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**Single sitting: Tuesday 13 September 2011 (afternoon)**

The sitting opened at 13.09 with Mr BARROSO, President, in the chair.

Present:

|              |                |                        |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Mr BARROSO   | President      |                        |
| Ms REDING    | Vice-President |                        |
| Mr ALMUNIA   | Vice-President |                        |
| Mr KALLAS    | Vice-President |                        |
| Ms KROES     | Vice-President |                        |
| Mr TAJANI    | Vice-President |                        |
| Mr ŠEFČOVIČ  | Vice-President |                        |
| Mr POTOČNIK  | Member         |                        |
| Mr BARNIER   | Member         |                        |
| Ms VASSILIOU | Member         |                        |
| Mr ŠEMETA    | Member         |                        |
| Mr DALLI     | Member         |                        |
| Ms GEORGIEVA | Member         |                        |
| Mr OETTINGER | Member         | Items 1 to 9 (in part) |
| Mr HAHN      | Member         |                        |
| Ms HEDEGAARD | Member         |                        |
| Mr FÜLE      | Member         |                        |
| Mr ANDOR     | Member         |                        |
| Ms MALMSTRÖM | Member         | Items 1 to 9 (in part) |

Absent:

|                    |                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Baroness ASHTON    | High Representative/<br>Vice-President |
| Mr REHN            | Member                                 |
| Mr PIEBALGS        | Member                                 |
| Mr DE GUCHT        | Member                                 |
| Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN | Member                                 |
| Mr LEWANDOWSKI     | Member                                 |
| Ms DAMANAKI        | Member                                 |
| Mr CIOLOŞ          | Member                                 |

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

|                |                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Ms PETKOVA     | A member of Baroness ASHTON's staff    |
| Mr LAHTI       | A member of Mr REHN's staff            |
| Ms SOEWERTA    | A member of Mr PIEBALGS's staff        |
| Mr VANHEUKELEN | Chef de cabinet to Mr DE GUCHT         |
| Mr HARMON      | A member of Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN's staff |
| Mr INOTAI      | A member of Ms DAMANAKI's staff        |
| Mr VON WEDEL   | A member of Mr CIOLOŞ's staff          |

The following also sat in:

|                      |                                                |              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mr LAITENBERGER      | Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT               |              |
| Mr ROMERO REQUENA    | Director-General, Legal Service                |              |
| Mr VANDERSTEEN       | Acting Director-General,<br>DG Communication   |              |
| Mr DOENS             | Head of the Commission Spokesperson<br>Service |              |
| Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN | Commission Spokeswoman                         |              |
| Mr SCHINAS           | Bureau of European Policy Advisers             |              |
| Mr KARNITSCHNIG      | A member of the PRESIDENT's staff              |              |
| Mr MORDUE            | Chef de cabinet to Mr FÜLE                     | Items 1 to 7 |
| Mr SANNINO           | Director-General, DG Enlargement               | Items 1 to 7 |

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

**1. AGENDAS**

**(OJ(2011)1971/3; SEC(2011)1031/2)**

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

**2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET**

**(RCC(2011)1971)**

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 12 September.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF 1970<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
(7 SEPTEMBER)**

**(PV(2011)1970; PV(2011)1970, PART II)**

The Commission approved the minutes of its 1970th meeting.

**4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS**

**(RCC(2011)967)**

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group held on Friday 9 September (RCC(2011)967).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

#### **4.1. *LEGISLATIVE MATTERS***

##### **i) Ordinary legislative procedure**

(point 1.2 of the IRG record)

##### Dossiers at Parliament first reading

- Subscription by the European Union to additional shares in the capital of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as a result of the decision to increase this capital (Decision) – BOWLES report – 2011/0014 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2011)306.

- Amendment of Council Directive 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption (Directive) - PERELLO RODRIGUEZ report – 2010/0254 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2011)308 and /2.

- Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) 1234/2007 as regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector (Regulation) – NICHOLSON report – 2010/0362 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2011)309.

#### **4.2. *RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL***

##### **ii) Programming of Council business**

(SI(2011)315)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2011)315 on the Council meetings between 15 and 28 September.

#### **4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT**

##### **iii) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its June I part-session**

(point 3.4.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved documents SP(2011)8071 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its June I part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

##### **iv) Action taken on legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session**

(point 3.4.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SP(2011)8072 and /2 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

#### **5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS**

##### **5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED (SEC(2011)1032 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 5 and 9 September.

##### **5.2. EMPOWERMENT (SEC(2011)1033 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 5 and 9 September.

**5.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS**  
**(SEC(2011)1034 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 5 and 9 September, as archived in e-Greffe.

**5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES**  
**(SEC(2011)1035 AND /2)**

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 12 and 16 September and of the 'finalisation' written procedures initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 12 September.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**  
**(SEC(2011)1036)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**  
**(PERS(2011)124)**

**6.1. DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION –**  
**TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR**

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ANDOR, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to grant a temporary posting as Director, 'Europe 2020: Social Policies', in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion to Ms Antonia CARPARELLI, an AD13 official and head of unit in that DG, from 1 January 2011 until such time as the post was filled, but in principle without exceeding the maximum period of one year laid down in the Staff Regulations.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**6.2. DG JUSTICE – 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, 'Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship', in DG Justice to Mr Emmanuel CRABIT, an AD13 official and head of unit in that DG, from 1 April 2011 to 31 July 2011.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**6.3. DG REGIONAL POLICY – TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR**

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr HAHN, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to extend beyond one year, from 1 September 2011 until such time as the post was filled, the temporary posting as Director, 'Policy Development', in DG Regional Policy granted to Ms Veronica GAFFEY, AD12 official and head of unit in that DG, 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.

**6.4. DG ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY – TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR**

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TAJANI, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to grant a temporary posting as Director, 'Industrial Innovation and Mobility Industries', in DG Enterprise and Industry to Mr Philippe JEAN, an AD14 official and head of unit in that DG, from 1 February 2011 until such time as the post was filled, but in principle without exceeding the maximum period of one year laid down in the Staff Regulations.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**6.5. DG ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY – TEMPORARY POSTING AS DIRECTOR**

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TAJANI, the Commission decided, under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations, to grant a temporary posting as Director, 'Space, Security and GMES', in DG Enterprise and Industry to Mr Marco MALACARNE, an AD13 official and head of unit in that DG, from 1 April 2011 until such time as the post was filled, but in principle without exceeding the maximum period of one year laid down in the Staff Regulations.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**7. POLICY DEBATE ON ENLARGEMENT  
(SEC(2011)1065)**

The PRESIDENT introduced the debate to which the Commission Members had been invited in order to present all the reports concerning the enlargement process currently under way, for adoption by the Commission on 12 October. Without underestimating the impact of the current economic and social crisis on public opinion, he stressed that enlargement policy was more important than ever to ensure European stability and prosperity. He highlighted the Commission's key role in this policy. It must set a clear course and ensure the strict fulfilment both of the undertakings made by the Union and the conditions set by it.

The PRESIDENT emphasised that the chief criterion required of the European Union's partners was full observance of the principle of the rule of law.

Taking Croatia as an example, he pointed out that, thanks to the significant efforts made by that country and the cooperation provided by the Commission – while insisting on the conditions to be fulfilled – the country was now ready to join the Union soon and could serve as a model for its neighbours. As regards other countries, the results were more mixed and uneven; the Commission should

encourage reforms in the countries concerned and reiterate clearly the conditions to be met to strengthen their European prospects.

After briefly referring to international political and economic developments, Mr FÜLE spoke of the specific situation in each country, pointing out the progress made or still awaited, before discussing certain thematic issues.

The debate that followed focused mainly on general policy aspects, such as the credibility of the process, on cross-cutting sectoral issues, in particular the rule of law and freedom of expression, and finally on issues specific to certain countries.

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr FÜLE and the other participants for their contributions to the day's debate. Their conclusions would be duly reflected in the documents to be presented to the Commission for adoption in October.

The Commission took note of these conclusions and of the background note in SEC(2011)1065, distributed under Mr FÜLE's authority.

## **8. RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES**

### ***VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SINGAPORE (4 TO 9 SEPTEMBER)***

The PRESIDENT reported on his trip to Australia, New Zealand and Singapore from 4 to 9 September. This was the first visit by a Commission President to these countries in thirty years and the political gesture had been appreciated by the host countries. He had also attended the summit of the Pacific Islands Forum, an organisation consisting of the 16 countries in the region plus 6 others with observer status. Ms HEDEGAARD had accompanied him for much of the visit, and an information note on the subject would be distributed in due course. The PRESIDENT was pleased to report that the various parties he had spoken to – governmental authorities, MPs, business associations, academics and representatives of civil society – all saw the European Union as a world player with which they

wanted closer relations and welcomed its more active participation in the Asian and Pacific region.

In Australia he had met the Prime Minister and the entire Government and had confirmed the Commission's intention to open negotiations on a framework agreement which would have the status of a treaty. He also mentioned the decision to press ahead with the arrangements for delegated cooperation and the signing of an agreement on supplying uranium to the European Union. During his visit to New Zealand he had expressed the EU's willingness to negotiate a similar framework agreement to that proposed with Australia. He described the bilateral contacts he had had, as the representative of the second largest donor in the Pacific region, with the leaders of the countries in the Pacific Islands Forum, with a view in particular to finding a common position in the international climate change negotiations. Finally, during his visit to Singapore, he had called for a rapid conclusion to the negotiations on the association agreement and free trade agreement and for full implementation of the Basel III agreements on financial services.

The PRESIDENT concluded by stressing the desire of Australia, New Zealand and Singapore to work more closely with the European Union in all areas, from climate change to energy, from education to research, and including external policy and development aid. He spoke of the importance of solid alliances with countries that share Europe's values, and urged Members of the Commission to visit the region and explore the opportunities for closer relations and cooperation, as Baroness ASHTON and Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN would be doing shortly.

The Commission took note of this information.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***LATEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS***

The PRESIDENT referred to the economic and financial difficulties the European Union and the euro area were currently experiencing.

He reiterated his concerns about the current situation and said that both he and Mr REHN wanted to secure progress in the discussions with the Member States to ensure that the decisions taken were enforced and to encourage greater consistency and stronger governance within the euro area.

The Commission took note of this information.

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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 15.14.