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Single sitting: Wednesday 26 September 2012 (morning)

The sitting was opened at 9.35 by Ms REDING, President BARROSO being absent.

Present:

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
Ms VASSILIOU	Member
Mr ŠEMETA	Member
Mr DALLI	Member
Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	Member
Mr LEWANDOWSKI	Member
Ms DAMANAKI	Member
Mr OETTINGER	Member
Mr FÜLE	Member
Mr ANDOR	Member
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member
Mr CIOLOŞ	Member

Absent:

Mr BARROSO	President
Baroness ASHTON	High Representative/ Vice-President
Mr REHN	Vice-President
Mr PIEBALGS	Member
Mr BARNIER	Member
Mr DE GUCHT	Member
Ms GEORGIEVA	Member
Mr HAHN	Member
Ms HEDEGAARD	Member

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

Mr USTUBS	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr PIEBALGS
Ms HRISTCHEVA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms GEORGIEVA
Mr GAMBS	Chef de cabinet to Mr HAHN
Mr VIS	Chef de cabinet to Ms HEDEGAARD

The following also sat in:

Mr LAITENBERGER	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr VANDERSTEEN	Deputy Director-General (acting), DG Communication
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Commission Spokeswoman
Mr SCHINAS	Bureau of European Policy Advisers
Ms HOFFMANN	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms REDING

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2012) 2017/FINAL; SEC(2012) 531/2)

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(2012) 2017)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 24 September.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 2015TH AND 2016TH MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION (11 AND 19 SEPTEMBER)
(PV(2012) 2015; PV(2012) 2015, PART II; PV(2012) 2016; PV(2012) 2016, PART II)**

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2015th and 2016th meetings.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2012) 90)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group held on Friday 21 September (RCC(2012) 90).

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

- Amendment of Directives 2003/71/EC and 2009/138/EC in respect of the powers of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and the European Securities and Markets Authority (Directive) – BALZ report – 2011/0006 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2012) 405.

- Definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products – BARTOLOZZI report – 2011/0231 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2012) 397 and /2.

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies (Regulation) – DOMENICI report – 2011/0361 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2012) 404/3.

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

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2012) 407)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2012) 407 on the Council meetings between 27 September and 10 October.

4.3. *RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT*

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

(point 3.3.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, documents SP(2012) 626 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its June part-session.

iv) Action taken on legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session
(point 3.3.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, document SP(2012) 627 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session.

v) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session
(point 3.3.4 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, documents SP(2012) 636 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its July part-session.

vi) Participation by Members of Parliament in international conferences
(point 3.4 of the IRG record)

- Sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations – High-level Meeting on the Rule of Law (New York, 24 September)

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Martin Schulz, President of Parliament, concerning the attendance of Mr Othmar Karas, Vice-President of Parliament, at the above-mentioned meeting as an observer in the EU delegation, with a reminder about the procedure to be followed.

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

vii) Follow-up to opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee – First quarter 2012

(point 4.3 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the replies to the opinions adopted by the Economic and Social Committee during the first quarter of 2012 contained in the document distributed as SC(2012) 27, for transmission to that Committee.

4.5. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

viii) Swiss proposals on interinstitutional relations between the European Union and Switzerland

(point 5.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2012) 398/2.

ix) Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an international agreement within the World Intellectual Property Organisation on improved access to books for print impaired persons

(point 5.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2012) 401.

4.6. OTHER BUSINESS

x) Decision to withdraw the proposal for a Council Regulation on the exercise of the right to take collective action within the context of the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services – 2012/0064 APP

(point 7.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission adopted the decision set out in SNP(2012) 10 to withdraw the proposal for a Regulation.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED
(SEC(2012) 532 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 17 and 21 September.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT
(SEC(2012) 533 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 17 and 21 September.

5.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS
(SEC(2012) 534 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 17 and 21 September, as archived in e-Greffe.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES
(SEC(2012) 535 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 24 and 28 September and of the finalisation written procedures initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 24 September.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2012) 536)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2012) 101)**

***DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPROVAL OF A LIST OF
CANDIDATES FOR A HEAD OF EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION POST
(PERS(2012) 102)***

The Commission took note of the information in point 1 of PERS(2012) 101 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to approve the list of candidates for the AD9-14/AD12 post of Head of the EU Delegation in the Pacific region in PERS(2012) 102, which would serve as a basis for the competent authority of the European External Action Service to make a final appointment.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS –
PROMOTING CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTORS FOR GROWTH
AND JOBS IN THE EU
(COM(2012) 537 AND /2; RCC(2012) 93)**

The Commission approved the Communication in COM(2012) 537/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

- 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR – SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND INNOVATIVE MEDICAL DEVICES AND *IN VITRO* DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL DEVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PATIENTS, CONSUMERS AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
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(COM(2012) 542 TO /3; SWD(2012) 273; SWD(2012) 274; SEC(2012) 530; RCC(2012) 91)**

The Commission:

- approved the Communication in COM(2012) 540/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Data Protection Supervisor, and, for information, to the national parliaments;
- adopted the proposals for Regulations in COM(2012) 541/2 and COM(2012) 542/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment and the summary thereof in staff working documents SWD(2011) 273 and

SWD(2012) 274, the contents of which were noted;

- also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on the above proposals for Regulations, as set out in SEC(2012) 530.

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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 9.37.