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Single sitting: Tuesday 6 July 2010 (afternoon)

The sitting was opened at 14.20 by Ms REDING, Vice-President.

Present:

Baroness ASHTON	High Representative/Vice- President
Ms REDING	Vice-President
Mr ALMUNIA	Vice-President
Mr TAJANI	Vice-President
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr POTOČNIK	
Mr REHN	
Mr PIEBALGS	
Mr BARNIER	
Ms VASSILIOU	
Mr ŠEMETA	
Mr DE GUCHT	
Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	
Mr LEWANDOWSKI	
Ms DAMANAKI	
Ms GEORGIEVA	
Mr HAHN	
Ms HEDEGAARD	
Mr FÜLE	
Mr ANDOR	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	
Mr CIOLOŞ	

Absent:

Mr BARROSO

President

Mr KALLAS

Vice-President

Ms KROES

Vice-President

Mr DALLI

Mr OETTINGER

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

Mr WHELAN	Chef de cabinet to Ms KROES
Mr DEMICOLI	A member of Mr DALLI's staff
Mr HAGER	A member of Mr OETTINGER's staff

The following also sat in:

Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr SØRENSEN	Director-General, DG Communication

Secretary: Ms DAY, Secretary-General, assisted by Ms BURGOD-BARRIER and Mr LE VILLAIN, administrators in the Secretariat-General.

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2010)1925/3; SEC(2010)819/3)

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(2010)1925)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 5 July.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 1923RD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION AND THE MINUTES OF THE 1924TH MEETING (23 AND 30 JUNE)

(PV(2010)1923 AND /2; PV(2010)1923, PART II; PV(2010)1924)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 1923rd and 1924th meetings.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(SEC(2010)792)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group held on Friday 2 July (SEC(2010)792).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Preparation for Parliament's July part-session

(point 1.3 of the record)

Non-legislative procedure

- Quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure (Council Regulation) – KARAS report – 2010/0035 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)4432 and /2.

- Conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme (Council Decision) – ALVARO report – 2010/0178(NLE)

- Signature of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme (Council Decision) – ALVARO report – 2010/0177(NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)4407 and /2.

- European External Action Service: organisation and functioning – BROK / VERHOFSTADT report – 2010/0816(NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)4213.

4.2. RELATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2010)199)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2010)199 on the Council meetings between 8 and 21 July.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

iii) Preparation for the July part-session of Parliament – Oral questions

(point 3.4 of the record)

- H-0304/10, H-0305/10, H-0306/10 (joined with H-0311/10, H-0326/10 and H-0334/10), H-0308/10, H-0309/10 (joined with H-0353/10), H-0313/10, H-0314/10, H-0316/10, H-0317/10, H-0318/10, H-0320/10, H-0322/10, H-0324/10, H-0325/10, H-0327/10, H-0329/10, H-0330/10, H-0331/10, H-0332/10, H-0335/10, H-0336/10, H-0338/10, H-0340/10, H-0342/10, H-0343/10, H-0345/10, H-0347/10 (joined with H-0352/10), H-0348/10, H-0349/10 and H-0350/10

The Commission approved the draft answers set out in SP(2010)4206 and /2, following the agreement reached between the Chefs de cabinet on the revision to a draft answer, and certain draft supplementary answers, revisions to answers and draft answers, as set out in SP(2010)4206/3 *et seq.*

- Oral question O-0091/2010 – Preparation of the EU-Brazil summit (Brasilia, 14 July)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)4613.

iv) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May I part-session

(point 3.5.1 of the record)

The Commission approved document SP(2010)4415 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May I 2010 part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

v) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May II part-session

(point 3.5.2 of the record)

The Commission approved document SP(2010)4416 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May II 2010 part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

vi) Participation by Members of the European Parliament in international conferences

(point 3.8 of the record)

- 16th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Cancún, 29 November to 10 December)

The Commission decided to agree to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Jerzy Buzek, President of Parliament, concerning the attendance of fifteen Members of the European Parliament at the above-mentioned conference.

**4.4. RELATIONS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE,
THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, THE EUROPEAN
OMBUDSMAN AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS**

**vii) Reply to the Contribution of the Conference of Community and
European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union
(Madrid, 30 May to 1 June)**

(point 4.2 of the record)

The Commission approved document SP(2010)4403/2 containing its reply to the Contribution of the 43rd Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), for transmission to the Presidency of COSAC.

5. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY LAW

STATE AID – INDIVIDUAL CASES

(SEC(2010)856/3; SEC(2009)855)

The Commission adopted the decisions in SEC(2009)856/3.

**6. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF
POWERS**

6.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2010)821 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 28 June and 2 July.

6.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2010)822 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 28 June and 2 July.

6.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2010)823 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 28 June and 2 July, as archived in e-Greffe.

6.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2010)824 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 5 and 9 July and of the finalisation written procedure initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 5 July.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2010)820/2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2010)88/2)

7.1. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHARTS – 2010 SUMMER PACKAGE

(SEC(2010)862/2; SEC(2010)863; SEC(2010)864; SEC(2010)865; SEC(2010)866)

Having noted the information in point 1 of PERS(2010)88/2 and in SEC(2010)862/2, the Commission:

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- approved the amendments to the organisation charts of DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the European Anti-Fraud Office (both with immediate effect), the European Personnel Selection Office (with effect from 16 July) and the Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (with effect from 1 August), as set out in SEC(2010)862/2, SEC(2010)863, SEC(2010)864, SEC(2010)865 and SEC(2010)866;
- took note of the amendments to the organisation charts of DG Regional Policy and DG Health and Consumers, which would be adopted by simplified written procedure. These amendments were set out in point 2 of SEC(2010)862/2.

7.2. JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE – INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AD15/16 DIRECTOR-GENERAL (PERS(2010)89)

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Articles 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2010)89 for the post of Director-General of the Joint Research Centre.

This decision would take effect immediately.

7.3. JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE – INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (PERS(2010)90)

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN, 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(2010)90 for the post of Deputy Director-General of the Joint Research Centre.

This decision would take effect immediately.

7.4. PUBLICATIONS OFFICE – TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms REDING, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to grant a temporary posting as Director, 'Official Journal and Research' in the Publications Office to Mr Friedrich DOELL, AD14 official and Head of the OJ Production Coordination Unit in the Publications Office, from 1 June 2009 until such time as the post was filled, taking into account the interest of the service and in order to ensure fair treatment of the official concerned.

This decision would take effect immediately.

7.5. PUBLICATIONS OFFICE – TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms REDING, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to grant a temporary posting as Director, 'Publications and Dissemination' in the Publications Office to Mr Thierry DAMAN, AD14 official and Head of the Customer Relations Unit in the Publications Office, from 1 January to 31 August 2010.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**7.6. SECRETARIAT-GENERAL – ACTIVITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AFTER LEAVING OFFICE
(SEC(2010)867)**

The Commission approved the communication in SEC(2010)867 concerning the activities planned by Mr VERHEUGEN after leaving the Commission. It concluded that these activities were compatible with the second paragraph of Article 245 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL –
ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM IN
RESPONSE TO THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS OF 2 DECEMBER
2009 WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING AN END TO THE SITUATION OF
EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT DEFICIT
(SEC(2010)880 TO /3; SEC(2010)861)**

The Commission approved the communication on the assessment of the action taken by the United Kingdom in response to the Council Recommendations, as set out in SEC(2010)880/3, for transmission to the Council.

**9. COMMISSION OPINION UNDER ARTICLE 126(5) OF THE TREATY ON
THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE EXISTENCE
OF AN EXCESSIVE DEFICIT IN BULGARIA
(SEC(2010)881; SEC(2010)860; SEC(2010)861)**

**PROROSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION UNDER ARTICLE 126(6) OF
THE TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON
THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXCESSIVE DEFICIT IN BULGARIA
(SEC(2010)882 AND /2; SEC(2010)860; SEC(2010)861)**

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL
RECOMMENDATION UNDER ARTICLE 126(7) OF THE TREATY ON THE
FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH A VIEW TO
BRINGING AN END TO THE SITUATION OF AN EXCESSIVE
GOVERNMENT DEFICIT IN BULGARIA
(SEC(2010)883 AND /2; SEC(2010)860; SEC(2010)861)**

The Commission adopted:

- the opinion in SEC(2010)881, for transmission to the Council;

- the proposal for a Council decision in SEC(2010)882/2, for transmission to the Council;
- the recommendation in SEC(2010)883/2, for transmission to the Council.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

REFLECTION PAPER ON THE REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE (OLAF)

(SEC(2010)859)

The Commission took note of the reflection paper on the reform of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in SEC(2010)859 and decided to authorise Mr ŠEMETA to transmit it and present it to Parliament, the Council and the OLAF Supervisory Committee with a view to consulting them and discussing their positions.

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The meeting closed at 14.25.