

Wednesday 5 September 2001

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

The following spoke: Patrie, Alyssandrakis, Neyts-Uyttebroeck and Vitorino.

The President closed the debate.

29. Electronic communications *I – Combating cyber-crime (debate)**

The next item was the joint debate on two reports, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs.

Mr Cappato introduced his report on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (COM(2000) 385 – C5-0439/2000 – 2000/0189(COD)) (A5-0270/2001).

Draftsman of an opinion under the Hughes Procedure: Ilka Schröder, Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy

Mrs Cederschiöld introduced her report on creating a safer information society by improving the security of information infrastructures and combating computer-related crime – eEurope 2002 (A5-0284/2001).

The following spoke: Ilka Schröder, draftsman of the opinion of the ITRE Committee (on A5-0270/2001), McCarthy, draftsman of the opinion of the JURI Committee, Zorba, draftsman of the opinion of the ITRE Committee (on A5-0284/2001).

As the time had come for the Council to present the draft general budget for 2002, the debate was suspended at that point and would be resumed at 21.00 (*Item 33*).

30. Presentation by Council of draft general budget for 2002

Mr Vande Lanotte, President-in-Office of the Council, presented the draft general budget for 2002.

The following spoke: Terence Wynn, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, and Costa Neves, rapporteur.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PUERTA

Vice-President

Mrs Buitenweg, rapporteur, spoke.

The President closed this item.

31. Question Time (questions to the Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B5-0332/2001).

Question 1 by Mr Staes: Investigation of irregularities at Europol

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck, President-in-Office of the Council, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Staes.

Question 2 by Mr Nogueira Román: Discrimination in the way in which the catch reduction decided upon by the Council of Ministers has been distributed amongst the fishing fleets of the various Member States

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Nogueira Román and Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna.

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Question 3 by Mr Herman Schmid: The EU's rapid reaction force in Sweden

Question 4 by Mr Alavanos: The G8 meeting and security at summit meetings and other conferences of equivalent importance

Question 5 by Mr Patakis: Violation of basic democratic freedoms and human rights in Genoa

Question 6 by Mr Hans-Peter Martin: Future of EU Council summits following the events in Göteborg and Genoa

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the questions and supplementaries by Mr Alavanos (who asked also for a written answer to the points which had not received a reply), Mr Patakis, Mr Hans-Peter Martin and Mr Korakas.

The President told Mr Alavanos that he could always table a new question for another Question Time.

Question 7 by Mr Collins: Shannon as EU headquarters for natural or environmental emergencies response

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question.

Question 8 by Mr Andrews lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 9 by Mr Crowley: Handling business failure

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Crowley.

Question 10 by Mr Gallagher: Priorities in the fisheries sector during the Belgian Presidency

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Gallagher and Mr Newton Dunn.

Question 11 by Mr Fitzsimons lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 12 by Mr Hyland: Using hydrogen energy in urban/rural transport

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Hyland.

Question 13 by Mr Seppänen: European tax

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Seppänen.

Question 14 by Mrs Izquierdo Rojo: Withdrawal of olive residue oil

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and supplementaries by Mrs Izquierdo Rojo and Mrs Ayuso González.

Question 15 by Mr Marinos: Information of Greek citizens about the euro

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Marinos, Mr Rübzig and Mr Fatuzzo.

Mr Fatuzzo spoke on the Council's reply.

Question 16 by Mr Sacrédeus: Legislation on 'sects' and its impact on respect for religious freedom in Europe

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Sacrédeus.

Question 17 by Mrs Karamanou: Torture of people on grounds of sexual orientation

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Karamanou.

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Question 18 by Mr Newton Dunn: Access by the public to Council documents

Question 19 by Mr Sjöstedt: Increased openness

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the questions and supplementaries by Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Sjöstedt and Mrs Karamanou.

The President pointed out that supplementaries should be brief and to the point and should not give rise to statements.

Question 20 by Mr Posselt: Elections in Kosovo

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Posselt.

Mr Marinos spoke on the supplementary he had put earlier.

Question 21 by Mr Berenguer Fuster: Adoption of the regulation on designs and models

Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Berenguer Fuster.

The President announced that the questions which had not been answered due to a lack of time (22 to 36) would receive written answers.

He closed Question Time.

(The sitting was suspended at 19.15 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA

Vice-President

32. 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:

- Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive amending for the 20th time Council Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (Short Chain Chlorinated Paraffins)
(9461/1/2001 — C5-0301/2001 — 2000/0104(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
(forwarded to committees asked for opinions at first reading: ITRE, JURI)
legal basis: Article 95 EC
- Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive on the reduction of the level of pollutant emissions from two and three-wheel motor vehicles and amending directive 97/24/EC
(7598/1/2001 — C5-0386/2001 — 2000/0136(COD))
referred to responsible: ENVI
(forwarded to committees asked for opinions at first reading: ITRE, JURI, RETT)
legal basis: Article 95 EC
- Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive amending Council Directive 76/207/EEC on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions
(9848/1/2001 — C5-0387/2001 — 2000/0142(COD))
referred to responsible: FEMM
(forwarded to committees asked for opinions at first reading: EMPL, ITRE, LIBE)
legal basis: Article 141(3) EC