

Wednesday 23 October 2002

IN THE CHAIR: Mr ONESTA

*Vice-President*

#### **14. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting**

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

#### **15. 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 position, together with the reasons which had led to its adoption, and the Commission's position on:

- a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the European Year of Education through Sport 2004 (C5-0498/2002 – 2001/0244(COD) – 9605/2/2002 – 11051/2002 – SEC(2002) 1112)  
referred to responsible: CULT  
asked for opinion at first reading: BUDG, EMPL  
legal basis: Article 149 EC

The three-month period available to Parliament to adopt its position would therefore begin the following day, 24 October 2002.

#### **16. Combating terrorism** (statements followed by a debate)

Mr Haarder, President-in-Office of the Council, and Commissioners Vitorino and Patten, made statements on combating terrorism.

Mr Brok, chairman of the AFET Committee, asked the President to depart from the list of speakers and give the floor after himself to Mr Hernández Mollar, co-author of motion for a resolution B5-0530/2002; he then spoke in the debate, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group.

Mr Hernández Mollar then asked to be given the floor next in his capacity as co-author of the motion for a resolution on behalf of the LIBE Committee.

The following spoke on this request: Brok, and the next two speakers on the list, Ludford and Terrón i Cusí, who gave their agreement.

In response to this request, the President agreed to give the floor to Mr Hernández Mollar.

The following spoke: Hernández Mollar, chairman of the LIBE committee, Terrón i Cusí, on behalf of the PSE Group, Ludford, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Frahm, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Lagendijk, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Camre, on behalf of the UEN Group, Belder, on behalf of the EDD Group, Borghezio, Non-attached Member, Galeote Quecedo, Wiersma, Malmström, Krivine, Nogueira Román, Queiró, Coûteaux, Oostlander, De Rossa, Andreasen and Alavanos.

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The following spoke: Pacheco Pereira, Ceyhun, Ilka Schröder, Morillon, Theorin, Pirker, Izquierdo Rojo, Sousa Pinto, Cushnahan, Gemelli, Van Orden, Pomés Ruiz, Haarder and Vitorino.

The President had received motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 37(2) from the following Members:

- Brok, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy, and Hernández Mollar, on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on 'Assessment of and prospects for the EU strategy on terrorism one year after 11 September 2001' (B5-0530/2002);

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- Hernández Mollar, on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on 'Assessment of and prospects for the EU strategy on terrorism one year after 11 September 2001' (B5-0542/2002);
- Brok, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy, on the role of the European Union in the fight against terrorism (B5-0543/2002);
- Sakellariou, Terrón i Cusí and Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, on 'Assessment of and prospects for the EU strategy on terrorism one year after 11 September 2001' (B5-0544/2002).

The President closed the debate.

Vote: *Item 19, Minutes of 24.10.2002.*

**17. Echelon** (statements followed by debate)

Mr Haarder, President-in-Office of the Council, and Mr Liikanen, Member of the Commission, made statements on Echelon.

The following spoke: Flesch, on the substance of the statements, von Boetticher, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, Plooi-j-van Gorsel, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Di Lello Finuoli, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, McKenna, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Coelho, Vattimo, Turco, Herman Schmid, Haarder, Liikanen and Plooi-j-van Gorsel who put a question to the Commission which Mr Liikanen undertook to answer in writing.

The President reminded the House of the following deadlines:

- motions for resolutions: Thursday at 12.00
- amendments and joint motions for resolutions: Tuesday, 5 November at 12.00

The President closed the debate.

Vote: *Thursday, 7 November 2002.*

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*Vice-President*

**18. Question Time** (question to the Council)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Council (B5-0494/2002).

Mr Ortuondo Larrea, who, referring to the remarks made by Mr Nogueira Román at the opening of the sitting (see Item 1 above), expressed the opinion that some Members were discriminated against. He cited the example of question 93 which, the previous day, had not been answered by the Commission in the Chamber due to lack of time, and which had been answered by Mrs de Palacio, Vice-President of the Commission, through the media (the President replied that Parliament had scrupulously respected the provisions of the Rules of Procedure relating to Question Time). Mr Nogueira Román expressed his support for Mr Ortuondo Larrea's remarks (the President suggested he speak to the Commission, as Parliament was in no way to blame). Mr Galeote Quecedo protested against Mr Ortuondo Larrea's remarks and Mr Ortuondo Larrea then made a personal statement in reply.

**Question 1** by Mr Nogueira Román: Milk production in the Commission's proposed revision of the CAP

Mr Haarder, President-in-Office of the Council, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Nogueira Román.