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Single sitting: Tuesday 10 February 2015 (afternoon)

The sitting opened at 13.08 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair. Items 6 (in part) and 7 were chaired by Ms GEORGIEVA.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative/ Vice-President	
Ms GEORGIEVA	Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Mr OETTINGER	Member	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Mr HAHN	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Lord HILL	Member	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Ms BULC	Member	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	Items 6 (in part) and 7
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Mr MOEDAS	Member	

Absent:

Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member
Ms VESTAGER	Member

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

Ms SUTTON	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr TIMMERMANS
Mr VINČIŪNAS	Chef de cabinet to Mr ANDRIUKAITIS
Mr BAILLY	Chef de cabinet to Mr MOSCOVICI
Ms JUUL-JØRGENSEN	Chef de cabinet to Ms VESTAGER

The following also sat in:

Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service	
Mr PESONEN	Deputy Director-General, DG Communication	
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre	
Mr BALTAZAR	A member of the PRESIDENT's staff	
Ms NIKOLAY	Chef de cabinet to Ms JOUROVÁ	Items 1 to 6 (in part)

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2015) 2115/FINAL; SEC(2015) 84/2)

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(2015) 2115)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 9 February.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 2113TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (28 JANUARY) AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2114TH MEETING (4 FEBRUARY)

The Commission held over approval of the minutes of its 2113th and 2114th meetings for the following week.

4. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

4.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2015) 85 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 2 and 6 February.

4.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2015) 86 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 2 and 6 February.

4.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2015) 87 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 2 and 6 February, as archived in Decide.

4.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2015) 88)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 9 and 13 February.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2015) 89/3)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2015) 15/3)

5.1. DG ENVIRONMENT – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2014) 24 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director, 'Strategy', in DG Environment (PERS(2014) 24/3 and /4).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 16 May and 20 November 2014 (PERS(2014) 24/2 and /5).

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 Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr VELLA and also Mr KATAINEN and Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, it decided to appoint Ms Astrid SCHOMAKER to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 February 2015.

5.2. ACTIVITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AFTER LEAVING OFFICE
(C(2015) 737)

The Commission adopted the Decision set out in C(2015) 737.

The Commission decided that the activity planned by former Vice-President

of the Commission, Mr Siim KALLAS, as a lecturer in international finance in the Faculty of Economics of the University of Tartu (Estonia) was compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

6. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2015) 9)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 6 February (RCC(2015) 9).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

6.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Trilogue

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Council Regulations (EC) 850/98, (EC) 2187/2005, (EC) 1967/2006, (EC) 1098/2007, (EC) 254/2002, (EC) 2347/2002 and (EC) 1224/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) 1434/98 as regards the landing obligation (Regulation) – CADEC report – 2013/0436 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2015) 35.

6.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2015) 40)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2015) 40 on the Council meetings between 12 and 25 February.

iii) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or otherwise Print Disabled (Council Decision) – ANDERSSON report – 2014/0297 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2015) 31/3.

- Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation between New Zealand and the European Union ('PARC NZ')

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2015) 32/2.

iv) Preparation for Council meeting (General Affairs) (Brussels, 10 February)

(point 4.2.2 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (Council Regulation) – OLBRYCHT / THOMAS report – 2015/0010 (APP)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2015) 41.

v) Preparation of the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government (Brussels, 12 February)

Opening the discussion on the preparation of the informal meeting of the Heads of State or Government to be held in Brussels on 12 February, the PRESIDENT recalled the main items on the agenda, namely security and fighting terrorism, Economic and Monetary Union, and two items that had become essential in view of their urgency – the latest developments in Greece and Ukraine.

Security and fighting terrorism

Turning first to the question of security and fighting terrorism, the PRESIDENT presented the draft statement, which was handed out to the Members during the meeting, on ensuring the security of citizens, preventing radicalisation, safeguarding values, and cooperating with the Union's international partners on countering terrorism. He pointed out that this statement was essentially in line with the conclusions reached by the Commission at its policy debate on 21 January on the European Agenda on Security, apart from the question of the Schengen Borders Code which had not yet been definitively settled.

Ms MOGHERINI referred to the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council of 9 February which underlined how the Union's external action could promote and supplement the security initiatives taken by European Home Affairs Ministers. These conclusions would also be used as a basis for the discussions by the Heads of State or Government on Thursday.

Situation in Greece

The PRESIDENT then turned to the situation in Greece, a few days after the general policy statement made by the new Greek Prime Minister, Alexis Tsípras, to the national parliament. He asked Mr DOMBROVSKIS, again on behalf of Mr MOSCOVICI who was absent that day, to present the approach recommended by the Commission, on the eve of the extraordinary Eurogroup meeting on Wednesday and of the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government the following day.

A discussion ensued on this issue.

Situation in Ukraine

Ms MOGHERINI then introduced the third major issue for discussion at the informal European Council of 12 February and informed the Commission of the latest developments in the conflict that was raging in the east of Ukraine, pointing out that a summit would bring together the Heads of State or Government of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine the following day in Minsk.

An exchange of views ensued on the situation in Ukraine.

6.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT**vi) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its November II 2014 part-session**

(point 5.6.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved for transmission to Parliament documents SP(2015) 64 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its November II 2014 part-session.

vii) Action taken on legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its December 2014 part-session

(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved for transmission to Parliament document SP(2015) 65 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its December 2014 part-session.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

ILLEGAL MIGRATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Ms MOGHERINI drew the attention of the Members of the Commission to the latest tragedies affecting illegal migrants in the Mediterranean and commented that, as was the case every year, an upsurge in such occurrences could be expected with the arrival of spring. In this connection, she referred to the work carried out by Mr AVRAMOPOULOS, as the Member of the Commission with responsibility for migration, under the coordination of the First Vice-President, Mr TIMMERMANS, in order to carry out a first evaluation of the Triton operation conducted in the Mediterranean since 1 November 2014 by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex).

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 15.04.