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Single sitting: Tuesday 7 July 2015 (afternoon)

The sitting opened at 12.40 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair. Item 8 was chaired by Mr TIMMERMANS.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	Items 1 to 7
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms GEORGIEVA	Vice-President	Items 1 to 7 (in part)
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	Items 7 (in part) and 8
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Lord HILL	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	

The following members attended by audio-conference:

Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr MOEDAS	Member

Absent:

Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative/ Vice-President
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President
Mr HAHN	Member
Mr VELLA	Member
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member
Ms CREȚU	Member

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

Mr MÜLLER	Expert from Mr VELLA's cabinet
Ms ASTERIADI	A member of Mr AVRAMOPOULOS's staff
Mr LANDÁBASO ALVAREZ	Chef de cabinet to Ms CREȚU

The following sat in by audio-conference to represent absent Members of the Commission:

Mr MANSERVISI	Chef de cabinet to Ms MOGHERINI
Mr KARNITSCHNIG	Chef de cabinet to Mr HAHN
Ms ZAMBARTA	A member of Mr STYLIANIDES's staff

The following also sat in:

Mr SELMAYR	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	Items 1 to 7
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	Items 1 to 7
Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	Items 1 to 7

The following also sat in by audio-conference:

Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr PESONEN	Director-General, DG Communication
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre
Ms KRAMER	Director of Coordination and Administration in the PRESIDENT's Office

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Mr THOLONIAT	A member of the PRESIDENT's staff
Ms DEJMEK-HACK	A member of the PRESIDENT's staff
Mr SZAPIRO	A member of Mr ŠEFČOVIČ's staff
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service

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

1. AGENDA

(OJ(2015) 2134/FINAL)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(RCC(2015) 2134)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 6 July.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 2132ND MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (24 JUNE) AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2133RD MEETING (1 JULY)

(PV(2015) 2132; PV(2015) 2132, PART II)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2132nd meeting, and decided to hold over for one week approval of the minutes of its 2133rd meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2015) 58)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 3 July (RCC(2015) 58).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

i) Joint statement on the 2015 and 2016 payment plan – Active Monitoring and Forecast of Budget Implementation

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2015) 284.

4.2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ii) Trilogue

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 1007/2009 on trade in seal products (Regulation) – BUŞOI report – 2015/0028 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2015) 278 and took note of the compromise text attached to that document.

iii) European Parliament dossier – July part-session

(point 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- Amendment of Directive 2007/36/EC as regards the encouragement of long-term shareholder engagement and Directive 2013/34/EU as regards certain elements of the corporate governance statement (Directive) – COFFERATI report – 2014/0121 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2015) 325/2, further to document SP(2015) 325, which it had already approved on 3 June.

iv) Council dossier

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 and Regulation (EU) 1306/2013 as regards the aid scheme for the supply of fruit and

vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational establishments
(Regulation) – TARABELLA report – 2014/0014 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2015) 178.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

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

(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SP(2015) 444 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May I and II part-sessions, for transmission to Parliament.

vi) Participation by Members of Parliament in international conferences

(point 5.7.1 of the IRG record)

- Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, 13 to 16 July).

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Martin Schulz, President of Parliament, concerning the attendance of six Members of the European Parliament at the above-mentioned meeting as observers in the EU delegation, with a reminder about the procedure to be followed, in accordance with SP(2015) 438.

4.4. RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, THE OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

vii) Reply to the Contribution of the 53rd Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (Riga, 31 May to 2 June)

The Commission approved document SNP(2015) 30 containing its reply to the Contribution of the 53rd Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), for transmission to the Presidency of COSAC.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

**5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED
(SEC(2015) 299 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 29 June and 3 July.

**5.2. EMPOWERMENT
(SEC(2015) 300 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 29 June and 3 July.

5.3. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS
(SEC(2015) 301 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 29 June and 3 July, as archived in Decide.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES
(SEC(2015) 302)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 6 and 10 July.

**5.5. GENERAL EMPOWERMENT RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND
TRANSMISSION OF THE FINAL ACCOUNTS OF THE 11TH
EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**
(C(2015) 4714)

The Commission adopted the decision in C(2015) 4714 and decided to empower the Member of the Commission responsible for the budget to adopt, on behalf of the Commission and under its responsibility, the final accounts of the 11th European Development Fund for transmission to Parliament, the Council and the European Court of Auditors, in accordance with Article 43(4) of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/323 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th European Development Fund.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2015) 303)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2015) 61)

**6.1. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15
DIRECTOR**
(PERS(2015) 17 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, 'Audit in Commission and Executive Agencies I', in the Internal Audit Service (PERS(2015) 17).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 1 April and 7 May (PERS(2015) 17/2 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 Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr TIMMERMANS, it then decided to appoint Mr Jeffrey MASON to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 September 2015.

**6.2. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15
DIRECTOR
(PERS(2015) 18 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, 'Audit in Commission and Executive Agencies II', in the Internal Audit Service (PERS(2015) 18).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 1 April and 7 May (PERS(2015) 18/2 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 Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr TIMMERMANS, it then decided to appoint Ms Cristiana GIACOBBO to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 September 2015.

**6.3. DG ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS – AMENDMENT OF
ORGANISATION CHART AND APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL
ADVISED**

The Commission, on a proposal from Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr MOSCOVICI and also Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, decided:

- to approve the creation of a temporary Principal Adviser post in DG Economic and Financial Affairs, to be directly attached to the Director-General. This post would be abolished upon the departure of the jobholder;
- to fill this post by transferring in the interest of the service, under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, Mr José LEANDRO, currently Director,

'Resources and communication' in DG Economic and Financial Affairs.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**6.4. SECRETARIAT-GENERAL – INTERNAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14/15) OF VACANCY NOTICES FOR A DIRECTOR POST AND A PRINCIPAL ADVISER POST, EXTERNAL PUBLICATION (GRADE AD14 – EU-28) OF VACANCY NOTICES FOR THREE PRINCIPAL ADVISER POSTS AND AUTHORISATION TO RECRUIT THREE TEMPORARY STAFF MEMBERS UNDER ARTICLE 2(A) OF THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF OTHER SERVANTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(PERS(2015) 62; PERS(2015) 63; PERS(2015) 64)**

On a proposal from Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided:

- to authorise the internal publication (at grade AD14/15) under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations of the vacancy notices for a Director post and a Principal Adviser post in the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in the Secretariat-General in PERS(2015) 62 and PERS(2015) 63;
- to authorise the external publication (at grade AD14 – EU-28) under Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union of the vacancy notices for three Principal Adviser posts in the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in the Secretariat-General in PERS(2015) 64;
- to authorise the recruitment of three temporary staff members under Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union to Principal Adviser posts in order to fill the positions of members of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in the Secretariat-General for a non-renewable period of three years.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

6.5. PUBLICATIONS OFFICE – DEPUTISING FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PUBLICATIONS OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Under Article 27 of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission, on a proposal from Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and after consulting Mr NAVRACSICS and also Mr ANSIP, Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, decided to designate the following officials, in the order set out below, to deputise for the Director-General of the Publications Office of the European Union if he should be prevented from performing his duties:

- Ms Eva BEŇOVÁ, Director, 'Resources and Logistics' (OP.R);
- Mr Kurt KOENIG, Director, 'Core Business Services' (OP.A);
- Mr Harolds CELMS, Director, 'Official Journals and Publications Production' (OP.B);
- Mr António CARNEIRO, Director, 'Dissemination and Reuse' (OP.C).

This decision would take effect immediately.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GREECE

The Commission reviewed the economic situation in Greece following the referendum of 5 July and ahead of the meeting that day of Heads of State or Government of the euro-area countries.

8. RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE EU AND THE US (TTIP)

Ms MALMSTRÖM reported briefly on the latest institutional and international developments in the negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States, noting that the Commission would return to this subject in greater detail at its meeting on 22 July.

She mentioned the work under way in the European Parliament and her speech at the plenary session that morning on a parliamentary resolution making a number of recommendations to the Commission, which would be put to the vote the next day.

As regards international developments, she informed the meeting of her contacts with the American authorities. She felt that it was necessary at this point to step up the negotiating efforts on certain points, particularly in the area of services, geographical indications and regulatory cooperation.

On the matter of investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), she confirmed that, following the major public consultation carried out over the past few months, she could now propose a completely new approach to investment protection which moved away from the private arbitration tribunals to a system of pre-selected arbitrators. She hoped that this approach would enable the Union to build a strong European position in the negotiations with the American authorities.

Ms MALMSTRÖM concluded by referring to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with Canada, which still needed some final adjustments. She suggested that it be discussed at a later Commission meeting.

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 13.48.