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Sittings of 13 July to 17 July 1998
 PALAIS DE L'EUROPE – STRASBOURG

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY 13 JULY 1998

(98/C 292/01)

Proceedings of the sitting

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

(The sitting opened at 17.00)

The President announced that he had sent a telegram of congratulations to Mr Muscovici, French Minister for European Affairs, and Mr Platini, chairman of the World Cup Organisation Committee, following France's victory in the World Cup Final.

1. Resumption of session

The session, adjourned on 2 July 1998, was resumed.

2. In Memoriam

On a proposal by the President, Parliament observed a minute's silence in memory of the three children who had been killed the previous Saturday night in an attack on their home in Northern Ireland.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mrs Kjer Hansen had stated that she had signed the attendance register for the sitting of 1 July 1998 but that her name had not been included.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

4. Verification of credentials

On a proposal from the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities, Parliament ratified the appointments of Mrs McAvan, Mr Delcroix, Mr Schifone and Mr Lehideux.

5. Membership of delegations

At the request of the V Group, Parliament ratified the appointments of:

— Mr Voggenhuber, as member of the delegation to the EU-Slovak Republic Joint Parliamentary Committee, to replace Mrs Van Dijk;

— Mrs Van Dijk, as member of the Delegation for relations with Russia, to replace Mr Voggenhuber.

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6. Membership of political groups

Mr Ripa di Meana was now a member of the GUE/NGL Group, with effect from Monday 13 July 1998.

7. Documents received

Errata:

1. Minutes of 13.3.1998, Part I, Item 3:

Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the accession by the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Community, acting as one Party, to an Agreement establishing in 1993 a Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine between Canada, Sweden, Ukraine and the United States of America (COM(97)0718 — C4-0146/98 — 98/0015(CNS))

The legal basis should include Article 228(2), second sentence and (3), first subparagraph

2. Minutes of 29.4.1998, Part I, Item 4:

Proposal for a Council Decision on the detailed provisions concerning the composition of the Economic and Financial Committee (COM(98)0110 — C4-0222/98)

The text was in fact a Commission communication including a proposal for a Decision.

The President had received the following texts:

(a) from the Council:

(aa) requests for opinions on:

— Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 92/79/EEC on the approximation of taxes on cigarettes, Directive 92/80/EEC on the approximation of taxes on manufactured tobacco other than cigarettes and Directive 95/59/EC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (COM(98)0320 — C4-0402/98 — 98/0189(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: AGRI

legal basis: Art. 99 EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Latvia in a Community programme in the field of culture (COM(98)0358 — C4-0403/98 — 98/0203(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CULT
opinion: BUDG, RELA

legal basis: Art. 128(3), 228(3), 1st subparagraph EC

— Proposal for a Council Directive to ensure a minimum of effective taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments within the Community (COM(98)0295 — C4-0404/98 — 98/0193(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ECON

legal basis: Art. 100 EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing agrimone-
tary arrangements for the euro (COM(98)0367 — C4-0406/98 — 98/0214(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Art. 42, 43 EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation on transitional meas-
ures to be applied under the common agricultural policy with a
view to the introduction of the euro (COM(98)0367 —
C4-0407/98 — 98/0215(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Art. 42, 43 EC

— Communication from the Commission to the European
Council: Partnership for integration — a strategy for integrating
environment into EU policies — Cardiff — June 1998
(COM(98)0333 — C4-0410/98)

referred to
responsible: ENVI

(ab) opinions on proposals for transfers of appropriations:

— Opinion of the Council on transfer of appropriations
No 10/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission —
Part A — of the General Budget for the European Union for the
financial year 1998 (C4-0388/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT

— Opinion of the Council on transfer of appropriations
No 6/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission —
Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the
financial year 1998 (C4-0399/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Opinion of the Council on transfer of appropriations
No 7/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission —
Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the
financial year 1998 (C4-0400/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

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(ac) the following texts:

— Report, including key elements of a post-1999 EU drugs strategy, to the European Council on activities on drugs and drugs-related issues under the UK Presidency (7930/2/98 — C4-0409/98)

referred to
responsible: CIVI

— Agenda 2000 — Part one — Progress report to the European Council (introductory summary) — Part two — Progress report to the European Council (analysis of progress on the main issues) (9000/98 — C4-0413/98)

referred to
responsible: REGI
opinion: all committees concerned

— Agenda 2000 — Ecofin Council conclusions (9325/98 — C4-0414/98)

referred to
responsible: REGI
opinion: all committees concerned

— Joint guideline adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities (8914/98 — C4-0416/98 — 96/0189(CNS))

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

legal basis: Art. 209 EC, Art. 183 Euratom, Art. 78 ECSC

*(b) from the Commission:**(ba) proposals:*

— Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 76/308/EEC on mutual assistance for the recovery of claims resulting from operations forming part of the system of financing the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, and of agricultural levies and customs duties and in respect of value added tax and certain excise duties (COM(98)0364 — C4-0392/98 — 98/0206(COD))

referred to
responsible: CONT
opinion: AGRI, ECON

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

— Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (Transit) (COM(98)0428 — C4-0408/98 — 97/0242(COD))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: RELA, CONT

legal basis: Art. 028, 100a and 113 EC

(bb) the following texts:

— Opinion on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles and amending Council Directives 70/156/EEC and 70/220/EEC (COM(98)0397 — C4-0401/98 — 96/0164(COD))

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

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

— Opinion on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position concerning the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (1998-2002) (COM(98)0422 — C4-0415/98 — 97/0119(COD))

referred to
responsible: RTDE
opinion: AGRI, ECON, BUDG, ESOC, WOME, FISH, TRAN, REGI, CULT, ENVI

legal basis: Art. 130i(2) EC

(c) from the Court of Auditors:

— Special report No 7/97 submitted pursuant to Article 188c(4), 2nd subparagraph of the EC Treaty on the Court's audit of the European Association for Cooperation (EAC) (C4-0398/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT
opinion: DEVE

(d) from committees, reports:

— Report on the deliberations of the Committee on Petitions during the parliamentary year 1997-1998 — Committee on Petitions

Rapporteur: Mr Fontana
(A4-0250/98)

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— Report on the implementation of the Amsterdam Treaty: implications of closer cooperation (Amsterdam) — Committee on Institutional Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Frischenschlager
(A4-0257/98)

— Report on the report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the state of women's health in the European Community (COM(97)0224 — C4-0333/97) — Committee on Women's Rights

Rapporteur: Mrs Van Dijk
(A4-0260/98)

— **I Report on the proposal and the amended proposals for a Council Directive establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (COM(97)0049 — C4-0192/97, COM(97)0614 — C4-0120/98 and COM(98)0076 — C4-0121/98 — 97/0067(SYN)) — Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Mr White
(A4-0261/98)

— Report on a the communication from the Commission on the management of preferential tariff arrangements (COM(97)0402 — C4-0447/97) — Committee on Development and Cooperation

Rapporteur: Mr Nordmann
(A4-0262/98)

— Report on the 1997 annual report of the European Monetary Institute (EMI) (C4-0313/98) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mr Fourçans
(A4-0263/98)

— Report on the Commission communication on the detailed provisions concerning the composition of the Economic and Financial Committee accompanied by a proposal for a Council Decision on the detailed provisions concerning the composition of the Economic and Financial (COM(98)0110 — C4-0222/98) — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

Rapporteur: Mrs Berès
(A4-0264/98)

— Report on the special report by the European Ombudsman to the European Parliament following the own-initiative inquiry into public access to documents (C4-0157/98) — Committee on Petitions

Rapporteur: Mrs Thors
(A4-0265/98)

- * Report on
 - I. the proposal for a Council Act establishing the Convention on rules for the admission of third-country nationals to the Member States and
 - II. a draft Convention on rules for the admission of third-country nationals to the Member States of the European Union (COM(97)0387 — C4-0681/97 — 97/0227(CNS)) — Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Lehne
(A4-0266/98)

— ***I Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles and amending Directives 73/239/EEC and 92/49/EEC (Fourth Motor Insurance Directive) (COM(97)0510 — C4-0528/97 — 97/0264(COD)) — Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (Hughes procedure)

Rapporteur: Mr Rothley
(A4-0267/98)

— Report on the interest earned on funds from the Community budget — Committee on Budgetary Control

Rapporteur: Mr Colom i Naval
(A4-0268/98)

— Report on a communication from the Commission 'Action plan for free movement of workers' (COM(97)0586 — C4-0650/97) — Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Mrs Weiler
(A4-0269/98)

— Report on the new codecision procedure after Amsterdam — Committee on Institutional Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Manzella
(A4-0271/98)

(e) *from Members, oral questions for Question Time (Rule 41) (B4-0481/98):*

— Blak, Camisón Asensio, Alavanos, Marset Campos, Macartney, Crowley, Theonas, Kokkola, McCartin, Ebner, Vallvé, Posselt, Imaz San Miguel, Habsburg-Lothringen, Ahern, Rübig, Ephremidis, David W. Martin, Cushnahan, Newens, Theorin, Nicholson, Lannoye, Smith, Cederschiöld, Izquierdo Rojo, Morris, Teverson, Schörling, Holm, Killilea, Hager, Andrews, Apolinário, Sjöstedt, Bertens, Trakatellis, Dupuis, Howitt, Papayannakis, Oddy, Papakyriazis, Kjer Hansen, Camisón Asensio, De Coene, Nicholson, Izquierdo Collado, Stenzel, Kjer Hansen, Carnero González, Posselt, Van Lancker, Lomas, Ford, Hatzidakis, McMahon, Titley, McIntosh, Teverson, McCartin, Ahlqvist, Eriksson, Cars, Schörling, Holm, Thors, Sandbæk, Sjöstedt, Howitt, Rübig, Alavanos, Kaklamanis, Moreau, Novo, Querbes, Sierra González, Ribeiro, Mohamed Alí, Malone, Watts, Cushnahan, Gallagher, Bowe, David W. Martin, Gutiérrez Díaz, White, Seppänen, Ahern, Jackson, Wijsenbeek, Theorin, Monfils, Papayannakis, Lannoye, Schiedermeier, Ephremidis, Habsburg-Lothringen, Izquierdo Rojo, Gerard Collins, Andrews, Hyland, Fitzsimons, Evans, Killilea, Pailler, Van Dijk, Crowley, Medina Ortega, Gillis, Bertens, Colom i Naval, Oddy, Papakyriazis, Theonas;

(f) *from the Conciliation Committee:*

— Joint text, approved by the Conciliation Committee, for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the Community action programme 'European voluntary service for young people' (3613/98 — C4-0381/98 — 96/0318(COD))

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— Joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Decision on the review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development 'Towards Sustainability' (3614/98 — C4-0382/98 — 96/0027(COD))

— Joint text, approved by the Conciliation Committee, for a European Parliament and Council Decision setting up a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the Community (3615/98 — C4-0383/98 — 96/0052(COD))

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

— ***III Report on the joint text, approved by the Conciliation Committee, for a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the Community action programme 'European voluntary service for young people' (C4-0381/98 — 96/0318(COD))

Rapporteur: Mrs Fontaine
(A4-0274/98)

— ***III Report on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Decision on the review of the European Community programme of policy and action in relation to the environment and sustainable development 'Towards Sustainability' (C4-0382/98 — 96/0027(COD))

Rapporteur: Mrs Dybkjær
(A4-0275/98)

— ***III Report on the joint text, approved by the Conciliation Committee, for a European Parliament and Council Decision setting up a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the Community (C4-0383/98 — 96/0052(COD))

Rapporteur: Mr Cabrol
(A4-0276/98)

8. Texts of agreements forwarded by the Council

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

— Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the amendment to the agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the supplement to the protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on fishing off the coast of Mauritania, for the period 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996;

— Supplement to the protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on fishing off the coast of Mauritania, for the period 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

— Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union on driving disqualifications;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1997/1998 delivery period;

— Agreement between the European Community, the European Space Agency and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation on a European contribution to the development of a global navigation satellite system (GNSS).

9. Petitions

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

19 June 1998

by Mr David Lopez Prado (Asociación de Vecinos 'El Lugar de Villamiana') (No 601/98);

by Mr Antonio Sánchez Zapata (No 602/98);

by Mrs Eva Estebas Vilaplana (No 603/98);

by Mrs Hortensia Ramirez Perez (and 4 signatories) (No 604/98);

by Mr Juan Alonso Berberena (Gómez Acebo & Pombo) (and 6 signatories) (No 605/98);

by Mr Patrick Renard (No 606/98);

by Mrs Jacqueline Saint-Jore (No 607/98);

by Mrs Krystina Celinska-Szpunar (No 608/98);

by Mr Johanns Ian McCabe (No 609/98);

by Mrs Marie-Christine Volovitch Tavares (Collectif Portugais pour une Pleine Citoyenneté) (No 610/98);

by Mr Hedi Brik (No 611/98);

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by Mrs Odile Marchand (Amitiés Franco-Chiliennes) (No 612/98);

by Mr Michele Ottati (ACLI-BELGIO) (and 2 495 signatories) (No 613/98);

by Mr Monil Tetuani (No 614/98);

by Mr Jean François Gaumer (No 615/98);

by Mr Giovanni Pennino (No 616/98);

by Mrs Lucia Raimondi (No 617/98);

by Mrs Ilaria Salvetti (and 57 signatories) (No 618/98);

by Mr Antonino Amodeo (No 619/98);

by Mr Francisco João da Luz Silva (No 620/98);

by Mr Antonio Costa Portela (No 621/98);

by Mr M. Stuttard (No 622/98);

by Mrs Teresa Laurence (No 623/98);

by Mr Frank Harvey (No 624/98);

by Mrs Olive Hinz (No 625/98);

by Mrs Dorothy Jacob (No 626/98);

by Mr Nguyen Hung Gy (No 627/98);

by Mr Friedel Hollman (No 628/98);

by Mr Radko Pavlovec (No 629/98);

by Mrs Evelyn Warther (No 630/98);

by Mr Franz Forsmann (Flüchtlingsrat-Hamburg) (No 631/98);

by Mr Volker Totzeck (No 632/98);

by Mr Volker Totzeck (No 633/98);

by Mr Burghardt and Mr Janos Wolff (No 634/98);

by Mr Hans-Günter Wambach (No 635/98);

by Mrs Silvia Frohloff (No 636/98);

by Mr Umberto Parni (No 637/98);

by Mr Gerhard Bühler (No 638/98);

by Mr Harry Göckel (Die verantwortungsbewußten Bürger des Banzgaues — Das Bessere Bahnkonzept) (and 5 signatories) (No 639/98);

by Mr Anton Griesbeck (No 640/98);

by Mr Ludwig Stiegler (Johann Stiegler KG GmbH & Co.) (No 641/98);

by Mr Manfred Backhausen (No 642/98);

by Mr Seppo Pelttari (Laki-ja Konsulttitoimisto Seppo Pelttari Oy) (No 643/98);

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by Confédération Hellenique de Chasse (and 41 270 signatories) (No 644/98);

by Mr Cristobal Manuel Andrade (Federación Española de Caza) (and 200 739 signatories) (No 645/98);

by Mr Ricardo de Somodevilla (Plataforma de Opinión Reivindicativa) (No 646/98);

by Mr Ricardo de Somodevilla (Plataforma de Opinión Reivindicativa) (No 647/98);

by Mr Ricardo de Somodevilla (Plataforma de Opinión Reivindicativa) (No 648/98);

by Mrs Eva Ramos Galindo (Coordinadora Montaña Tindaya) (and 9 signatories) (No 649/98);

by Mr Roberto Sampedro (No 650/98);

by Mr José Antonio Gómez Sampietro (No 651/98);

by Mr Fernando Portela Carrera (No 652/98);

by Mr Herminio Manuel Valea Sánchez (No 653/98);

by Chasseurs de France — Union Nationale des Fédérations Départementales des Chasseurs (and 817 551 signatories) (No 654/98);

by Mrs Nathalie Pennec (No 655/98);

by Mr Roger Vallier (No 656/98);

by Mr Guy Huyghe (Fédération Syndicaliste Force Ouvrière des Travailleurs des Postes et des Télécommunications) (and 2 signatories) (No 657/98);

by Mr Claude Danner (Chambre de Commerce et de l'Industrie de Strasbourg et du Bas-Rhin) (No 658/98);

by Mrs Eliane Pinchedez (and 2 signatories) (No 659/98);

by Mr Raymond Dichamp (No 660/98);

by Mrs Dominique Labis (Association Miss France Mannequin) (No 661/98);

by Mr Tommaso de Maio (No 662/98);

by Mr Richard Cools (No 663/98);

by Mr Patrick Denoi (Collectif 68-90) (and 60 signatories) (No 664/98);

by A.C.E.N.A.S. — Association contre l'Extension et les Nuisances de l'Aéroport de Lyon-Satolas (and 69 signatories) (No 665/98);

by Mr Patrick Martin (AILNA — Association d'Innenheim pour Lutter contre les Nuisances de l'Aéroport) (and 67 signatories) (No 666/98);

by Mr Roger di Constanzo (Association pour la Sauvegarde de l'Environnement Rognonas et sa Région) (and 1 943 signatories) (No 667/98);

by Mr Francesco Carnevale (Circolo Politico Cultura Democratica) (and 1 085 signatories) (No 668/98);

by Mr Rolando Bergonzini (No 669/98);

by Mr Gabriele Guglielmi (No 670/98);

by Mr Mario Rosario Perrucci (No 671/98);

by Mr Nello Adelmi (UNAVI — Unione Nazionale Associazioni Venatorie Italiane) (and 605 523 signatories) (No 672/98);

by Mr Estevão de Pape (Federação Nacional das Zonas de Caça Associativas) (and 1 000 signatories) (No 673/98);

by Mr D. van Damme (No 674/98);

by Mrs Anna Lennervad (No 675/98);

by Mrs Margaret Winfield (Asociación de Vecinos de Plá Lloma) (No 676/98);

by Mr Frank Harvey (No 677/98);

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by Mr Eddie Scully (No 678/98);
 by Mr Jerry O'Connell (Ravensdale Valley Environmental Group) (No 679/98);
 by Mr Philip Brandram Jones (No 680/98);
 by Mr Horst Schmeil (No 681/98);
 by Mr Ulrich Adolf Kalkstein (No 682/98);
 by Mr Erwin Herbst (No 683/98);
 by Mrs Margret Ingwersen-Polte (No 684/98);
 by Mrs Karin Würfel (No 685/98);
 by Mr Frank Feiertag (No 686/98);
 by Mr Karl Heinz Endlichhofer (No 687/98);
 by Mr Christoph Löning (Plauener Spinnhütte GmbH) (No 688/98);
 by Mr David Petrie (Associazione Lettori di Lingua Straniera in Italia) (No 689/98);

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by Mr Periklis Dionyssopoulos (No 690/98);
 by Mr Zervos (No 691/98);
 by Volksschule 2C (No 692/98);
 by Mr Rolf Jürgens (No 693/98);
 by Mr Matthias Heumüller (No 694/98);
 by Mrs Constanze Schoenagel (No 695/98);
 by Mr Mike Paravan (No 696/98);
 by Mr Wilhelm Herbert (No 697/98);
 by Mrs Ute Butscher (No 698/98);
 by Mr Miguel Angel Silva-Höllger (No 699/98);
 by Mr Laurent Westermeyr (RAe Hermann Mayer & Koll.) (No 700/98);
 by Mr Gerhard Grandt (No 701/98);
 by Mr Claus Herresthal (No 702/98);
 by Mr Reinhard Helmers (No 703/98);
 by Mr Milan Bavelja (No 704/98);
 by Mr Frank Harvey (No 705/98);
 by Mr Richard Mitchell (No 706/98);
 by Mr Lars Frevert (No 707/98);
 by Mr Johnny Kjær (No 708/98);
 by Mrs Liisa Lettson (No 709/98);
 by Mr Augusto Scandiuzzi (No 710/98);
 by Mr Ricardo de Somodevilla (Plataforma de Opinión Reivindicativa) (No 711/98);
 by Mr Paul Maire (and 714 signatories) (No 712/98);
 by Mrs Emmanuelle Rostaing (Comité Chiapas Lyon) (No 713/98);
 by Comité Chiapas (and 14 signatories) (No 714/98);
 by Mr Spyridopoulos (and 33 signatories) (No 715/98);
 by Mr Baptiste Riotti (No 716/98);

by Mr Armand Luongo (Association Défense Protection Assistance) (No 717/98);
 by Mr Armand Luongo (Association Défense Protection Assistance) (No 718/98);
 by Mr Luis González-Mestre (No 719/98);
 by Mr Adama Koné (No 720/98);
 by Mr Egori Ferruccio (No 721/98);
 by Mrs Cristiana Muscardini (and 12 signatories) (No 722/98);
 by Mr Carlo Alberto Alberti (No 723/98);
 by Mr Giuseppe Benedetti (No 724/98);
 by Mr Andrea Mazzieri (No 725/98);
 by Mr Pasquale Vellucci (and 4 signatories) (No 726/98);
 by Mr Francesco Traldi (No 727/98);
 by Mr Graziano Isaia (No 728/98);
 by Mr José Castro (No 729/98).

10. Order of business

The next item was the order of business.

The President announced that the final draft agenda for the sittings of 13-17 July 1998 had been distributed (PE 270.997) and that a number of changes had been proposed (Rule 96).

Monday and Tuesday:

— On the basis of Rule 129(1), Mr Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, asked for the Berger report on cults (A4-0408/97, Item 7) to be referred back to committee.

Mr Nassauer, on behalf of the PPE Group, spoke on this request.

Parliament agreed to the request.

— As Mr Gahrton was absent, the V Group asked for his report on the environment (A4-0245/98, Item 60) to be postponed to a future part-session and for the Van Dijk report on women's health (A4-0260/98, Item 54), currently on Friday's agenda, to be taken in its place.

The following spoke: Mrs Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group, who asked for the Van Dijk report to be taken that same day with the vote being taken on Tuesday or, failing that, for it to be taken in place of the Gahrton report.

Mrs Lulling and Mrs Hautala spoke on this request.

The President put to the House the V Group's request as originally tabled.

Parliament approved the request by EV (154 for, 145 against, 3 abstentions) (the Gahrton report was therefore postponed to a future part-session and its place taken by the Van Dijk report).

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— The PPE Group had asked for the Anastassopoulos report on an electoral procedure for MEPs (A4-0212/98, Item 19) to be brought forward and taken after the Tappin report on economic interest groupings (A4-0196/98, Item 13).

The following spoke on this request: Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Green, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr De Vries, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mrs Green, to make a personal statement following Mr De Vries' remarks.

Parliament approved the request by EV (164 for, 131 against, 12 abstentions).

Mrs Oomen-Ruijten spoke on Mrs Green's remarks.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

no changes.

The following spoke:

— Mrs Müller who, on behalf of the V Group, asked for a Commission statement on press reports that financial aid for Bosnia had been misappropriated in the context of ECHO (the President replied that the request had been tabled after the deadline and that he could therefore not follow it up);

— Mrs Sandbæk, who referred to Mrs Ahern's remarks (Minutes of 15.6.1998, Item 2) concerning an article she had written on the Sellafield nuclear processing plant for 'The Parliament's Magazine', but which had not appeared; she asked for the President to inform the House of the letter which Mrs Ahern had sent to him and of his reply (the President referred her to his reply at the time: the magazine was a private publication, not an official publication of Parliament; he advised Mrs Sandbæk to ask Mrs Ahern for copies of the relevant texts);

— Mr Caccavale, who referred to the Rome conference on the establishment of a permanent international criminal court and asked for Parliament to be kept up to date with progress at the conference, given that Parliament had come out in favour of such a court (the President assured him that this would be done);

— Mrs Ahern, who referred to Mrs Sandbæk's remarks to say that her article had been published in full in a later edition of the magazine; she then asked for an inquiry on censorship on a member of a British association dealing with neurological problems whom she had asked to supply information to MEPs (the President asked her to send him a note on the subject);

— Mr Schwaiger, who insisted that Mrs Müller's request should be put to the vote (the President replied that he could make use of the Rule 47 procedure to have this subject included);

— Mrs Theato, chairman of the Budgetary Control Committee, also on the subject, to ask for a far-reaching inquiry and for the President to authorise a meeting of her committee that week in the presence of Mrs Gradin, Member of the Commission, and members of the Parliament delegation which was due to visit Bosnia very shortly;

— Mr Andrews, who also asked for Mrs Müller's request to be put to the vote (the President pointed out that, under the Rules, he was not entitled to follow up this request);

— Mr De Vries, on behalf of the ELDR Group, who said that, under Rule 37(1), the Commission could ask the President for the floor at any time to make a statement (the President replied that, if the Commission were to ask for the floor, he would certainly accede to its request);

— Mr Hallam, on the second part of Mrs Ahern's remarks;

— Mr Giansily, who felt that the various proposals made to include the subject raised by Mrs Müller on the agenda were not mutually exclusive (the President replied that it was up to the Commission to avail itself of the possibilities under Rule 37(1) and that, if the Budgetary Control Committee sought authorisation for a meeting that week, he would certainly grant it).

The President checked that the Commission did not wish to make a statement on this subject that day: he said, however, that it would be free to do so whenever it wished.

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The order of business was thus established.

11. Speaking time

Speaking time for debates on the agenda for the sittings of 13 to 17 July 1998 would be allocated pursuant to Rule 106 (see Agenda PE 270.997/OJ).

12. Topical and urgent debate (subjects proposed)

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

- Situation in Nigeria
- Situation in Belarus

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- Human rights
- Situation in Georgia and Abkhazia
- Return of property to Holocaust victims

13. Third-country nationals * (debate)

Mr Lehne introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, on the proposal for a Council Act establishing the Convention on rules for the admission of third-country nationals to the Member States and a draft Convention on rules for the admission of third-country nationals to the Member States of the European Union (COM(97)0387 — C4-0681/97 — 97/0227(CNS)) (A4-0266/98).

The following spoke: Mrs Terrón i Cusí, draftsman of the opinion of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mrs Van Lancker, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Nassauer, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr Wiebenga, on behalf of the ELDR Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr MARINHO

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Kaklamanis, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs Pailler, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Roth, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Pradier, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Buffetaut, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Hager, Non-attached Member, Mrs Zimmermann, Mr Pirkner, Mr White, Mrs Palacio Vallelersundi, Mr Elliott, Mr Bontempo, Mr Ford, Mr Schulz and Mrs Gradin, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.7.1998, Part I, Item 20.

14. Fundamentalism (debate)

Mr Oostlander introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, on the draft recommendation by the European Parliament to the Council on fundamentalism and the challenge to the European legal order (A4-0328/97).

The following spoke: Mrs Lindeperg, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Palacio Vallelersundi, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Goerens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mr Andrews.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr AVGERINOS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Mohamed Alí, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Pradier, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Ford, Mr Nordmann, Mrs Terrón i Cusí and Mrs Gradin, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.7.1998, Part I, Item 21.

15. TACIS (debate)

Mrs Karamanou introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, on Commission Communication to the Council, the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions on cross-border cooperation within the framework of the TACIS Programme (COM(97)0239 — C4-0280/97) (A4-0179/98).

The following spoke: Mr Seppänen, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations, Mrs Myller, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Schröder, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Vallvé, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Hautala, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Bösch, Mr Otila and Mrs Gradin, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.7.1998, Part I, Item 22.

16. Agenda

The President announced that Mrs Gradin, Member of the Commission, had said that she was prepared to make a statement on financial aid for Bosnia.

The timing of the statement would be announced at the beginning of the following day's sitting.

17. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Tuesday 14 July 1998:

09.00 — 12.00, 15.00 — 17.30 and 21.00 — 24.00:

- topical and urgent debate (announcement of motions tabled)
- Ribeiro report on textile and clothing
- Berès report on Economic and Financial Committee
- Tappin report on public contracts and programmes financed by public funds
- Anastassopoulos report on election of MEPs
- Fontaine report on European voluntary service for young people ***III

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- Breyer recommendation for 2nd reading on food additives ***II *12.00 – 13.00:*
 - voting time
 - Dybkjær report on environment and sustainable development ***III *— topical and urgent debate (list of subjects selected)*
 - Cabrol report on communicable diseases ***III *17.30 – 19.00:*
 - Question Time (Commission)
 - Van Dijk report on women's health
 - Olsson report on environmental taxes and charges *(The sitting closed at 19.50)*
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Julian PRIESTLEY
Secretary-General

Georgios ANASTASSOPOULOS
Vice-President

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The following signed:

Adam, Aelvoet, Ahern, Ahlqvist, Ainardi, Amadeo, Anastassopoulos, d'Ancona, Andersson, André-Léonard, Andrews, Angelilli, Anttila, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Arias Cañete, Arroni, Augias, Avgerinos, Azzolini, Baldi, Balfe, Bardong, Barón Crespo, Barton, Bazin, Bébéar, Berend, Berès, Berger, Bernard-Reymond, Bertens, Bianco, Billingham, van Bladel, Blak, Bloch von Blottnitz, Blokland, Böge, Bösch, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Bourlanges, Bowe, Breyer, Brinkhorst, Brok, Buffetaut, Burtone, Cabezón Alonso, Cabrol, Caccavale, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Cardona, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Casini Carlo, Castagnède, Caudron, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Colli, Collins Gerard, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Cornelissen, Correia, Cottigny, Cox, Crowley, Cunha, Cunningham, Cushnahan, van Dam, Dankert, Darras, Dary, Daskalaki, David, De Clercq, De Coene, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Giovanni, Delcroix, De Melo, Desama, de Vries, van Dijk, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Dybkjær, Elchlepp, Elles, Elliott, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Eriksson, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Ewing, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Fassa, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Ford, Fourçans, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Frutos Gama, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, Garosci, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasóliba i Böhm, de Gaulle, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Giansily, Gillis, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Girão Pereira, Glante, Glase, Goerens, Görlach, Gomolka, González Álvarez, Graenitz, Graziani, Green, Gröner, Grossetête, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hänsch, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Harrison, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Herzog, Hindley, Holm, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Ilaskivi, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jackson, Janssen van Raay, Jensen Kirsten M., Jensen Lis, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Karoutchi, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kittelmann, Kjer Hansen, Klaß, Koch, Kokkola, Konrad, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristoffersen, Kronberger, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lage, Lalumière, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lange, Langen, Lannoye, Larive, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Lataillade, Lehideux, Lehne, Lenz, Leperre-Verrier, Lienemann, Liese, Lindeperg, Lindqvist, Linkohr, Lööw, Lukas, Lulling, Macartney, McCartin, McGowan, McKenna, McMahan, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Malerba, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Manzella, Marinho, Marinucci, Martens, Martin David W., Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Megahy, Mendes Bota, Méndez de Vigo, Mendiluce Pereiro, Mendonça, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Morán López, Moreau, Moretti, Morgan, Morris, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Müller, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Mutin, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Needle, Newens, Newman, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Oddy, Ojala, Olsson, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Paasilinna, Paasio, Pack, Pailler, Palacio Vallelersundi, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Pasty, Pérez Royo, Peter, Pettinari, Pex, Piecyk, Piha, Pinel, Pirker, des Places, Plooij-van Gorsel, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Porto, Posselt, Pradier, Provan, Puerta, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Ribeiro, Rinsche, Ripa di Meana, Rosado Fernandes, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rothley, Roubatis, Rovsing, Rübig, Ruffolo, Ryyänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sarlis, Scarbonchi, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schierhuber, Schifone, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schmid, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Secchi, Seillier, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Smith, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Soulier, Spaak, Spencer, Spiers, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stewart-Clark, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Tamino, Tannert, Tappin, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tindemans, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Truscott, Tsatsos, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Vecchi, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verde i Aldea, Verwaerde, Viola, Virgin, Virrankoski, Voggenhuber, Waidelich, Walter, Weber, Wemheuer, White, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wieland, Wijzenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann