should disclose value chain costs to the client; points out, once again, that all disclosure requirements should apply not only to UCITS but equally to all competing products; suggests that the functions of asset management, pooling and distribution, as well as all related costs and fees, must be clearly defined and disclosed to the client;

Investment policy

39. Considers it to be essential that the investments eligible for UCITS should be extended and adapted in line with changes and innovations in the market and should be subject to a uniform pan-European definition;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 310, 25.11.2005, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 225, 20.8.1990, p. 1.

Thursday 27 April 2006

40. Believes that investors should be informed if there is a change in investment structure, that does not respect the strategic allocation of the fund assets previously defined; considers that inducements received from third parties need to be disclosed to the client;
41. Points out that information given to investors should also cover any changes in the risks to which the investor is exposed as the result of restructuring;
42. Welcomes the CESR advice on eligible assets for investments of UCITS and supports the inclusion of listed real estate investment trusts, private equity funds and certificates among the eligible assets for investment and calls on the Commission to examine with all stakeholders whether a provision on the basis thereof can be achieved without primary legislation; regrets, however, that funds of hedge funds have remained outside the CESR mandate; calls on the Commission to examine whether a provision to this effect should be incorporated into the scheme of Directive 85/611/EEC; stresses that UCITS must continue to fulfil the risk-management requirements set out in the directive as well as Commission Recommendation 2004/383/EC⁽¹⁾ on the use of financial derivative instruments for UCITS while leading to common risk management practices;

Excursus: Non-UCITS investments

43. Notes that although real estate investment funds, hedge funds, funds of hedge funds, private equity funds, certificates, and pension funds do not fall within the scope of the Directive 85/611/EEC, they are becoming increasingly popular types of investment;
44. Calls on the Commission to continue to monitor the situation with regard to non-UCITS investments and to inform the Parliament in the very near future of the advantages and other effects of regulation for suitable investors in such investments, including consideration of the following measures: on the one hand, the creation of a pan-European private placement regime and a study concerning the mechanism for making such products eligible for retail investment when this becomes desirable, and, on the other, the establishment of a pan-European framework for indirect investments in real estate;
45. Calls on the Member States, in accordance with the pension fund directive, to permit the full or partial transfer of the asset management function of pension funds to other undertakings;

Supervision

46. Draws attention to the importance of the coherent transposition and implementation of EC legislation, of the Level-3 committees, and of cooperation between them;
47. Asks the national supervisory authorities to cooperate more closely, in particular to ensure access to information for supervisory authorities from other Member States and draws attention to the importance of regulatory arbitrage; notes that this is of considerable importance, particularly because of the anticipated growth in cross-border sales of fund products to non-professional investors, the expansion of electronic marketing and advisory channels and the interest expressed by the fund industry and its financial partners in the banking and insurance sectors in a pan-EU management company passport;
48. Calls on the Commission to foster contacts with third-country supervisory authorities in order, *inter alia*, to update them about changes to EC legislation and to reassure them about the quality of UCITS products;

Lamfalussy

49. Recognises that, based on the successful experience of directives already transposed, such as Directives 2003/6/EC⁽²⁾ relating to market abuse and 2003/71/EC⁽³⁾ on the prospectus, the Lamfalussy approach has, in many areas, been playing an important role in improving and ensuring an effective and consistent implementation of measures throughout the EU;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 144, 30.4.2004, p. 34.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 96, 12.4.2003, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 345, 31. 12. 2003, p. 64.

Thursday 27 April 2006

50. Points out that it would be beneficial if the Level 3 committees adhered more closely to the principles of simplicity, clarity and practicability and developed more common methods among themselves;

51. Notes that the Lamfalussy process did not exist when Directive 85/611/EEC was adopted, and that, because of the detailed legislation currently in force, Directive 85/611/EEC cannot be transformed into a Lamfalussy-style directive without being completely revised and restructured; does not consider this to be appropriate at present but believes that it would be worth considering if measures taken in the near future are not effective;

52. Welcomes the fact that some Lamfalussy-style mechanisms are already being applied, for instance the consultation and cooperation of all stakeholders and the convergence of best practices, and recommends, as a practical solution, that legislative amendments to Directive 85/611/EEC, as amended by UCITS III, should be compliant with Lamfalussy;

53. Encourages the Council and the Commission to conclude, in a satisfactory manner for all parties, the current negotiations on comitology so as to give the Parliament full call-back rights in all comitology procedures related to codecision procedures; considers that the conclusion of such an agreement is a precondition for the continuance of the Lamfalussy process; recalls that sunset clauses as regards key financial services directives such as MiFID and the forthcoming recast directives on credit institutions and capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions will become effective on 1 April 2008 if no full call-back right is given to the Parliament before that date;

*
* *

54. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

P6_TA(2006)0182

State aid for innovation

European Parliament resolution on sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation (2006/2044(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission Communication of 21 September 2005 entitled, 'Consultation Document on State Aid for Innovation' (COM(2005)0436),
- having regard to the Commission's State aid action plan, Less and better-targeted State aid: a roadmap for State aid reform 2005-2009 of 7 June 2005 (COM(2005)0107),
- having regard to its resolution of 14 February 2006 on State aid reform 2005-2009 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the draft Commission Communication of 21 December 2005 entitled, 'Guidelines on National Regional Aid for 2007-2013' ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Community Framework for State aid for Research and Development ⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ Texts Adopted, P6_TA(2006)0054.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 54, 4.3.2006, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 45, 17.2.96, p. 5 as last amended by the Commission communication concerning the prolongation of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development, OJ C 310, 8.12.2005, p. 10.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to the 2005 EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission Communication on State aid and risk capital ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission Communication of 12 October 2005 entitled, 'More Research and Innovation — Investing for Growth and Employment: A Common Approach' (COM(2005)0488),
 - having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2204/2002 of 5 December 2002 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid for employment ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy,
 - having regard to Articles 2, 5, 81, 82, 87, 88 and 163 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A6-0073/2006),
- A. whereas the EU aims to reduce the general level of State aid and redeploy it in favour of horizontal objectives,
- B. whereas the level of innovation in the EU is sub-optimal and lags behind its trading partners as regards both R&D investment and productivity growth; whereas the trend of the 'brain drain' and the investment flow from the EU to other parts of the world should be reversed,
- C. whereas in the case of innovation and R&D, horizontal aid exists in a field which is vital to the EU's competitiveness and one in which our competitors provide substantially more State aid than is permitted in the EU,
- D. whereas innovation processes need scope for development and room for experimentation,
- E. whereas the innovation performance gap between the EU and its global competitors is due to factors such as low public and private investment in R&D, an insufficient number of skilled workers, and disincentives inherent in EU rules on patents,
- F. whereas public support ranks very low among the factors influencing investment decisions in R&D; whereas the significance of direct public support varies considerably from one Member State to another and is one of the factors taken into account by enterprises for their investment decisions in R&D, which should not be isolated from an R&D-favourable business environment and should be subject to EC competition rules,
- G. whereas innovation policy in the fields of technology and R&D accounts for a manifestly small proportion of Member States' national budgets and GDP, which is in turn a factor that contributes to the delay in implementing the Lisbon Strategy objectives and achieving the goals of boosting employment and cohesion,
- H. whereas State aid should remain the exception, an instrument to correct imbalances that cannot be addressed by regular policy instruments, and whereas the low level of investment in R&D requires a more comprehensive policy approach,

⁽¹⁾ Published by the Commission on 9.12.2005.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 235, 21.8.2001, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 337, 13.12.2002, p. 3.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- I. whereas, in line with the Presidency conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council of 22 and 23 March 2005, State aid should act as a lever for developing research, education and innovation, and should permit a genuine dialogue to take place between interested parties in the public and private sectors,
- J. whereas it is very important to define clearly what is meant by R&D in order to prevent the abuse of the State aid rules,

I. GENERAL REMARKS

1. Recalls that State aid should remain the exception: an instrument to correct imbalances that cannot be addressed by regular policy instruments; underlines the importance of guaranteeing coherence between such measures and those aimed at reducing unnecessary regulation and introducing further deregulation measures, investing in education and training, providing adequate infrastructure, ensuring that the patent regime is conducive to innovation, ensuring fair competition, facilitating access to risk capital, encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit, removing obstacles to the freedom of movement for workers and researchers within the EU, and adopting a common policy for legal immigration, which enables the EU to attract the best and the brightest;
2. Stresses that further clarification is needed of how the State aid rules will apply to international cross-border economic activities of companies, research establishments, and academic institutions;
3. Considers that State aid for innovation should be complementary to the corresponding uniform Community policies and should import clear, measurable added value for the immediate beneficiaries as well as a secondary impact on the broader local, regional and national economy;
4. Stresses the need to draw conclusions from past cases in which State aid failed to achieve its aims, as well as from those cases in which it proved to be an effective instrument for attaining the desired objectives;
5. Welcomes the Commission's open consultation and encourages the continuation of dialogue in order to clarify all points before finalisation of the new framework, which should be implemented as soon as possible; considers, that the objective of innovation is multidimensional and complex and that very restrictive definitions and arrangements should be avoided; recommends an interim deadline for revising the framework in the event of the need for improvement; notes, moreover, that the revision of the Oslo Manual, which lays down the methodological framework for measuring innovation, should be taken into account;
6. Asks the Commission to provide more detailed information about the possible distortional effects of State aid and to take into account State aid granted by the EU's international competitors, both at sectoral and horizontal level and its possible distortional and incentive effects on a global scale; points out that the effective governance of innovation policy, international benchmarking, trans-national policy learning, monitoring, and conducting impact assessments are the most appropriate responses to the challenges of global competition;

II. PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CONTROL OF STATE AID FOR INNOVATION

7. Welcomes the approach of incorporating new rules, which support concrete and well-identified innovation-related activities, in the existing *acquis communautaire*, provided that this is done in a coherent and transparent way;
8. Welcomes the economic approach to State aid for innovation and would welcome the introduction of *ex ante* rules, where appropriate, if these are transparent, non-discriminatory, practicable, and provide for legal certainty; insists that the Commission, in close cooperation with Parliament, periodically review and evaluate the appropriateness of such rules; it should be emphasised that criteria for granting subsidies for innovation should be conditional on several factors, such as the characteristics of the economic sector, the market structure, and the market power of the company;

Thursday 27 April 2006

9. Insists that the promotion of cross-border cooperation and public-private partnerships in research, the dissemination of the results of the research, and major research programmes, should be fundamental priorities of State aid for R&D;
10. Insists that State aid for innovation should be temporary, granted according to transparent and rational criteria, proportionate, strictly and effectively controlled, and subject to periodic impact assessments through *ex post* analyses conducted by the Member States and the Commission; insists also that State aid should take into account 'remoteness from the market', in other words, the non-commercial phase of the innovation process; stresses that the increasing importance of innovation must not be a pretext for granting State aid to companies;
11. Recalls that innovation is an integral part of all business activities and stresses that rules and criteria must clarify that innovative processes *per se* do not merit State aid; stresses that State aid should be granted only for innovation that cannot be financed by normal commercial means and that contributes to the overall goals of business life and society;
12. Considers the term 'market inefficiency' more appropriate than 'market failure', and asks for a more detailed and operational definition; suggests that the identification of obstacles limiting innovation, as well as the quantification of its effective value, should be subject to further scrutiny;
13. Stresses the need for reliable statistical data both on market and on State aid inefficiencies in the field of innovation, as well as on the effectiveness of State aid for innovation;
14. Recognises that SMEs and start-ups are most affected by market inefficiencies; notes, at the same time, that the effect of State aid is less distorting when granted in favour of activities at a distance from the market or to SMEs and start-ups;
15. Stresses the need to create an innovation-friendly environment for SMEs in order to stimulate their untapped innovation potential;
16. Stresses that the importance in this connection of SMEs, which, by their nature, have only limited funds at their disposal, makes it necessary for them to be allocated a higher proportion of the aid available; to make this possible, a greater role needs to be played by innovation intermediaries once their nature and role has been clarified further and the necessary infrastructure which they should provide has been extended to include IT infrastructure, and networking and link-up to international databases;
17. Points out that SMEs are often not willing to take the high risks associated with technological innovation, even though this could not only bring individual benefits, but could also potentially benefit society as a whole; stresses the need urgently to target State aid at supportive actions that motivate SMEs and diminish the risks linked with technological innovation processes, as well as the need to improve the overall conditions of the business environment;
18. Regards large companies as an essential component of the innovation system; considers, however, that State aid to large companies is appropriate for encouraging cooperation within innovation clusters and poles of excellence (large companies, SMEs and knowledge centres), provided that they meet the criteria of the *ex ante* rules;
19. Is aware that State aid may be necessary in order to set in motion innovative projects or scientific or technological research projects which are distant from the marketplace;
20. Notes that the incentive effect of different State aid instruments is difficult to demonstrate but may be facilitated by a standardised set of questions; considers that as little use as possible should be made of direct grants;

Thursday 27 April 2006

21. Questions the distinction between technological and non-technological innovation; notes the importance of non-technological innovation, particularly in the acquisition of competitive advantages by SMEs; favours, instead, a definition of innovation distinguishing between the regular day-to-day operations of companies and their activities relating to innovation; proposes that projects eligible for State aid should be those that provide additional or new client benefits, entail risk, are intentional, have transferable benefits, and create positive externalities;

22. Considers that regional aid and State aid for innovation are complementary and should focus on less-developed regions in order to promote economic and social cohesion; considers that otherwise such aid will only promote the growth of more developed regions and countries; considers that regional aid schemes, whenever additional to State aid for innovation, must be compatible with the internal market and the competition rules; considers, moreover, that particular importance should be attached to the definition of and eligibility for State aid for innovation in relation to regional SMEs for which it is vitally important to have access to innovation;

23. Calls on the Commission to make the regional aid schemes more forward-looking, allowing, in particular, support for intangible investments;

24. Calls on the Commission to ensure that EU structural funding will not be regarded as unlawful State aid when combined with co-funding from other sources; further asks that the relevant procedures be modified so that dual notification to the Commission of such funding is avoided;

III. SUPPORTING RISK-TAKING AND EXPERIMENTATION

25. Agrees that State aid should be allocated on the basis of criteria favouring innovative start-ups and SMEs, rather than on the basis of eligible costs; notes that decisions on the grant of State aid should be taken in an efficient manner and within clearly defined time lines;

26. Proposes that the existence period requirement for companies with a longer R&D cycle be extended to eight years;

27. Supports the proposal that financial support is given by means of risk capital not only for the seed and start-up phase, but also for the post-seed phase; stresses, however, that this solution is not optimal and that any aid should be of a short-term character and complementary to primarily private investments;

28. Emphasises that the limits on R&D costs should be carefully monitored;

29. Notes that in regions and countries in which the innovation environment is particularly disadvantaged, a perception by private investors and financial institutions of higher risk may work as a major innovation-inhibiting factor;

30. Realises that innovative SMEs' access to risk capital is currently considerably limited, primarily in the first phases of their development; supports, therefore, the idea of using State aid to attract private capital investment to regional risk-capital funds working as public-private partnerships with higher flexibility of investment tranches for public resources;

IV. A SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR INNOVATION

31. Calls for the further clarification of the legal status of intermediaries in regard to the scope of the services that they provide; supports the voucher system but proposes introducing an element of co-financing, in order to attract more private investment; believes, however, that the reimbursement of 100 % might lead to the distortion of competition;

Thursday 27 April 2006

32. Recommends that universities and their research centres should take part in or cooperate closely with regional public-private partnerships as 'innovation intermediaries'; considers that this would create a large synergy effect with better interconnection between the research and innovation activities of universities and the needs of individual innovative SMEs and innovative business clusters;
33. Asks for further clarification on how the State aid rules apply to universities and research establishments when they are engaged in economic activities;
34. Questions the appropriateness of allowing State aid to SMEs for hiring highly qualified staff, since SMEs may have access to specialist knowledge and skills through the services of intermediaries and experts;
35. Is convinced of the need to step up links between businesses and universities, *inter alia* by increasing the mobility of highly qualified personnel of all specialities between universities and businesses, particularly SMEs; considers that aid, particularly via support schemes, should encourage such links; welcomes the Commission's proposal to divide intellectual property rights between the partners (industry and public research organisations) in research and innovation programmes in accordance with each partner's level of participation, considering that this will give a great boost to the creation of poles of excellence; calls on the Commission, therefore, to submit specific proposals to clarify the legal status of intellectual property in these circumstances;
36. Believes that clusters develop organically and should therefore be eligible for State aid only on a temporary basis, during the start-up phase, in order to meet administrative problems and obstacles linked with cooperation;
37. Believes that State aid for infrastructure should fulfil the requirement of technical neutrality and open access, address identified market failures, and enhance innovative potential;

*
* *

38. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.
-

P6_TA(2006)0183

Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens

European Parliament resolution on Road safety: bringing eCall to citizens (2005/2211(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission White Paper 'European transport policy for 2010: time to decide' (COM(2001)0370), and its resolution of 12 February 2003 thereon⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Commission Communication 'Information and Communications Technologies for Safe and Intelligent Vehicles' (COM(2003)0542),
- having regard to the Commission Communication 'European Road Safety Action Programme — Halving the number of road accident victims in the European Union by 2010: A shared responsibility' (COM(2003)0311) and its publication 'Saving 20 000 lives on our roads' of October 2004,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 43 E, 19.2.2004, p. 250.

Thursday 27 April 2006

- having regard to Commission Recommendation 2004/345/EC of 6 April 2004 on enforcement in the field of road safety⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Verona Declaration on Road Safety of 5 December 2003 as well as the conclusions of the Second Verona meeting of EU transport ministers of 2004 and the subsequent commitment given by those ministers to regard road safety as a priority,
 - having regard to the Commission Communication '2010 — A European Information Society for growth and employment' (COM(2005)0229),
 - having regard to the Commission's 2nd eSafety Communication 'Bringing eCall to citizens' (COM(2005) 0431),
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A6-0072/2006),
- A. whereas, in 2004, 43 000 people died in road accidents in the EU-25 Member States and a pan-European in-vehicle emergency call service/function, eCall, could save up to 2 500 lives a year and bring about a reduction of up to 15 % in the gravity of injuries,
- B. whereas the introduction of the eCall system would reduce the annual external costs of road traffic by up to EUR 26 billion, thus relieving citizens of a burden of up to EUR 26 billion; whereas efforts should be made to reduce, not internalise, external costs,
- C. whereas the eCall system has the potential to reduce the response time to accidents by approximately 40 % in urban areas and approximately 50 % in rural areas,
- D. whereas the eCall system is to be welcomed as the first building block of the intelligent car initiative as set out in Commission Communication COM(2005)0229,
- E. whereas the large-scale roll-out of eCall by 2009 is a priority of the eSafety initiative,
- F. whereas considerable progress has been made in the field of eSafety technologies, systems and services, and the development of Galileo also offers potential for the future,
1. Welcomes the fact that, at the 2nd eSafety High Level Meeting with Member States, four Member States signed the eCall Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), namely, Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Slovenia, joining the existing signatories Finland, Sweden and, most recently, Cyprus;
 2. Is encouraged by the commitment of other Member States which have already initiated the process for signing the MoU (the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Netherlands and Germany) and calls on those which have not already done so to demonstrate the political will to do so;
 3. Stresses the importance of all Member States signing the MoU as soon as possible, in order to demonstrate a clear commitment to the implementation of eCall to other stakeholders, if eCall is to be fully rolled out in 2009;
 4. Suggests that, having regard to the agreed schedule of the Galileo Programme, it would be preferable if the roll-out of eCall could be coordinated with the fully operational phase, but that any delay in the introduction of Galileo should not obstruct the implementation of eCall;
 5. Believes that, in order for real progress to be made, the MoU should be converted into a letter of intent, signed by all stake holders, as soon as possible;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 111, 17.4.2004, p. 75.

Thursday 27 April 2006

6. Urges the authorities of the Member States, therefore, to include information about eCall in the material for their public road safety campaigns;
 7. Welcomes the motor industry's unambiguously positive position towards the introduction of the eCall system;
 8. Notes that the eCall system is based on the use of 112 and E112 (location information requirements in public wireless networks for emergency calls);
 9. Recalls that a majority of Member States have been slow in encouraging the use of the single European emergency number 112; calls on the Commission to evaluate the implementation by the Member States of Directive 2002/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services in relation to the appropriate answering and handling of calls to the single European emergency call number, including the caller location;
 10. Urges the Member States to complete the implementation of E112 as soon as possible, to promote the use of both 112 and E112 and to take steps to provide the appropriate infrastructure in the Public Service Answering Points such as language training, availability, location identification, and call handling to comply with the E112 regulation, which will then allow for incremental upgrading to handle eCalls;
 11. Notes the disparity between the Commission's and industry's estimates of the cost of a built-in vehicle eCall system;
 12. Invites the Commission and industry to pursue a deeper cost-efficiency analysis for every action to be undertaken to implement eCall;
 13. Is aware that the technology needed for eCall will facilitate early adoption of other innovative active safety applications by lowering the marginal costs of their introduction;
 14. Is aware that the introduction of many new technologies cannot be instantaneous and therefore encourages the Commission and industry to look into the gradual introduction and large-scale roll-out of eCall through a combination of built-in vehicle systems and alternative systems such as the use of drivers' mobile telephones and Bluetooth technology as well as built-in mobile telephones, while having special regard to the right of privacy of drivers and passengers;
 15. Having regard to the potential cost of the eCall system, which may be higher in regions affected by permanent constraints, and being aware of the fact that many new technologies may prove costly and that new car buyers (particularly at the cheaper end of the market) are not always willing or able to pay the full cost; calls on all stakeholders to work together to define incentives to speed up the introduction of the eCall system;
 16. Is particularly concerned that the cost of eCall may be prohibitively expensive for those with the greatest need, for example those in rural or isolated areas; believes that the eCall system should eventually apply to all vehicles, including Heavy Goods Vehicles;
 17. Welcomes future initiatives and Communications of the Commission in the field of eSafety;
 18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.
-

P6_TA(2006)0184

Promoting multilingualism and language learning in the EU

European Parliament resolution on measures to promote multilingualism and language learning in the European Union: European Indicator of Language Competence (2005/2213(INI))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission entitled 'The European Indicator of Language Competence' (COM(2005)0356),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission entitled 'A New Framework Strategy for Multilingualism' (COM(2005)0596),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission entitled 'Promoting Language Learning and Linguistic Diversity: an Action Plan 2004-2006' (COM(2003)0449),
 - having regard to the programme for 'Education and Training 2010: the success of the Lisbon Strategy hinges on urgent reforms' (Council document 6905/04 EDUC 43),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission entitled 'Draft 2006 Joint Progress Report of the Council and the Commission on the Implementation of the Education and Training 2010 Work Programme' (COM(2005)0549),
 - having regard to the conclusions reached by the European Council Presidency in Barcelona on 15 and 16 March 2002,
 - having regard to the conclusions of 24 May 2005 reached by the Council of Ministers for Education, Youth and Culture concerning new education and training indicators,
 - having regard to Rule 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education (A6-0074/2006),
- A. whereas the cultural and linguistic diversity of the European Union is now integral to European identity,
- B. whereas multilingualism facilitates more effective communication and better mutual understanding,
- C. whereas it is essential for the achievement of a People's Europe and the knowledge-based society, both of which are aims of the Lisbon strategy, for every citizen to have a practical grasp of at least two languages other than his own, the acquisition of just one common language of communication (as a *lingua franca*) not being sufficient,
- D. whereas the ability to understand and communicate in foreign languages and higher standards of linguistic proficiency are of major importance for the more effective deployment of manpower in Europe, language skills being a fundamental requirement for all European citizens with a view to promoting the full exercise of the rights and freedoms arising from mobility within the European Union and creating a genuine European employment market,
- E. whereas greater and more widespread linguistic proficiency are goals against which to measure the quality of European education and training systems and two of the criteria for assessing progress towards the objective of making the European Union the most dynamic knowledge-driven economy in the world, as part of a more cohesive political union, united in its diversity,

Thursday 27 April 2006

- F. whereas in March 2002 the Barcelona European Council called for the introduction of a linguistic proficiency indicator to bridge the current information gap regarding the actual language and communication skills of European Union citizens,
- G. whereas while the Action Plan 'Promoting Language Learning and Linguistic Diversity' constitutes a positive step towards the achievement of the Barcelona objective (mother tongue+two), there is a clear need to step up EU efforts in this area,
- H. whereas language proficiency certificates within the EU are many and varied, thereby making it difficult to compare the standards achieved by their respective holders and failing to generate the benefits to be gained from exchange of good practices, and thus also hindering the free movement of workers and students within the EU,
- I. whereas a set of reliable indicators regarding individual levels of linguistic proficiency particularly among young people must be established, so as to introduce policies designed to offer high-quality language teaching,
- J. whereas the 'Eurobarometer' survey of September 2005 revealed that on average only 50 % of European Union citizens claim to be able to hold a conversation in a language other than their mother tongue, with enormous differences, however, between individual Member States,
- K. whereas, according to the Commission's information, the average number of foreign languages taught at secondary school level falls far short of the target set at the Barcelona European Council of improving the mastery of basic skills, notably through the teaching of two languages from a very young age,
1. Welcomes the Commission proposal concerning the inclusion of a European Indicator of Language Competence among the criteria used by Member States under the 'Education and Training 2010' programme;
 2. Takes this opportunity to stress the importance of European indicators in assessing progress towards achieving common objectives under the Lisbon Strategy in the field of education and training and the importance of the 'Education and Training 2010' Programme for the comparison and formulation of national policies and the introduction of a European strategic framework for the transition to a knowledge-driven economy, by encouraging and exchanging good practices;
 3. Notes that the indicator in question seeks to establish accurately, reliably and at regular intervals on the basis of objective tests overall foreign language proficiency standards in all the Member States;
 4. Considers that the language tests should also take bilingual and multilingual children into consideration;
 5. Shares the Commission's view that in the initial phase this indicator should be used to assess linguistic proficiency in the five most widely taught languages in the Union's education and training systems (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish); calls on the Commission and the Council, however, to take the necessary measures to extend these tests to a wider range of official Union languages without however undermining standards of teaching and development in respect of other languages not assessed by the indicator;
 6. Believes that the existence of objective criteria for establishing levels of language proficiency and the introduction of a common reference framework in no way restrict the freedom of choice or the organisational methods of the various national educational systems and accordingly endorses the Commission recommendation regarding use of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for the purposes of the European Indicator;

Thursday 27 April 2006

7. Calls on the Member States to participate actively in the implementation and development of the Indicator and give fresh impetus to language teaching, including through successful language immersion programmes;
8. Urges the Member States to promote multilingualism, by enhancing policies seeking to widen the present range of languages taught, giving priority to the common objectives established under the Lisbon Strategy;
9. Calls on the Commission actively to encourage information concerning the advantages of language learning from an early age, and considers that initiatives to inform the public of the advantages of foreign language proficiency, such as the European Day of Languages (26 September each year, a Council of Europe initiative) and the European Language Label (an EU initiative), should contribute more substantially to increasing multilingualism;
10. Endorses the Commission proposal regarding participation by the Member States and regional authorities with competence for language policy in developing the Indicator to the full, to set up a body consisting of Member State representatives to advise the Commission on policy issues, technical matters and all forms of technical support, and to monitor progress regarding the practical use of the Indicator in the Member States and those regions with competence for language policy;
11. Points out that the Indicator proposed by the Commission does not involve additional EU budget outlay, the estimated operating expenditure being met by the existing Socrates and Leonardo da Vinci programmes and the new integrated Lifelong Learning programme;
12. Calls on the Commission and Council accordingly to ensure that the new integrated Lifelong Learning programme is endowed with the necessary resources for the promotion of language learning;
13. Calls on the Council and Commission to ensure that the next financial perspectives include sufficient funding for measures to make full use of the Indicator;
14. Calls on the Council to concur with the approach, parameters and timescales adopted by the Commission regarding the establishment and implementation of the European Indicator of Language Competence so as to complete the preparatory phase as soon as possible and speed up its implementation, given its particular importance as a policy-making instrument;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

P6_TA(2006)0185

Diabetes

Declaration of the European Parliament on diabetes

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. whereas diabetes is a serious chronic and progressive condition affecting over 25 million people in the EU, with an expected increase of 16 % by 2025,
- B. whereas the serious and costly complications of diabetes include cardiovascular disease and stroke, kidney failure, amputations and blindness,

Thursday 27 April 2006

- C. whereas there are some 60 000 000 people in Europe at risk of developing pre-diabetes,
 - D. whereas an EU diabetes strategy would help contain public health expenditure in EU Member States, bearing in mind that diabetes complications represent 5 % to 10 % of total healthcare spending,
 - E. whereas the merit of a coordinated EU approach has been demonstrated by the Council Recommendation of 2 December 2003 on cancer screening⁽¹⁾,
 - F. whereas the Austrian EU Presidency (2006) is prioritising Type 2 diabetes,
1. Welcomes the Presidency's initiative on diabetes;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to:
 - prioritise diabetes in the EU's new health strategy as a major disease representing a significant burden across the EU;
 - encourage Member States to establish national diabetes plans;
 - develop an EU diabetes strategy and draft a Council Recommendation for Diabetes Prevention, Diagnosis and Control;
 - develop a strategy to encourage the consumption and production of healthy food;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 16.12.2003, p. 34.

Thursday 27 April 2006

List of signatories

Adamou, Agnoletto, Allister, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andria, Andrikienė, Antoniozzi, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Barón Crespo, Barsi-Pataky, Battilocchio, Beazley, Becsey, Belet, Belohorská, van den Berg, Berger, Berlinguer, Berman, Birutis, Blokland, Bösch, Bonde, Bourzai, Bowis, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Braghetto, Brejc, Brepoels, Brie, Brok, Budreikaitė, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busquin, Busuttil, Buzek, Cabrnich, Calabuig Rull, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Carlotti, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Cavada, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Christensen, Coelho, Corbett, Corbey, Cornillet, Correia, Coveney, Cramer, Crowley, Czarnecki R., Daul, Davies, de Brún, Dehaene, De Keyser, Demetriou, Deprez, De Sarnez, Descamps, Dess, De Vits, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Dionisi, Di Pietro, Dombrovskis, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duka-Zólyomi, Ebner, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Esteves, Estrela, Ettl, Evans Jillian, Evans Jonathan, Evans Robert, Fernandes, Ferreira A., Ferreira E., Figueiredo, Fjellner, Flasarová, Foglietta, Foltyn-Kubicka, Fontaine, Ford, Freitas, Gál, Gała, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gauzès, Gentvilas, Geremek, Geringer de Oedenberg, Giertych, Gill, Gklavakis, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Grabowska, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Grech, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Grosch, Grossetête, Gruber, Guardans Cambó, Guellec, Guerreiro, Guidoni, Gurmai, Hall, Harbour, Harkin, Hasse Ferreira, Hassi, Hatzidakis, Haug, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Henin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Herczog, Herranz García, Higgins, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Howitt, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hughes, Isler Béguin, Itälä, Jätteenmäki, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Járóka, Jarzembowski, Jeggle, Jensen, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Juknevičienė, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Karas, Karatzaferis, Karim, Kasoulides, Kaufmann, Kauppi, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klass, Klich, Koch, Kohlíček, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Kristensen, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kułakowski, Kuškis, Kusstatscher, Lamassoure, Lambert, Landsbergis, Lang, Langendries, Laperrouze, La Russa, Lavarra, Lehne, Le Pen J.-M., Le Rachinel, Lewandowski, Libicki, Lienemann, Liese, Lipietz, Locatelli, López-Istúriz White, Louis, Lucas, Ludford, Lulling, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McGuinness, Madeira, Malmström, Manders, Markov, Marques, Martin D., Martinez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mastenbroek, Mathieu, Matsakis, Matsis, Matsouka, Mavrommatis, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Mikolášik, Mitchell, Montoro Romero, Moraes, Morgan, Morgantini, Morillon, Musacchio, Muscardini, Muscat, Myller, Napolitano, Navarro, Newton-Dunn, Nicholson, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Özdemir, Olajos, Olbrycht, O'Neachtain, Oomen-Ruijten, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Paleckis, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Parish, Pavilionis, Peterle, Pflüger, Píks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pittella, Pleštinská, Polfer, Pomés Ruiz, Portas, Posdorf, Prodi, Purvis, Queiró, Rack, Ransdorf, Rasmussen, Reul, Ribeiro e Castro, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rivera, Rizzo, Rocard, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Rübig, Rühle, Rutowicz, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Salinas García, Salvini, Samaras, Samuelsen, Sánchez Presedo, dos Santos, Sartori, Savi, Scheele, Schierhuber, Schlyter, Schmidt, Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Segelström, Seppänen, Sifunakis, Silva Peneda, Sinnott, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sommer, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Staes, Staniszevska, Starkevičiūtė, Štátný, Stauner, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stroj, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Svensson, Swoboda, Szymański, Tajani, Takkula, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Thyssen, Titley, Toia, Tomczak, Toubon, Trakatellis, Triantaphyllides, Turmes, Tzampazi, Ulmer, Vaidere, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varvitsiotis, Vatanen, Vaugrenard, Verges, Vergnaud, de Villiers, Vincenzi, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wagenknecht, Watson, Weber H., Weber M., Westlund, Wiersma, Wijkman, Willmott, Wojciechowski B., Wojciechowski J., Wortmann-Kool, Wynn, Zaleski, Zani, Zapałowski, Zappala', Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Zieleniec, Zile, Zvěřina, Zwiefka