

Wednesday 10 March 2004

Question 8 by Nuala Ahern: Export of nuclear materials/weapons to Pakistan.

Dick Roche answered the question and a supplementary by Nuala Ahern.

Questions which had not been answered for lack of time would receive written answers.

Council Question Time closed.

(The sitting, suspended at 19.00, resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: David W. MARTIN

Vice-President

12. Communication of common positions of the Council

The President announced, pursuant to Rule 74(1), that the following common position had been received from the Council, together with the reasons which had led to its adoption, and the Commission's position on:

- European Parliament and Council Directive on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the trans-European road network (C5-0118/2004 — 2002/0309(COD) — 5238/1/2004 — COM(2004) 164)
referred to responsible: RETT
asked for opinion at first reading: ENVI

The three-month period available to Parliament to adopt its position would therefore begin the following day, 11 March 2004.

13. Protection against unfair practices in air services from third countries *II — Civil aviation security ***I — Insurance requirements for air carriers ***II (debate)**

Recommendation for second reading on the common position of the Council adopted with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council regulation concerning protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices causing injury to Community air carriers in the supply of air services from countries not members of the European Community [14141/1/2003 — C5-0018/2004 — 2002/0067(COD)] — Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism.

Rapporteur: Nicholas Clegg
(A5-0064/2004)

Report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation security [COM(2003) 566 — C5-0424/2003 — 2003/0222(COD)] — Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism.

Rapporteur: Jan Dhaene
(A5-0061/2004)

Recommendation for second reading on the common position of the Council with a view to adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators [13910/1/2003 — C5-0012/2004 — 2002/0234(COD)] — Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism.

Rapporteur: James Nicholson
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Nicholas Clegg introduced the recommendation for second reading (A5-0064/2004).

Jan Dhaene introduced the report (A5-0061/2004).

James Nicholson introduced the recommendation for second reading (A5-0088/2004).

Loyola de Palacio (Vice-President of the Commission).

The following spoke: Georg Jarzembowski, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, and Herman Vermeer, on behalf of the ELDR Group.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 11.03.2003, Items 6.2, 6.3 and 6.6.*

14. Internal market strategy: priorities 2003 — 2006 (debate)

Report on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions — Internal Market Strategy: Priorities 2003 — 2006 [COM(2003) 238 — C5-0379/2003 — 2003/2149(INI)] — Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market.

Rapporteur: Bill Miller
(A5-0116/2004)

Bill Miller introduced the report.

The following spoke: Malcolm Harbour (draftsman of the opinion of the ITRE Committee), Ieke van den Burg (draftsman of the opinion of the EMPL Committee), Frits Bolkestein (Member of the Commission), Piia-Noora Kauppi, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Ioannis Koukiadis, on behalf of the PSE Group, Philippe A.R. Herzog, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Neil MacCormick, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Benedetto Della Vedova, Non-attached Member, Evelyne Gebhardt, Frits Bolkestein and Neil MacCormick, following on from his previous remarks.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 11.03.2004, Item 8.9*

15. VAT on services provided in the postal sector * (debate)

Second report on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards value added tax on services provided in the postal sector [COM(2003) 234 — C5-0227/2003 — 2003/0091(CNS)] — Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Rapporteur: Olle Schmidt
(A5-0122/2004)

Frits Bolkestein (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Olle Schmidt introduced the report

The following spoke: Astrid Lulling, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Robert Goebbels, on behalf of the PSE Group, Philippe A.R. Herzog, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Johannes (Hans) Blokland, on behalf of the EDD Group, Proinsias De Rossa and Frits Bolkestein.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 11.03.2004, Item 8.2*