Monday 6 June 2005

Report: Cecilia Malmström — A6-0135/2005

— amendment 43

against: Ole Christensen, Dan Jørgensen, Britta Thomsen

— amendment 16 (first part) against: Britta Thomsen

— amendment 16 (second part) *for:* Poul Nyrup Rasmussen

resolution (as a whole)against: Henrik Dam Kristensen

Report: Robert Goebbels — A6-0150/2005

amendment 6against: Henri Weber

amendment 11 (second part)
against: Ole Christensen, Dan Jørgensen

resolution (as a whole)
against: Henrik Dam Kristensen
abstention: Henri Weber

Report: Ria Oomen-Ruijten — A6-0142/2005

resolution (as a whole)for: Othmar Karas

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Genowefa Grabowska had informed the Presidency that she had been present at the sitting of 25.05.2005 but that her name was not on the attendance register.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. Statement by the President

The President made a brief statement in which he referred to the fact that Aung San Suu Kyi, winner of the Sakharov prize in 1991, was still being held under house arrest by the regime in Burma, where breaches of human rights were continuing. He reiterated Parliament's call for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and her associates, and, on behalf of Parliament, categorically condemned the abuses carried out by the Burmese regime.

4. Membership of Parliament

By Presidential Decree of 2 June 2005, Brice Hortefeux had been appointed to the French Government.

Since, pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Act concerning the election of representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, this office was incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Parliament — under Rule 4(4) of its Rules of Procedure — established that the vacancy had taken effect from 02.06.2005 and informed the Member State concerned thereof.

5. Membership of political groups

Giovanni Rivera had become a non-attached Member with effect from 06.06.2005.