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IN THE CHAIR: Manuel António dos SANTOS
Vice-President

19. Membership of committees and delegations

The President had received the following requests for appointments from the PPE-DE and PSE Groups:

- Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries: Rumiana Jeleva
- Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula: Petya Stavreva
- Delegation for relations with the United States: Roselyne Lefrançois and Dushana Zdravkova
- Delegation for relations with Israel: Nickolay Mladenov
- Delegation for relations with Belarus: Vladimir Urutchev
- Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN): Pierre Pribetich to replace Bernard Poignant
- Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council: Elisabeth Morin was no longer a member

The appointments would be deemed ratified if there were no objections before the approval of these Minutes.

20. Question Time (Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B6-0133/2007).

Question 1 (Manuel Medina Ortega): Aids for shipwreck rescue operations.

Manuel Lobo Antunes (President-in-Office of the Council) answered the question and a supplementary by Manuel Medina Ortega.

Question 2 (Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou): Provision of adequate, high-quality childcare facilities in the Member States.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and a supplementary by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou.

Question 3 (Baroness Sarah Ludford): Failure to agree framework decisions on procedural rights.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and a supplementary by Baroness Sarah Ludford.

Question 4 lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 5 (Bernd Posselt): Strengthened Mediterranean cooperation.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and a supplementary by Bernd Posselt.

Question 6 would not be taken as the subject to which it referred was already on the agenda of the part-session.

Question 7 (Mairead McGuinness): EU imports of Brazilian beef.

Question 8 (Liam Aylward): Separate EU-Brazil deal on the beef sector.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the questions and a supplementary by Mairead McGuinness.

Questions 9 and 10 were not taken as the subject to which they referred was already on the agenda of that part-session.

Questions 11 to 13 had been withdrawn.

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Questions 14 to 18 lapsed as their authors were absent.

Question 19 (Luisa Morgantini): Kurdish mayor dismissed for providing multilingual municipal services.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and supplementaries by Luisa Morgantini and Bernd Posselt.

Question 20 (Leopold Józef Rutowicz): Energy security for the EU over the next 20 years.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and a supplementary by Leopold Józef Rutowicz.

Questions 21 to 24 lapsed as their authors were absent.

Question 25 (Marian Harkin): Protocol negotiated by Britain on the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Manuel Lobo Antunes answered the question and a supplementary by Marian Harkin.

Council Question Time closed.

(The sitting was suspended at 21.40 and resumed at 22.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS

Vice-President

21. Democratic scrutiny under the Development Cooperation Instrument (debate)

Commission statement: Democratic scrutiny under the Development Cooperation Instrument

Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Gay Mitchell, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Margrietus van den Berg, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mikel Irujo Amezaga, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Ana Maria Gomes, Josep Borrell Fontelles and Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

Motion for a resolution tabled to wind up the debate pursuant to Rule 103(2):

— Josep Borrell Fontelles, on the democratic scrutiny of the implementation of the financing instrument for development cooperation (DCI) (B6-0310/2007)

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 12.07.2007, Item 6.4.*

22. Natural disasters (debate)

Commission statement: Natural disasters

Benita Ferrero-Waldner (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Konstantinos Hatzidakis, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Linda McAvan, on behalf of the PSE Group, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Karatzaferis, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Dimitar Stoyanov, on behalf of the ITS Group, Gerardo Galeote, Stavros Lambrinidis, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Roberta Alma Anastase, María Sornosa Martínez, Edite Estrela and Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

As the motions for a resolution tabled were not yet available, they would be announced in the House at a later time.

The debate closed.

Vote: *September I part-session.*