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Single sitting: Wednesday 28 October 2009 (morning)

The sitting opened at 9.12 in the Jean Monnet room with Mr BARROSO, President, in the chair.

It was attended by:

Mr BARROSO	President	
Ms WALLSTRÖM	Vice-President	Items 1 to 16
Mr VERHEUGEN	Vice-President	
Mr KALLAS	Vice-President	
Mr TAJANI	Vice-President	
Ms REDING		
Mr DIMAS		
Mr ALMUNIA		
Mr BORG		
Mr POTOČNIK		
Mr KOVÁCS		
Ms KROES		
Ms FISCHER BOEL		
Ms FERRERO-WALDNER		
Mr ŠPIDLA		
Mr PIEBALGS		
Ms KUNEVA		
Ms VASSILIOU		
Mr ŠEMETA		
Mr SAMECKI		
Mr DE GUCHT		Items 16 (in part) to 18
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ		

Absent:

Mr BARROT

Vice-President

Mr REHN

Mr McCREEVY

Mr ORBAN

Baroness ASHTON

The following sat in to represent absent Members of the Commission:

Ms JORNA	Chef de cabinet to Mr BARROT
Mr ARTJOKI	A member of Mr REHN's staff
Mr SUTHERLAND	A member of Mr McCREEVY's staff
Ms BUGNOT	Chef de cabinet to Mr ORBAN
Mr MORRISON	Chef de cabinet to Baroness ASHTON

The following also sat in:

Mr VALE DE ALMEIDA	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service	
Mr SØRENSEN	Director-General, DG Communication	
Mr LAITENBERGER	Commission Spokesman	
Mr GASPAR	Acting Director-General, Bureau of European Policy Advisers	
Mr THEBAULT	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	Item 16 (in part)
Mr CABRAL	Adviser hors classe in the PRESIDENT's office	Item 17
Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	A member of the PRESIDENT's staff	Items 1 to 17
Mr LEFFLER	Chef de cabinet to Ms WALLSTRÖM	Items 17 and 18
Ms BARTON	A member of Mr DIMAS's staff	Items 1 to 16
Ms GOLEBIENSKA	DG Environment	Items 1 to 16

Secretary: Ms DAY, Secretary-General, assisted by Mr AYET PUIGARNAU, Director in the Secretariat-General.

The PRESIDENT paid tribute to Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA on the occasion of his last attendance at a Commission meeting as the President's Chef de cabinet, prior to taking up his post as Director-General of the Directorate-General for External Relations.

The PRESIDENT spoke of the qualities that Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA had displayed in his services to the present Commission. He stressed his outstanding contribution, both in his role as the President's Chef de cabinet and as the President's personal representative at the G8 and G20.

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA warmly for his unwavering commitment and loyalty, and wished him all the best in his future career.

Ms FERRERO-WALDNER seconded the PRESIDENT's words and expressed her satisfaction that she would be able to benefit from Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA's skills and experience in his post as Director-General of the Directorate-General for External Relations.

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1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2009)1892/3; SEC(2009)1416/2)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda and of the tentative agendas for forthcoming meetings.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(SEC(2009)1892)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 26 October.

**3. MINUTES OF 1891ST MEETING (20 OCTOBER)
(PV(2009)1891)**

The Commission approved the minutes of its 1891st meeting.

4. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY LAW

**4.1. STATE AID – INDIVIDUAL CASES – RECAPITULATIVE LIST
(SEC(2009)1461; SEC(2009)1469; SEC(2009)1460)**

The Commission adopted the decisions in SEC(2009)1461.

**4.2. STATE AID – HORIZONTAL DOSSIER
(C(2009)8462; SEC(2009)1460)**

**Communication from the Commission amending the temporary
Community framework for state aid measures to support access to
finance in the current financial and economic crisis**

The Commission:

- adopted the notice in C(2009)8462;
- decided to publish it in the Official Journal of the European Union in order to inform the Member States and interested parties;
- authorised its publication as soon as possible on the websites of DG Competition and DG Agriculture and Rural Development, pending its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. *WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED* (SEC(2009)1418 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 19 and 23 October.

5.2. *EMPOWERMENT* (SEC(2009)1419 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 19 and 23 October.

5.3. *DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS* (SEC(2009)1420 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 19 and 23 October, as archived in e-Greffe.

5.4. *SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES* (SEC(2009)1421 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 26 and 30 October and of the "finalisation" written procedures initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 26 October.

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL – EUROPEAN TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE – REGISTER OF INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES, ONE YEAR AFTER
(COM(2009)612 AND /2)**

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2009)612, for transmission to the European Parliament and the Council, and to the national parliaments.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS - GLOBAL MONITORING FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY (GMES): CHALLENGES AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE SPACE COMPONENT
(COM(2009)589 TO /4; SEC(2009)1439 AND /2); SEC(2009)1440; SEC(2009)1441; SEC(2009)1442; SEC(2009)1444)**

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2009)589/4 for transmission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions and to the national parliaments, together with the report, the impact assessment and the related executive summary in staff papers SEC(2009)1439/2, SEC(2009)1440 and SEC(2009)1441, the contents of which were noted.

It also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on the aforementioned communication, as set out in SEC(2009)1442.

- 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – TRANSFORMING THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND INTO SOCIAL BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
(COM(2009)586 AND /2); SEC(2009)1436; SEC(2009)1437; SEC(2009)1438; SEC(2009)1451; SEC(2009)1452)

- 9. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: FACILITATING THE RELEASE OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**
(C(2009)8287 AND /2; SEC(2009)1436; SEC(2009)1437; SEC(2009)1438; SEC(2009)1451; SEC(2009)1452)

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2009)586/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments, together with the impact study and the summary thereof in staff papers SEC(2009)1436 and SEC(2009)1437, the contents of which were noted.

The Commission also adopted the recommendation in C(2009)8287/2 for notification to the Member States, publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and transmission, for information purposes, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments.

It also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on the above communication and recommendation, as set out in SEC(2009)1438.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – A BETTER FUNCTIONING FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN IN EUROPE

(COM(2009)591 TO /3; SEC(2009)1445 AND /2; SEC(2009)1446; SEC(2009)1447 AND /2; SEC(2009)1448 AND /2; SEC(2009)1449 AND /2; SEC(2009)1450; SEC(2009)1453)

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2009)591/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments, together with the staff papers SEC(2009)1445/2, SEC(2009)1446, SEC(2009)1447/2, SEC(2009)1448/2, SEC(2009)1449/2 and SEC(2009)1450, the contents of which were noted.

11. DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION ON THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 81(3) OF THE TREATY TO CATEGORIES OF VERTICAL AGREEMENTS AND CONCERTED PRACTICES IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE SECTOR

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES ON VERTICAL RESTRAINTS IN AGREEMENTS FOR THE SALE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPARE PARTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

(SEC(2009)1471 AND /2)

The Commission approved the draft block exemption Regulation and draft guidelines in SEC(2009)1471/2 for transmission to the Advisory Committee on Restrictive Practices and Dominant Positions.

**12. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – OPTIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE LABELLING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN NETWORK OF REFERENCE CENTRES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF ANIMALS
(COM(2009)584 TO /4; SEC(2009)1432 AND /2; SEC(2009)1433 AND /2; SEC(2009)1434; SEC(2009)1435)**

The Commission approved the report in COM(2009)584/4 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment and the related summary contained in the staff papers distributed as SEC(2009)1432/2 and SEC(2009)1433/2 respectively, and took note of their contents.

The Commission also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on the above-mentioned report, as set out in SEC(2009)1434.

**13. INTERIM REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE ACTION PLAN TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMISSION'S SUPERVISORY ROLE UNDER SHARED MANAGEMENT OF STRUCTURAL ACTIONS
(SEC(2009)1463 TO /3)**

The Commission approved the interim report in SEC(2009)1463/3, for transmission to Parliament, the Council and the European Court of Auditors, and to the national parliaments.

It instructed its departments to continue to implement the actions currently under way in accordance with the deadlines indicated and to transmit a report on the

additional actions carried out in 2009, and the initial impact of these actions, to Parliament, the Council and the European Court of Auditors by the end of February 2010.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

TEN-T DAYS 2009 (*NAPLES, 21 AND 22 OCTOBER 2009*) (SEC(2009)1504)

The Commission took note of the information note from Mr TAJANI in SEC(2009)1504.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2009)1417/4)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2009)127/4)

15.1. *DG EDUCATION AND CULTURE – APPOINTMENT OF AD15 DIRECTOR-GENERAL*

Referring to the personal qualities of Mr Jan TRUSZCZYNSKI, Mr KALLAS emphasised his outstanding experience and skills in the international arena, enlargement policy, education, training and culture. He welcomed the prospect of the first appointment of a national of a new Member State to a director-general post in the Commission.

The PRESIDENT also voiced his satisfaction that a national from one of the 2004 enlargement Member States was taking up a director-general post, and stressed that this appointment was based on competence and merit.

In the light of the above, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, Mr ŠEFČOVIČ et Mr ORBAN, decided under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations to fill the post of Director-General of DG Education and Culture, by transferring in the interests of the service Mr Jan TRUSZCZYNSKI, an AD15 official, currently Deputy Director-General in DG Education and Culture.

This decision would take effect on 1 May 2010.

15.2. CHANGE IN DATES OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF DECISIONS TO TRANSFER OFFICIALS IN SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSTS

The Commission took note of the information set out in point 2 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, Ms KROES and Mr PIEBALGS, decided that the following decisions would take effect on the date of the entry into office of the new Commission rather than on 1 November 2009:

- the transfer of Mr Philip LOWE from his post as Director-General in DG Competition to another director-general post;
- the transfer of Mr Alexander ITALIANER from his post as Deputy Secretary-General in the Secretariat-General to the post of Director-General in DG Competition;
- the creation of the Directorate-General for Energy.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**15.3. SECRETARIAT GENERAL – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL
(PERS(2009)105 TO /4)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Secretary-General in the Secretariat-General (PERS(2009)105 and /2).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 8 and 15 October (PERS(2009)105/3 and /4).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Jean-Claude THEBAULT to the vacant post.

This decision would take effect on 1 November 2009.

**15.4. DG AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT –
APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2009)86 TO /3)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, Economic Analysis, Perspectives and Evaluations, in DG Agriculture and Rural Development (PERS(2009)86).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 29 September and 22 October (PERS(2009)86/2 and /3).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post and considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FISCHER-BOEL, it then decided to appoint Mr Anastassios HANIOTIS to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 November 2009.

**15.5. DG ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY – APPOINTMENT OF AD14
DIRECTOR (EU-8)
(PERS(2009)64 TO /5)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, Promotion of SMEs' Competitiveness, in DG Enterprise and Industry (PERS(2009)64 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 12 and 19 October (PERS(2009)64/4 and /5).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr VERHEUGEN, it then decided to appoint Ms Joanna DRAKE to the post.

This decision would take effect on a date to be determined.

**15.6. JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15
DIRECTOR
(PERS(2009)99 TO /4)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, Resource Management, at the Joint Research Centre (PERS(2009)99 and /2).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 28 September and 15 October (PERS(2009)99/3 and /4).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post and considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr POTOČNIK, it then decided to appoint Mr Jean-Pierre MICHEL to the post.

This decision would take effect on a date to be determined.

**15.7. DG EXTERNAL RELATIONS – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15
DIRECTOR
(PERS(2009)100 TO /3)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, Latin America, in DG External Relations (PERS(2009)100).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 29 September and 19 October (PERS(2009)100/2 and /3).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post and considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, it then decided to appoint Mr Gustavo MARTIN PRADA to the post.

This decision would take effect on a date to be determined.

**15.8. DG ENERGY AND TRANSPORT – APPOINTMENT OF AD14
PRINCIPAL ADVISER (EU-12)
(PERS(2008)96 TO /8)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29 of the Staff Regulations for the post of Principal Adviser in DG Energy and Transport (PERS(2008)96 to /5 and /8).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 5 and 26 March (PERS(2008)96/6 and /7).

It proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and

Mr PIEBALGS, it then decided to appoint Mr Margus RAHUOJA to the post.

This decision would take effect on a date to be determined.

15.9. DG ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS – APPOINTMENT OF AD 15 DIRECTOR

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ALMUNIA, the Commission decided, under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, to fill the post of Director, International Economic and Financial Affairs, in DG Economic and Financial Affairs by transferring in the interest of the service Mr Peter BEKX, AD15 official and currently Director, Business Statistics, in Eurostat.

This decision would take effect on a date to be determined.

15.10. DG EXTERNAL RELATIONS – APPOINTMENT OF AD15 HEAD OF DELEGATION

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, the Commission decided:

- under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, to fill the post of Head of the Commission Delegation to Iceland by transferring in the interest of the service Mr Timo SUMMA, AD15 official and currently Director, Enlargement Policy and Communication, in DG Enlargement; in accordance with diplomatic practice, this decision was subject to the agreement of the host country;
- to raise temporarily to director level (AD14/15) the grade of the post of Head of the Commission Delegation to Iceland;
- to return the post to the initial grade on the departure of the jobholder.

This decision would take effect on 1 January 2010.

15.11. DG PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION / DG EXTERNAL RELATIONS – LAUNCH OF THE ROTATION OF HEADS OF DELEGATION FOR 2010

The Commission took note of the information set out under point 11 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, decided:

- to endorse the principles of recruitment or transfer of the members of staff concerned, as identified in the second bullet point of paragraph 11 of PERS(2009)127/4;
- to take note that transfers and publications concerning middle management would follow the usual procedures;
- to authorise the PRESIDENT, Mr KALLAS and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER to identify all senior management posts that would be filled either by transfer in the interest of the service under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations or following internal and interinstitutional publication of the vacancy notice in accordance with Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and Article 29(1)(b) of the Staff Regulations, with a parallel call for expressions of interest;
- to authorise the PRESIDENT, Mr KALLAS and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER to finalise the vacancy notices for all the posts involved in the 2010 rotation of Heads of Delegation, and to decide the composition of the selection boards.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

15.12. DG HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION - APPLICATION OF THE ARTICLE 50 PROCEDURE (SECOND STAGE) WITH RESPECT TO AN AD15 OFFICIAL (PERS(2009)128)

The Commission continued its discussions on this matter begun on 23 September (PV(2009)1887).

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms VASSILIOU, the Commission adopted the decision set out in PERS(2009)128 applying the second stage of the procedure laid down in Article 50 of the Staff Regulations to Mr Michael Colm GAYNOR, AD15 official and currently Director, Food and Veterinary Office, in DG Health and Consumer Protection.

This decision would take effect on 1 April 2010.

15.13. DG ENVIRONMENT – EXTENSION OF LEAVE ON PERSONAL GROUNDS FOR AN AD14 OFFICIAL

The Commission took note of the information in point 13 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr DIMAS, decided to approve the request for extension of leave on personal grounds, under Articles 15 and 40 of the Staff Regulations, submitted by Mr Ladislav MIKO, AD14 official and Director, Nature, in DG Environment, for the period from 1 to 30 November 2009.

This decision would take effect on 1 November 2009.

15.14. LEGAL SERVICE – INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (PERS(2009)129)

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under

Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2009)129 for the post of Deputy Director-General in the Legal Service.

This decision would take effect immediately.

15.15. DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES – INTERNAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14/15) AND EXTERNAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14 – EU-27) OF VACANCY NOTICES FOR A DIRECTOR POST (PERS(2009)130)

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ŠPIDLA, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 29(1)(b) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations, of vacancy notices for the post of Director, Social Dialogue, Social Rights, Working Conditions, Adaptation to Change, in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.

This decision would take effect immediately.

15.16. EUROSTAT - TERMINATION OF INTERNAL SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR AN AD14/15 DIRECTOR POST, AND INTERNAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14/15) AND EXTERNAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14 - EU-27) OF VACANCY NOTICES FOR A DIRECTOR POST (PERS(2009)114; PERS(2009)131)

The Commission took note of the information in point 16 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ALMUNIA, decided:

- to terminate the internal selection procedure COM/2009/1597 for the post of Director, National and European Accounts, in Eurostat without

making an appointment;

- to authorise the internal, interinstitutional and external publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 29(1)(b) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations, of vacancy notices for the post of Director, National and European Accounts, in Eurostat.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

15.17. LAUNCH OF THE 2009 PROMOTION EXERCISE FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Commission took note of the decision of the PRESIDENT and Mr KALLAS, adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Commission Decision of 10 May 2007 on the system of promotion of senior management staff (SEC(2007)605) concerning the launch of the 2009 promotion exercise, based on the following criteria: the target promotion rate would be around 15% of eligible officials and director or equivalent posts (Grade AD14/15) and director-general or equivalent posts (Grade AD15/16) would be concerned. The eligibility conditions would have to be met on 31 December and promotions would take effect on 1 January 2010.

**15.18. DG PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION – SPECIAL ADVISERS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS
(PERS(2009)132; PERS(2009)133)**

The Commission noted the information in point 18 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to authorise Mr KALLAS to approve the appointment of Mr Pietro PETRUCCI as special adviser to Mr ORBAN from 1 November until the day before the new Commission took office;

- to authorise the Director-General for Personnel and Administration to implement that decision by signing a contract of employment on behalf of the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment;
- to authorise Mr KALLAS to amend the contracts of the current special advisers listed in PERS(2009)133 by extending the expiry dates of those contracts until the day before the new Commission took office and to add, where appropriate, the number of working and/or mission days.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

15.19. POSSIBLE RECRUITMENT OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FROM THE MIDDLE-MANAGEMENT COMPETITION (EU 10 AND EU 2) TO ADVISER, DEPUTY HEAD OF UNIT OR HEAD OF SECTOR POSTS (SEC(2009)1482)

The Commission noted the information in point 19 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, adopted the recruitment procedures laid down in document SEC(2009)1482.

This decision would take effect immediately.

15.20. FACILITATING MOBILITY OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT PROBATIONARY OFFICIALS

The Commission took note of point 20 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to derogate from Article 7(2) of the Commission Decision of 10 September 2008 on middle management staff (C(2008)5028) to facilitate mobility of probationary officials who had occupied a middle management post in the Commission as temporary officials for at least

two years, and to authorise those officials to apply for middle management posts in the Commission published pursuant to Article 29(1)(a) of the Staff Regulations, even if the applications were lodged when they were probationary officials, on condition that they met the eligibility criteria.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**15.21. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A RETIRED OFFICIAL
(PERS(2009)134; SEC(2009)1485 TO /3)**

The Commission decided to impose a penalty as part of disciplinary proceedings against a retired official.

**15.22. DG PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION/JOINT RESEARCH
CENTRE – JOINT DECLARATION ON PERSONNEL POLICY AT
THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE
(SEC(2009)1483)**

The Commission took note of the information in point 22 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr POTOČNIK, decided:

- to take note of the joint declaration in document SEC(2009)1483;
- to authorise Mr KALLAS and Mr POTOČNIK to take appropriate action to inform the unions and staff associations;
- to submit all implementing measures to the Commission for approval, in accordance with the joint declaration.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**15.23. PUBLICATIONS OFFICE – DELEGATION OF PROMOTION
POWERS OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY
(C(2009)8405/2)**

The Commission took note of the information in point 23 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ORBAN, decided to adopt the decision set out in C(2009)8405/2 on the delegation of powers of the appointing authority and of the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment, pursuant to Article 45 of the Staff Regulations to the Director-General for Personnel and Administration, as regards the promotion of officials assigned to the Publications Office.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**15.24. DG PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS – BRUSSELS – NEW SITE
FOR COMMISSION OFFICES IN BRUSSELS
(SEC(2009)1484; SEC(2009)1467)**

The Commission noted the information in point 24 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to authorise Mr KALLAS to start negotiations with the site's owner in accordance with the terms laid down in SEC(2009)1484;
- to instruct Mr KALLAS to keep the Commission informed of progress in the negotiations with a view to tabling a proposal for a Decision in 2010.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

15.25. RULES GOVERNING THE COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS' CABINETS AND SPOKESPERSONS

(C(2009)8435/2; SEC(2009)1494 AND /2; SEC(2009)1496)

The Commission noted the information in point 25 of PERS(2009)127/4 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to take note of the communication in SEC(2009)1494/2; the provisions concerning cabinets would take effect when the new Commission took office, and the provisions concerning spokespersons would take effect on 1 November 2009;
- to adopt the amendments to the Commission Decision of 28 April 2004 on cabinet members (C(2004)1597/5) concerning temporary officials, a decision which was incorporated into C(2009)8435/2 and which would take effect on 1 November 2009.

16. PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL SETTING EMISSION PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR NEW LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY'S INTEGRATED APPROACH TO REDUCE CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLES

COM(2009)593 TO /3; SEC(2009)1454; SEC(2009)1455; SEC(2009)1456; SEC(2009)1457)

Mr DIMAS introduced the proposal for a Regulation to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles, which he submitted to the Commission for approval. This was an important initiative which formed an integral part of the global strategy to combat climate change.

There had been an increase in emissions in the transport sector, with a 30% rise observed since 1990, whereas emissions in other sectors had been reduced. Light

commercial vehicles accounted for 7.8% of the CO₂ emitted by road vehicles and 1.5% of all CO₂ emissions in the European Union.

Referring to the strategy presented in February 2007 aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions of light commercial vehicles and cars, and to Regulation (EC) 443/2009 setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars, which had been adopted in the meantime, Mr DIMAS explained that this proposal on the CO₂ emissions of new light commercial vehicles was one of the last steps needed to complete the implementation of this strategy.

The initiative submitted for approval at this meeting would contribute significantly to achieving the reduction in emissions requested in the agreement on effort-sharing to reduce greenhouse gases. According to one estimate, the resulting reduction could be as much as 13 million tonnes of CO₂ by 2020, in other words 5% of the global reduction required under the Decision on effort-sharing.

By adopting the proposal, the Commission would demonstrate its determination to put into practice the commitments made to combat climate change, thus sending out a strong signal with an eye to the Copenhagen conference.

Mr DIMAS referred to the benefits the proposed measures would bring, not only for the environment and consumers but also for the motor vehicle industry itself because of the incentives which would induce it to increase its long-term competitiveness and hence ensure its own sustainable development. A large number of users of light commercial vehicles were small and medium-sized enterprises, but the rise in the initial cost of purchasing vehicles as a result of the Regulation should be largely offset by considerable savings in fuel. Consumers should therefore benefit from an average saving of over EUR 2 000 per vehicle during a vehicle's lifetime.

He then turned to the key points in the proposal and suggested compromises on certain aspects, in the light of the discussions held during the preparatory process, in particular as regards the gradual phasing-in of the measures in the regulation, the long-term target for 2020 which could be confirmed depending on the outcome of

an impact study in 2013, the monitoring of the situation and a decision to be adopted in 2013 by means of the comitology procedure concerning whether or not to include category M2 and N2 vehicles. There was also the question of imposing penalties when emission limits were exceeded and the need for consistency in this respect with the provisions in Regulation (EC) 443/2009 on private cars.

Mr DIMAS ended by saying that the proposal presented was relevant, realistic and fully in line with the targets laid down in the 2007 strategy. He recommended that it be adopted right away so that a decisive new step could be taken towards combating climate change.

The PRESIDENT also underlined the importance of this initiative, setting it against the background of the EU's work on climate protection and the preparations for the Copenhagen conference. In his view, the proposal reflected an ambitious yet realistic approach.

There were several factors that should make it possible to obtain a consensus on the proposal, in particular the gradual application of limit values, the fact that the long-term target was simply a guideline which would have to be confirmed following an impact study, and the potential inclusion of additional categories of vehicles.

The PRESIDENT went on to draw attention to the expectations of stakeholders, in particular the motor vehicle industry, concerning legal certainty. The proposal and the incentives it contained rounded off the framework established by the Commission, as did the initiatives by the motor vehicle industry itself to provide support for research and development, and the European Investment Bank's efforts to shore up this European sector at a decisive point, as it changed direction towards more sustainable products.

In the ensuing exchange of views, the following points in particular were raised:

- widespread support for the proposal, which was regarded as balanced since it was both ambitious and realistic, and the importance of ensuring rapid adoption by the co-legislators;

- confirmation of the leading role played by the European Union in the negotiations to prepare for the Copenhagen conference; the strong signal sent out by all the Commission's proposals on combating climate change, and the need for the incoming Commission to continue along the same path;
- the high expectations of civil society, the motor vehicle industry and other stakeholders, not to mention the Community institutions;
- the need to eliminate the legal vacuums which might still affect certain areas, and to honour the commitments made as regards combating climate change;
- the importance to the European motor vehicle industry of legal certainty and reliable, stable legislation, and the need, in particular, to have specific rules to enable it to contribute effectively to research and development of more environment-friendly, sustainable products;
- the positive contribution which this initiative would make in terms of the transition to a sustainable economy;
- the European Union's situation of increasing energy dependence, in particular as regards oil, which requires a thorough debate looking beyond 2020, for instance to ensure a fair distribution of resources among the various sectors and stakeholders;
- the impact which the proposal would have on jobs in the motor vehicle industry and its subcontractors, and in small and medium-sized enterprises;
- the major research and development efforts already made by the motor vehicle industry, and the need to strengthen technology transfer mechanisms by introducing suitable incentives aimed at creating the right conditions to ensure that these efforts were continued in future, mindful of the time needed to place new products on the market;
- with regard to research and development, the need to take account of the specific point of view and the longer life of developments and applications in the light commercial vehicle sector;

- the case for pursuing eco-innovation efforts;
- the background of the current economic crisis and the special situation of the motor vehicle industry, and more particularly of manufacturers of light commercial vehicles;
- the importance of phasing in the Regulation's provisions over a sufficiently long period of time;
- the need to have relevant data to assess the possible application of the proposal to other categories of vehicles and to include in due course all the other categories not yet covered by the Regulation, in particular categories M2 and N2;
- the need to take account of inflation and price trends when it came to calculating the amount of penalties;
- the possible implications for the role the EU might play in the international arena should it not achieve the targets it had laid down;
- with regard to communication, the need to provide sound reasons for the measures aimed at achieving more sustainable energy use;
- the importance of monitoring this issue carefully in future and of ensuring close cooperation with the Commission departments concerned.

Mr DIMAS replied to the comments made, thanking the Commission members for their contributions. It was important for the European motor vehicle industry to have reliable, stable legislation. The proposals made were very useful, given the incentives offered to the industry in Europe to develop sustainable production and the similar approach adopted in non-EU countries. The proposed measures were in fact based on exhaustive consultations held with all stakeholders over the past few years.

The PRESIDENT wound up the debate by noting the Commission's support for the proposal for a Regulation and its agreement to make the following changes to the

English-language version of document COM(2009)593/3:

- **in the Explanatory Memorandum, under "*Grounds for and objectives of the proposal*", the fourth paragraph on pages 2 and 3 should read as follows:**

“The objective of this proposal is to reduce the average CO₂ emissions from light commercial vehicles to 175g CO₂/km from 2014 phased-in to 2016. This proposal is part of the integrated approach proposed by the Commission and contributes to delivering the 10g CO₂/km required in order to meet the Community objective of 120g CO₂/km, as set out in Communication COM(2007) 19.”;

- **in Chapter 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum, the first three paragraphs and the first indent in the section *Summary of the proposed action*, on pages 7 and 8, should read as follows:**

“The proposal is a follow-up of the Community Strategy to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles and complements Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 (Regulation setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars). It aims to reduce the impact of light-duty vehicles on the climate by ensuring that the average specific emissions of new light commercial vehicles registered in the Community do not exceed 175g CO₂/km. This target will be phased in gradually from 1 January 2014 onwards with full compliance of the new light commercial fleet from 2016.

The starting date for the CO₂ emissions standard for light commercial vehicles is consistent with the timeframe of the adoption by the Commission of the proposal for a regulation setting similar standards for passenger cars as of 2012. This indicates entry into force of the standard for light commercial vehicles from 2014. Further to the inclusion of the long-term target of 95g/km as of 2020 in Regulation (EC) No 443/2009, this proposal sets a target of 135g/km for light commercial vehicles to be achieved from 2020 subject to confirmation of its feasibility on the basis of updated impact assessment results.

The key aspects of the proposal are:

- *The proposal will apply to light commercial vehicles of category N1, with a reference mass not exceeding 2 610 kg and vehicles to which type-approval is extended in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2007. N2 and M2 vehicles with a reference mass meeting the above criteria will be included for monitoring purposes and their full inclusion in the scheme will be considered during a review.”;*
- **in Chapter 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum, the last indent in the section *Summary of the proposed action*, on page 9, should read as follows:**
 - “ - *The targets under the Regulation are established on the basis of the best knowledge currently available regarding in particular the likely fleet evolution between now and 2014 in respect of the 'autonomous weight increase.’;*
- **in the text of the proposal for a Regulation, Recital 8, on page 14, should read as follows:**

“In order to maintain the diversity of the light commercial vehicle market and its ability to address different consumer needs, CO₂ emission targets for light commercial vehicles should be defined as a function of the utility of the vehicle on a linear basis. Mass is an appropriate parameter to describe this utility as it provides a correlation with present emissions and therefore results in more realistic and competitively neutral targets. Moreover, data on mass is readily available. Data on alternative utility parameters such as footprint (track width times wheelbase) and payload should be collected in order to facilitate longer-term evaluations of the utility-based approach.”;
- **recital 13, on pages 14 and 15, should read as follows:**

“Manufacturers should have flexibility to decide how to meet their targets under this Regulation and should be allowed to average emissions over their new vehicle fleet rather than having to respect CO₂ targets for each individual vehicle. Manufacturers should therefore be required to ensure that the average specific emission for all the new light commercial vehicles registered in the

Community for which they are responsible does not exceed the average of the emissions targets for those vehicles. This requirement should be phased in between 2014 and 2016 in order to facilitate its introduction. This is consistent with the lead times given and the duration of the phase-in period set in Regulation 443/2009.”;

- **recital 20, on page 16, should read as follows:**

“Manufacturers' compliance with the targets under this Regulation should be assessed at the Community level. Manufacturers whose average specific emissions of CO₂ exceed those permitted under this Regulation should pay an excess emissions premium with respect to each calendar year from 1 January 2014. The premium should be modulated as a function of the extent to which manufacturers fail to comply with their target. In order to ensure consistency, the premium mechanism should be similar to the one set in Regulation (EC) No 443/2009. The amounts of the excess emissions premium should be considered as revenue in the General Budget of the European Union.”;

- **the first subparagraph of Article 2, on page 17, should read as follows:**

“1. This Regulation shall apply to motor vehicles of category N1 as defined in Annex II to Directive 2007/46/EC with a reference mass not exceeding 2 610 kg and to vehicles to which type-approval is extended in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 ("light commercial vehicles") which are registered in the Community for the first time and which have not previously been registered outside the Community ("new light commercial vehicles").”;

- **Articles 4 and 5, on page 19, should read as follows:**

“Article 4

Specific emissions targets

For the calendar year commencing 1 January 2014 and each subsequent calendar year, each manufacturer of light commercial vehicles shall ensure that

its average specific emissions of CO₂ do not exceed its specific emissions target determined in accordance with Annex I or, where a manufacturer is granted a derogation under Article 10, in accordance with that derogation.

For the purpose of determining each manufacturer's specific emissions of CO₂, the following percentages of each manufacturer's new light commercial vehicles registered in the relevant year shall be taken into account:

- 75% in 2014,*
- 80% in 2015,*
- 100% from 2016 onwards.*

Article 5

Super-credits

In calculating the average specific emissions of CO₂, each new light commercial vehicle with specific emissions of CO₂ of less than 50g CO₂/km shall be counted as:

- 2.5 light commercial vehicles in 2014,*
 - 1.5 light commercial vehicles in 2015,*
 - 1 light commercial vehicle from 2016.”;*
- the sixth and seventh subparagraphs of Article 7, on page 21, should read as follows:**
- “6. The Commission shall consider any notifications from manufacturers and shall, by 31 October, either confirm or amend the provisional calculations under paragraph 4.*
- 7. In relation to the calendar year 2012 and 2013 and on the basis of the calculations performed pursuant to paragraph 5, the Commission shall notify a manufacturer where it appears to the Commission that the*

manufacturer's average specific emissions of CO₂ exceed its specific emissions target.”;

- **in Article 7, on page 22, a new (tenth) subparagraph would be added as follows:**

“10. Member States shall also collect and report data, in accordance with this Article, on registrations of vehicles in categories M2 and N2 as defined in Annex II to Directive 2007/46/EC with a reference mass not exceeding 2 610 kg and to vehicles to which type-approval is extended in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2007.”;

- **the first and second subparagraphs of Article 8, on pages 22 and 23, should read as follows:**

“1. In respect of the period 1 January 2014 and every calendar year thereafter, the Commission shall impose an excess emissions premium on a manufacturer or pool manager, as appropriate, where a manufacturer's average specific emissions of CO₂ exceed its specific emissions target.

2. The excess emissions premium under paragraph 1 shall be calculated using the following formula

(a) From 2014 until 2018

(i) For excess emissions of more than 3g CO₂/km:

((Excess emissions – 3) × €120 + €45) × number of new light commercial vehicles.

(ii) For excess emissions of more than 2g CO₂/km but no more than 3g CO₂/km:

((Excess emissions – 2) × €25 + €20) × number of new light commercial vehicles.

- (iii) *For excess emissions of more than 1 but no more than 2g CO₂/km:*

((Excess emissions – 1) × €15 + €5) × number of new light commercial vehicles.

- (iv) *For excess emissions of no more than 1g CO₂/km:*

Excess emissions × €5 × number of new light commercial vehicles.

- (b) *From 2019:*

(Excess emissions × €120) × number of new light commercial vehicles.

Where for the purposes of this Article:

"excess emissions" means the positive number of grams per kilometre by which a manufacturer's average specific emissions of CO₂ - taking into account CO₂ emissions reductions due to innovative technologies approved in accordance with Article 11 - exceeded its specific emissions target in the calendar year or part of the calendar year to which the obligation under Article 4 applies, rounded to the nearest three decimal places; and

"number of new light commercial vehicles" means the number of new light commercial vehicles of which it is the manufacturer and which were registered in that period according to the phase-in criteria as set out in Article 4.”;

- **the first subparagraph of Article 10, on pages 23 and 24, should read as follows:**

“1. An application for a derogation from the specific emissions target calculated in accordance with Annex I may be made by a manufacturer of fewer than 22 000 new light commercial vehicles registered in the

Community per calendar year and:

- (a) is not part of a group of connected manufacturers; or*
- (b) is part of a group of connected manufacturers that is responsible in total for fewer than 22 000 new light commercial vehicles registered in the Community per calendar year; or*
- (c) is part of a group of connected manufacturers but operates its own production facilities and design centre.”;*

– **the fourth subparagraph of Article 12, on page 26, should read as follows:**

“4. By 1 January 2013, the Commission shall complete a review of the specific emissions targets in Annex I and of the derogations in Article 10, with the aim of defining:

- subject to confirmation of its feasibility on the basis of updated impact assessment results, the modalities for reaching, by the year 2020, a long-term target of 135g CO₂/km in a cost-effective manner; and*
- the aspects of the implementation of that target, including the excess emissions premium.*

On the basis of such a review and its impact assessment, which includes an overall assessment of the impact on the car industry and its dependent industries, the Commission shall, if appropriate,

- make a proposal to amend this Regulation in a way which is as neutral as possible from the point of view of competition, and which is socially equitable and sustainable,*
- confirm the inclusion in this Regulation of vehicles in category N2 and M2 as defined in Annex II to Directive 2007/46/EC with a reference mass not exceeding 2 610 kg and to vehicles to which type-approval is extended in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC)*

No 715/2007.

Those measures, designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 13(3).”;

– **the first paragraph of Annex I, on page 28, would read as follows:**

“1. *The indicative specific emissions of CO₂ for each light commercial vehicle, measured in grams per kilometre, shall be determined in accordance with the following formulae:*

(a) *From 2014 to 2017:*

$$\text{Indicative specific emissions of CO}_2 = 175 + a \times (M - M_0)$$

Where:

M = mass of the vehicle in kilograms (kg)

$$M_0 = 1706.0$$

$$a = 0.093$$

(b) *From 2018:*

$$\text{Indicative specific emission of CO}_2 = 175 + a \times (M - M_0)$$

Where:

M = mass of the vehicle in kilograms (kg)

M₀ = the value adopted pursuant to Article 12(1)

$$a = 0.093”.$$

Subject to inclusion of the above amendments and to a final general clean-up of the text, the Commission adopted the proposal for a Regulation in COM(2009)593/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and

the Committee of the Regions and to the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment and the related summary contained in the staff papers distributed as SEC(2009)1454 and SEC(2009)1455 respectively, the contents of which were noted.

It also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on the above proposal for a Regulation, as set out in SEC(2009)1456.

17. RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

17.1. FOURTH MEETING OF THE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL (WASHINGTON, 27 OCTOBER)

Mr VERHEUGEN informed the Commission of the outcome of the fourth meeting of the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC), which was held in Washington on 27 October.

It was the first meeting of this forum under the new US administration; discussions had been open and constructive, the focus being on horizontal questions. Among the most important points to note were the shared desire to develop early cooperation on legislative and regulatory matters and the decision to pursue the conclusion of mutual recognition agreements.

Mr VERHEUGEN also mentioned the discussions on innovation, with the launch of a high-level dialogue, and on the obligation, with effect from 2012, to scan all containers headed for the US, regardless of their origin. A statement on the outcome of the TEC had been prepared ahead of the EU-US Summit on 3 November.

The PRESIDENT also stressed the importance of the TEC for the EU and for transatlantic relations. He hoped that the forthcoming EU-US Summit would confirm the considerable usefulness of this forum, in which the Commission played an important role. The Summit on 3 November should allow the

formal setting-up of an Energy Council, which was desired by the US and much favoured by the EU.

In conclusion, the PRESIDENT thanked the Members of the Commission who had attended the fourth meeting of the TEC.

The Commission took note of this information.

**17.2. FIRST MEETING OF ASEM TRANSPORT MINISTERS -
ASIA/EUROPE DIALOGUE (VILNIUS, 19 AND 20 OCTOBER)
(SEC(2009)1505)**

The Commission took note of the information note from Mr TAJANI in SEC(2009)1505.

**17.3. MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
AGENCY (PARIS, 14 AND 15 OCTOBER)
(SEC(2009)1498)**

The Commission took note of the information note from Mr PIEBALGS in SEC(2009)1498.

**17.4. THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING: CARBON SEQUESTRATION
LEADERSHIP FORUM (LONDON, 13 OCTOBER)
(SEC(2009)1499)**

The Commission took note of the information note from Mr PIEBALGS in SEC(2009)1499.

18. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

18.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

(i) Action to be taken on Parliament's legislative opinions

(SP(2009)4459)

The Commission decided to empower the Members of the Commission responsible for the sectors concerned, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms WALLSTRÖM and, if necessary, with any other Members concerned, to adopt the amended proposals for transmission to Parliament and the Council, as set out in SP(2009)4459, drawn up following the October II part-session of Parliament, the contents of which were noted.

18.2. RELATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL

(ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2009)255)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2009)255 on the Council meetings between 29 October and 11 November.

(iii) Preparations for the European Council (Brussels, 29 and 30 October)

The PRESIDENT briefly touched on preparations for the European Council on 29 and 30 October and summarised the main issues for discussion, in particular institutional matters and climate change.

He referred to the ratification process for the Treaty of Lisbon and noted that timescale for the entry into force of the Treaty had an impact on the timetable for forming the new Commission.

With regard to the fight against climate change, he recalled the context to the preparations for the Copenhagen Conference and the need to find agreement on financing matters.

The Commission then held a brief exchange of views, covering the following main points:

- the complex negotiations on financing the fight against climate change and the importance of reaching a common position on the issue at the European Council ahead of the Copenhagen Conference;
- the economic situation and discussions in the G20, which concerned in particular strategies for resolving the crisis, financial supervision, and the initiative for a global framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth that had been discussed at the Pittsburgh Summit;
- the ratification process for the Treaty of Lisbon in the Czech Republic.

The Commission took note of this information.

18.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

(iv) Results of the October II part-session of Parliament

(SP(2009)4475 to /3)

The Commission took note of the information in SP(2009)4475 to /3 on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Strasbourg from 19 to 22 October.

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The Commission's other discussions on certain agenda items are recorded in the special minutes.

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The meeting closed at 11.08.