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Single sitting: Tuesday 15 July 2014 (afternoon)

The sitting opened at 14.11 with Mr BARROSO, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr BARROSO	President
Mr ALMUNIA	Vice-President
Mr KALLAS	Vice-President
Ms KROES	Vice-President
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr BARNIER	Vice-President
Mr POTOČNIK	Member
Ms VASSILIOU	Member
Mr ŠEMETA	Member
Mr DE GUCHT	Member
Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	Member
Ms DAMANAKI	Member
Ms GEORGIEVA	Member
Mr HAHN	Member
Ms HEDEGAARD	Member
Mr FÜLE	Member
Mr ANDOR	Member
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member
Mr CIOLOŞ	Member
Mr BORG	Member
Mr MIMICA	Member

Absent:

Baroness ASHTON

High Representative/
Vice-President

Mr OETTINGER

Vice-President

Mr PIEBALGS

Member

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

Ms CASTAGNOLI	Adviser in Baroness ASHTON's Office
Mr ROSA	A member of Mr PIEBALGS's staff

The following also sat in:

Mr LAITENBERGER	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr PESONEN	Deputy Director-General, DG Communication
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Commission Spokeswoman

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2014) 2094/FINAL; SEC(2014) 421/2)

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(2014) 2094)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 14 July.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 2092ND MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (1 JULY) AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2093RD MEETING (9 JULY)

(PV(2014) 2092; PV(2014) 2092, PART II; PV(2014) 2093)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2092nd and 2093rd meetings.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2014) 65)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 11 July (RCC(2014) 65).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Ordinary legislative procedure

(point 1.2 of the IRG record)

Dossier at Council first reading

- European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repeal of Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA (Regulation) – DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA report – 2013/0091 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2014) 287/2.

4.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2014) 296)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2014) 296 on the Council meetings between 16 and 30 July.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

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

(point 3.5.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved documents SP(2014) 469 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April I part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

iv) Action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April II part-session

(point 3.5.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SP(2014) 470 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April II part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

v) Action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April I and II part-sessions

(point 3.5.3 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved for transmission to Parliament documents SP(2014) 471 and /2 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April I and II part-sessions.

4.4. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

vi) The role of the European Union in the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) after the Treaty of Lisbon: updated Declaration of competences and new arrangements between the Council and the Commission for the exercise of membership rights of the European Union and its Member States

(point 5.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2014) 288 and /2.

4.5. OTHER BUSINESS

vii) Statement of the World Bank – ‘Putting a price on carbon’

(point 6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2014) 293.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED (SEC(2014) 422 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 7 and 11 July.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT (SEC(2014) 423 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 7 and 11 July.

5.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS (SEC(2014) 424 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 7 and 11 July, as archived in e-Greffe.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES (SEC(2014) 425 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 14 and 18 July and of the finalisation written procedure initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 9 July.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2014) 426/2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2014) 107/2)

6.1. DG COMPETITION – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 29 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, ‘Markets and cases V: Transport, Post and Other Services’, in DG Competition (PERS(2014) 29 and /2).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 10 April and 15 May 2014 (PERS(2014) 29/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants’ qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ALMUNIA, it then decided to appoint Mr Guillaume LORIENT to the post.

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

6.2. DG INFORMATICS – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 PRINCIPAL ADVISER
(PERS(2014) 71 TO /4)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the Principal Adviser post of Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) in DG Informatics (PERS(2014) 71 and /2).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 23 and 26 June 2014 (PERS(2014) 71/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Kenneth DUCATEL to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 September 2014.

**6.3. DG REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 96 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, 'Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development and Northern Europe', in DG Regional and Urban Policy (PERS(2014) 96).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 19 June and 2 July 2014 (PERS(2014) 96/2 and /3).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr HAHN, it then decided to appoint Mr Nicola DE MICHELIS to the post.

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

**6.4. DG AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 57 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, 'Multilateral relations, quality policy', in DG Agriculture and Rural Development (PERS(2014) 57).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 11 and 26 June 2014 (PERS(2014) 57/2 and /3).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr CIOLOŞ, it then decided to appoint Mr Diego CANGA FANO to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 July 2014.

**6.5. DG AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – APPOINTMENT
OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 58 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, 'Rural development programmes I', in DG Agriculture and Rural Development (PERS(2014) 58 and /2).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 12 and 27 June 2014 (PERS(2014) 58/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr CIOLOŞ, it then decided to appoint Ms Josefine LORIZ-HOFFMANN to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 July 2014.

**6.6. DG AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – APPOINTMENT
OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 59 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, 'Management of resources', in DG Agriculture and Rural Development (PERS(2014) 59).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 1 and 10 July 2014 (PERS(2014) 59/2 and /3).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. It also considered their ability, efficiency and conduct in the service. On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr CIOLOŞ, it then decided to appoint Mr Georg HAEUSLER to the post.

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

**6.7. DG MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT – LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE
AD14 POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN
RAILWAY AGENCY
(PERS(2014) 32 TO /4)**

The Commission noted the procedure followed, as set out in point 7 of PERS(2014) 107/2, and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr KALLAS, decided:

- to approve the list of two candidates in alphabetical order laid before it at point 7 of PERS(2014) 107/2 for the post of Executive Director of the European Railway Agency (ERA);
- to instruct Mr KALLAS to communicate this decision to the Administrative board of the European Railway Agency.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**6.8. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – COMMISSION DECISION
ON THE MOVE OF COMMISSION SERVICES OUT OF THE JEAN
MONNET I BUILDING IN LUXEMBOURG**

The Commission took note of the information at point 8 of PERS(2014) 107/2 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to move the Commission services currently housed in the Jean Monnet I (JMO1) building in Luxembourg over the course of the next few months, and preferably before the end of 2014;
- to rehouse the Commission services in Luxembourg, taking particular account of the need to ensure continuity of their activities and service, and for a satisfactory working environment for all staff;
- to authorise Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, the Member of the Commission responsible, to:
 - mobilise the financial and human resources required for a rapid and effective response to the needs identified;
 - make the administrative and budgetary arrangements necessary to this end, in close collaboration with the relevant departments and the Luxembourg authorities;
 - establish an ‘ad hoc’ structure, under the authority of the Director-General for Human Resources and Security, to cover both the administrative and operational aspects of the removal;
- that Mr ŠEFČOVIČ should report regularly to the College on the progress of the operation and the proposed solutions.

These decisions 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 – TACKLING UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES IN THE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN
(COM(2014) 472 AND /2; RCC(2014) 67)**

The Commission approved the Communication in COM(2014) 472/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

**8. GREEN PAPER – MAKING THE MOST OUT OF EUROPE'S TRADITIONAL KNOW-HOW: A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO NON-AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
(COM(2014) 469 AND /2; RCC(2014) 67)**

The Commission approved the Green Paper in COM(2014) 469/2 for transmission to Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the national parliaments.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INSTITUTIONAL TRANSITION

The PRESIDENT briefed Members on the next stages of the transition within the current Commission following the hearings before the European Parliament on 14 July of the four Commissioners nominated by their governments to replace the Commissioners who had resigned after their election as MEPs. Parliament would adopt its opinions on these nominations on Wednesday 16 July.

The Commissioners-designate were Ms Martine Reicherts, to whom he intended to assign the justice, fundamental rights and citizenship portfolio, Mr Jyrki Katainen, for the economic and monetary affairs and the euro portfolio, Mr Jacek Dominik, for the financial programming and budget portfolio, and Mr Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, for the industry and entrepreneurship portfolio. He also announced that he would be appointing Mr Jyrki Katainen a Commission Vice-President.

If the European Parliament voted in favour of the four Commissioners-designate the PRESIDENT would immediately confirm his agreement to the Council in writing, so that it could finalise the procedure for the appointment of the new Commissioners. Given that this final stage of the procedure could be completed in 24 hours, he noted that if it was launched on Wednesday 16 July it could be finalised as early as Thursday 17 July, or otherwise on Friday 18 July.

If the appointment procedure proceeded according to plan, the four candidates would become full Members of the Commission by the end of the week at the latest and would therefore attend the Commission meeting on 23 July.

The PRESIDENT asked the Members of the Commission to welcome their new colleagues and thanked Mr KALLAS, Mr BARNIER, Mr PIEBALGS and Mr HAHN for the extra duties they had taken on during the transition period.

The Commission took note of this information.

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The meeting closed at 14.17.