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#### 4. Presentation of the programme of the Portuguese presidency (debate)

Council statement: Presentation of the programme of the Portuguese presidency

José Sócrates Carvalho Pinto de Sousa (President-in-Office of the Council) made the statement.

José Manuel Barroso (President of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Manuel António dos SANTOS

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, Monica Frassoni, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Ilda Figueiredo, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Patrick Louis, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Bruno Gollnisch, on behalf of the ITS Group, Gianni De Michelis, Non-attached Member, João de Deus Pinheiro, Edite Estrela, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck and Mirosław Mariusz Piotrowski.

IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING

*President*

The following spoke: Alyn Smith, Miguel Portas, Nigel Farage, Irena Belohorská, Timothy Kirkhope, Enrique Barón Crespo, Bronisław Geremek, Mario Borghezio, Jana Bobošíková, Elmar Brok, Klaus Hänsch, Simon Busuttil, Martine Roure, Luís Queiró and Jan Marinus Wiersma, who began his remarks by referring to the situation of the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor detained in Libya since 1999 (the President indicated that he would make a statement on the subject later) (*Minutes of 11.07.2007, Item 6*), Othmar Karas, Bogusław Sonik, José Sócrates and José Manuel Barroso.

The debate closed.

#### 5. Convening of the Intergovernmental Conference: opinion of the European Parliament \* (debate)

Report on the convening of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC): the European Parliament's opinion (Article 48 of the EU Treaty) [11222/2007 — C6-0206/2007 — 2007/0808(CNS)] — Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

Rapporteur: Jo Leinen (A6-0279/2007)

The following spoke: Manuel Lobo Antunes (President-in-Office of the Council) and Margot Wallström (Vice-President of the Commission).

Jo Leinen introduced the report.

The following spoke: Íñigo Méndez de Vigo, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Richard Corbett, on behalf of the PSE Group, Andrew Duff, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Konrad Szymański, on behalf of the UEN Group, Johannes Voggenhuber, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL

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Group, Bernard Wojciechowski, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Philip Claeys, on behalf of the ITS Group, Jim Allister, Non-attached Member, Maria da Assunção Esteves, Harlem Désir, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Inese Vaidere, Gérard Onesta, Maciej Marian Giertych, Alexander Stubb, Genowefa Grabowska, Bogdan Pęk, Manuel Lobo Antunes and Margot Wallström.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 11.07.2007, Item 7.2.*

**6. Statement by the President (Libya)**

The President made a statement on the confirmation that day by the Libyan Supreme Court of the death sentence passed on the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor held in Libya since February 1999. He expressed Parliament's solidarity with the prisoners and their families and with those infected with HIV at the hospital in Benghazi, and emphasised once again Parliament's opposition to the death penalty.

He called on the Libyan authorities to show clemency and to free the six prisoners.

**7. Voting time**

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in the 'Results of votes' annex to the Minutes.

The following spoke: Sir Robert Atkins, who expressed his disappointment at the delayed start to voting time and called on the President to ensure that it did not happen again (the President replied that certain lengthy speeches were the cause of the delay).

**7.1. Parliament's calendar of part-sessions — 2008 (vote)**

Parliament's calendar of part-sessions — 2008: see Conference of Presidents' proposals (*Minutes of 09.07.2007, Item 12*)

(*Simple majority*)

(*Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 1*)

Parliament's calendar of part-sessions for 2008 was set as follows:

14 to 17 January  
30 and 31 January  
18 to 21 February  
10 to 13 March  
9 and 10 April  
21 to 24 April  
7 and 8 May  
19 to 22 May  
4 and 5 June  
16 to 19 June  
7 to 10 July  
1 to 4 September  
22 to 25 September  
8 and 9 October  
20 to 23 October  
17 to 20 November  
3 and 4 December  
15 to 18 December