

Thursday 7 June 2007

MINUTES

(2008/C 125 E/02)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU

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

The sitting opened at 09.40.

2. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) *from the Council and Commission:*

- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 14/2007 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2007)0560 — C6-0148/2007 — 2007/2127(GBD))
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for transfer of appropriations DEC 15/2007 — Section III — Commission (SEC(2007)0561 — C6-0149/2007 — 2007/2129(GBD))
referred to responsible: BUDG
- Proposal for a Council decision in accordance with Article 122(2) of the Treaty on the adoption by Malta of the single currency on 1 January 2008 (COM(2007)0259 — C6-0150/2007 — 2007/0092(CNS))
referred to responsible: ECON
- Proposal for a Council decision in accordance with Article 122(2) of the Treaty on the adoption by Cyprus of the single currency on 1 January 2008 (COM(2007)0256 — C6-0151/2007 — 2007/0090(CNS))
referred to responsible: ECON
- Proposal for a Council regulation concerning the establishment of a community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy (COM(2007)0196 — C6-0152/2007 — 2007/0070(CNS))
referred to responsible: PECH
opinion: ENVI, BUDG
- Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union (08937/2007 — C6-0153/2007 — 2006/0254(AVC))
referred to responsible: AFET

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- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/22/EC concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyreostatic action and of beta agonists (COM(2007)0292 — C6-0154/2007 — 2007/0102(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
 opinion: AGRI

3. Preparations for the European Council (21 to 22 June) and the situation with regard to the revision of the Treaties (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Preparations for the European Council (21 to 22 June) and the situation with regard to the revision of the Treaties

Frank-Walter Steinmeier (President-in-Office of the Council) and Margot Wallström (Vice-President of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, Monica Frassoni, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Helmuth Markov, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Jens-Peter Bonde, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, and Ashley Mote, on behalf of the ITS Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING

President

The following spoke: Jana Bobošíková, Non-attached Member, Hartmut Nassauer, Hannes Swoboda, Andrew Duff, Konrad Szymański, Rebecca Harms, Ilda Figueiredo, Nigel Farage, Roger Helmer (the President pointed out that he felt Mr Helmer's comments were offensive to Angela Merkel), Timothy Kirkhope, Robert Goebbels, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Mirosław Mariusz Piotrowski, Sylwester Chruszcz, Bogdan Klich, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Sophia in 't Veld, Seán Ó Neachtain, Margie Sudre, Jo Leinen, Alexander Lambsdorff, Íñigo Méndez de Vigo, Enrique Barón Crespo, Jerzy Buzek, Bernard Poignant, Othmar Karas and Andrzej Jan Szejna.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Antonio Tajani and Martin Schulz, who mentioned Roger Helmer's contribution, which had contained comments Mr Schulz deemed to be insulting to Angela Merkel. He called on the President to take appropriate action under Rule 146(1) and Rule 9(2). Bruno Gollnisch then spoke on the President's comments (referring to Rule 9(2), the President pointed out that it was the President's responsibility to judge whether certain comments were offensive and accordingly to interpret the Rules of Procedure, and that in any case Members' behaviour should be characterised by mutual respect). Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Margot Wallström spoke.

The debate closed.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.