

Thursday 7 September 2000

(2001/C 135/04)

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING

IN THE CHAIR: Mr VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA

Vice-President

1. Opening of sitting

The sitting opened at 10.05.

The following spoke:

- Mr Rübig, who complained that the Council was no longer complying with the time limits for answering Members' questions and called on the President of Parliament to see to it that the Council fulfill its obligations in this respect (the President replied that we would take account of these remarks);
- Mr Lipietz, who referred to the petrol crisis facing the Union as a result of the sharp increase in oil prices and called for the Commission, and in particular the Commissioners responsible, to make a statement to Parliament as soon as possible concerning the action to be taken (the President replied this would be difficult to arrange as the week's agenda had already been established; he undertook, however, to try to find a solution).

Mrs Reding, Member of the Commission, stated that she would forward Mr Lipietz' request to Commissioners de Palacio and Monti, and that a suitable time for making the requested statement would be sought, together with the President of Parliament.

2. Agenda

The President announced that, owing to technical problems, a number of amendments tabled by the Verts/ALE Group within the deadlines to the Glase report on undeclared work (A5-0220/2000) had not yet been translated and distributed. The vote on that report, which had been scheduled for midday, had therefore been postponed to the next part-session (20/21 September).

3. Doping in sport and sport in society — Football player transfers (statements with debate) — Community support plan to combat doping in sport — Helsinki report on sport (debate)

The next item was the joint debate on a Council statement, a Commission statement and two reports drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport.

Mrs Buffet, President-in-Office of the Council, made a statement on doping in sport and sport in society.

Mrs Reding, Member of the Commission, made a statement on football player transfers.

Mrs Zabell introduced her report on the communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, on a Community support plan to combat doping in sport (COM(1999) 643 — C5-0087/2000 — 2000/2056(COS)) (A5-0203/2000).

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Mr Mennea introduced his report on the report from the Commission to the European Council with a view to safeguarding current sports structures and maintaining the social function of sport within the Community framework — The Helsinki report on sport (COM(1999) 644 — C5-0088/2000 — 2000/2055(COS)) (A5-0208/2000).

The following spoke: Lehne, draftsman of the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee, Papayannakis, draftsman of the opinion of the Environment Committee, Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Barón Crespo, on behalf of the PSE Group, Lynne, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Messner, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Fraisse, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, de La Perrière, on behalf of the UEN Group, and Bernié, on behalf of the EDD Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

The following spoke: Perry, O'Toole, Manders, Bautista Ojeda, Alavanos, Angelilli, Pack, Prets, Flesch, Lagendijk, Alyssandrakis, Gallagher, Karas, Roure, De Clercq, Turmes, Decourrière, Iivari, Matikainen-Kallström, Buffet and Reding.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Items 14 and 15.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr David W. MARTIN

Vice-President

4. Communication of common positions of the Council

Pursuant to Rule 74(1), the President announced that he had received from the Council the following common positions, together with the reasons which had led to their adoption, and the Commission's positions on:

- thirteenth European Parliament and Council Directive on company law concerning takeover bids (8129/1/2000 — C5-0327/2000 — 1995/0341(COD))
 referred to: responsible: JURI
 (forwarded to committees asked for opinions at first reading: ECON, EMPL)
 legal basis: Article 44 EC
- European Parliament and Council Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the implementation of good clinical practice in the conduct of clinical trials on medicinal products for human use (8878/1/2000 — C5-0424/2000 — 1997/0197(COD))
 referred to: responsible: ENVI
 (forwarded to committees asked for opinions at first reading: BUDG, ITRE)
 legal basis: Article 95 EC

The three-month period available to Parliament to deliver its opinion would therefore begin the following day, 8 September 2000.

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The following spoke:

- Seguro, who announced that there had been a massacre in West Timor in which, among others, three members of the UN humanitarian mission had been killed; he asked the President in the name of Parliament to condemn this violent act and the human rights violations in Indonesia and express Parliament's indignation to the Indonesian authorities (the President noted this request, said he would express his sympathies to the victims' families and asked the House to observe a minute's silence in memory of the victims);
 (The House observed a minute's silence.)