

Wednesday 13 December 2000

24. Administrative cooperation in the field of indirect taxation *I – Tax arrangements for electronic services * – Application of minimum standard rate of VAT * – Taxation of aircraft fuel (debate)**

The next item was a joint debate on three reports drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Mr García-Margallo y Marfil introduced his reports on:

- I. Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 218/92 on administrative cooperation in the field of indirect taxation (VAT) (COM(2000) 349 – C5-0298/2000 – 2000/0147(COD)) and
 - II. Proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards the value added tax arrangements applicable to certain services supplied by electronic means (COM(2000) 349 – C5-0467/2000 – 2000/0148(CNS)) (A5-0362/2000).
- the communication from the Commission on the taxation of aircraft fuel (COM(2000) 110 – C5-0207/2000 – 2000/2114(COS)) (A5-0334/2000).

Mrs Torres Marques introduced her report on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC on the common system of value added tax, with regard to the length of time during which the minimum standard rate is to be applied (COM(2000) 537 – C5-0535/2000 – 2000/0223(CNS)) (A5-0366/2000).

The following spoke: Ford, draftsman of the opinion of the ITRE Committee, Wallis, draftsman of the opinion of the JURI Committee, Van Dam, draftsman of the opinion of the REGI Committee, Olsson, draftsman of the opinion of the ENVI Committee, von Wogau, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Randzio-Plath, on behalf of the PSE Group, Olle Schmidt, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Lipietz, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Herman Schmid, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Dell'Alba, TDI Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PROVAN

Vice-President

The following spoke: Titford, on behalf of the EDD Group, Ilgenfritz, Non-attached Member, Villiers, Goebbels, Knörr Borràs, Sommer, Skinner, Lucas, Foster, Berès, Liese, Tannock, Karas, Kauppi and Bolkstein, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.12.2000, Items 9, 13 and 16.

25. 'Erika II' package on safety at sea (Commission communication)

Mrs de Palacio, Vice-President of the Commission, made a communication on the Erika II package on safety at sea.

The following spoke: Jarzembowski and Watts, who put questions to the Commission which Mrs de Palacio answered, and Ortuondo Larrea, Cauquil and Isler Béguin, who put questions to the Commission which Mrs de Palacio answered.

The President closed the item.