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Single sitting: Wednesday 20 June 2018 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.46 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair. The discussion of item 10 was chaired in part by Mr TIMMERMANS.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr HAHN	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	Items 1 to 8 (in part) and 10 (in part)
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	

Ms GABRIEL

Member

Absent:

Ms MALMSTRÖM

Member

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2018) 2259/FINAL; SEC(2018) 2259/FINAL)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda and of the tentative agendas for forthcoming meetings. It also noted the addition to the agenda of that day's meeting of item 6.1 on an administrative decision.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(RCC(2018) 2259)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 18 June 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2254TH MEETING (16 MAY), THE 2257TH MEETING (6 JUNE) AND THE 2258TH MEETING (12 JUNE) OF THE COMMISSION

(PV(2018) 2254 AND /2; PV(2018) 2254, 2ND PART/2)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2254th meeting, and decided to hold over approval of the minutes of its 2257th and 2258th meetings until a later meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2018) 111; RCC(2018) 113)

The Commission took note of the records of the meetings of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 15 and Tuesday 19 June 2018, distributed as RCC(2018) 111 and RCC(2018) 113.

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

- i) Negotiations on concluding an agreement with the United Kingdom setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union – Joint Statement from the negotiators of the European Commission and the United Kingdom Government on progress of negotiations under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, on the United Kingdom's orderly withdrawal from the European Union (SI(2018) 368 and /2; RCC(2018) 113)**

The Commission took note of SI(2018) 368 and /2, and of the transmission of the Joint Statement to the Council (Article 50) and to the European Parliament's Steering Group (see also item 10 of these minutes).

4.2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ii) Trilogues

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- Controls on cash entering or leaving the Union and repeal of Regulation (EC) 1889/2005 (Regulation) – DELVAUX / LÓPEZ AGUILAR report – 2016/0413 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 336/2.

- Amendment of Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (Directive) – ROLIN report – 2017/0004 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 337/2.

- Framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union (Regulation) – CORAZZA BILDT report – 2017/0228 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 343/2.

- Enforcement of Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amendment of Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (Directive) – GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO report – 2016/0398 (COD)

The Commission approved the approach set out in the results of the meeting of Chefs de cabinet on 18 June contained in RCC(2018) 2259.

iii) Council dossiers

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union (Directive) – CALVET CHAMBON report – 2017/0355 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 344.

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and Regulation (EC) 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) 883/2004 (Regulation) – BALAS report – 2016/0397 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 350/2.

- Pan-European Personal Pension Product (Regulation) – IN 'T VELD report – 2017/0143 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 351/2.

- Capital Markets Union Action Plan – Amendment of Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to cross-border distribution of collective investment funds (Directive) – TREMOSA i BALCELLS report – 2018/0041 (COD) /

Cross-border distribution of collective investment funds and amendment of Regulation (EU) 345/2013 and (EU) 346/2013 (Regulation) – KLINZ report – 2018/0045 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 353/2.

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) (Regulation) – LÓPEZ AGUILAR report – 2018/0061 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 355.

- Work-life balance for parents and carers and repeal of Council Directive 2010/18/EU (Directive) – CASA report – 2017/0085 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 356.

- VAT Action Plan – Amendment of Regulation (EU) 904/2010 as regards the certified taxable person (Council Regulation) – ZĪLE report – 2017/0248 (CNS) / Amendment of Regulation (EU) 282/2011 as regards certain exemptions for intra-Community transactions (Council Implementing Regulation) – 2017/0249 (NLE) / Amendment of Directive 2006/112/EC as regards harmonising and simplifying certain rules in the value added tax system and introducing the definitive system for the taxation of trade between Member States (Council Directive) – KOFOD report – 2017/0251 (CNS)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 358/3.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

iv) Programming of Council business

(SI(2018) 359)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 359 on the Council meetings between 21 June and 4 July 2018.

v) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Information about the discussions at the 214th International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council on the adoption of the Standard and Recommend Practices, laying down the requirements for the implementation of the Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) (Montreal, 11 to 29 June 2018)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 325 and /2.

- Recommendation of the European Union-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Joint Committee on Trade and Gender

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 338.

- Authorisation to the Commissioner responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries to sign the Ministerial Declaration adopting a Regional Plan of Action for Small Scale Fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea in Malta on 26 September 2018 on behalf of the European Union (Commission Decision) – C(2018) 3333

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 340.

- Authorisation to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union to accede to the Convention for the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Recommendation for a Council Decision) – COM(2018) 376

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 341.

- Demarche by the European Union and its Member States on Icelandic Whaling

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 349/2.

- Authorisation of the opening of negotiations with a view to apportioning the Union's WTO concessions on Tariff Rate Quotas annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 in view of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union – COM(2018) 311

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 334.

4.4. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

vi) Results of Parliament's June part-session

(SP(2018) 376; SP(2018) 377)

The Commission took note of the information in SP(2018) 376 and SP(2018) 377 on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Strasbourg from 11 to 14 June 2018.

vii) Action to be taken on Parliament's legislative resolutions and other resolutions of a legal nature

(SP(2018) 386)

The Commission decided to empower the Members of the Commission responsible for the sectors in question, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TIMMERMANS and, if necessary, with the other Members concerned to adopt the amended proposals for transmission to Parliament and the Council, as set out in SP(2018) 386, drawn up following the June part-session of Parliament, the contents of which were noted.

viii) Action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April 1 part-session

(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved SP(2018) 401/2, for transmission to Parliament, on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April part-session.

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

ix) Follow-up to opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee – Plenary session of October 2017

(point 6.3.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SC(2018) 26/3 on the follow-up by the Commission to the opinions adopted by the European Economic and Social Committee during the October 2017 session, for transmission to that Committee.

4.6. OTHER BUSINESS

x) The global Alliance for Torture-Free Trade – The way forward

(point 7 of the IRG record)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 339 and /2.

xi) Request for agreement not to adopt Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to civil aviation aircrew pursuant to Regulation (EC) 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards medical certification of pilots (Part-MED)

(point 7 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 354.

xii) Relations with national parliaments – Written reply from the Commission to an invitation sent to the former Commissioners Ms KROES and Mr ALMUNIA, and also to Mr KOOPMAN, Deputy Director-General of DG Competition, Ms SCHWIMANN, Deputy Director-General of DG Internal Market, Industry,

Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Mr LIENEMEYER, Head of Unit in DG Competition, and Ms GRADENEGGER, Head of Unit in DG Competition, by the Committee of Inquiry of the Bavarian Parliament concerning *BayernLB/ GWB AG*
(point 7 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SNP(2018) 8 and /2.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED **(SEC(2018) 316 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 11 and 15 June 2018.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT **(SEC(2018) 317 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 11 and 15 June 2018.

5.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS **(SEC(2018) 318 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 11 and 15 June 2018 archived in Decide.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES **(SEC(2018) 319 AND /2)**

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 18 and 22 June 2018.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2018) 320 AND /2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2018) 42 AND /2)

Mr OETTINGER presented a proposal for an additional decision concerning the appointment of the Director-General of the Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for a non-renewable period of seven years. He briefly reviewed the various stages of the procedure that had been carried out since the publication of the corresponding vacancy notice on 28 June 2017. On the basis of the list of four candidates who met the requirements of the post submitted by the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council for consultation, he proposed appointing Mr Ville ITÄLÄ, highlighting his professional experience, skills and expertise.

**6.1. EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE – APPOINTMENT OF AD15
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**
(PERS(2017) 83 TO /4)

The Commission took note of the information in PERS(2018) 42/2 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and after consulting the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) 883/2013, decided to appoint Mr Ville ITÄLÄ to the Post of Director-General of the Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for a non-renewable period of seven years, as a temporary staff member pursuant to Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

This decision would take effect on 1 August 2018.

**6.2. DG EMPLOYMENT– APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2017) 113 TO /3)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and (1)(b) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of the ‘Skills’ Directorate in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (PERS(2017) 113).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 27 February and 12 April 2018 (PERS(2017) 113/2 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 OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Ms THYSEN and also Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, it decided to appoint Ms Manuela GELENG to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 July 2018.

**6.3. COMMISSION DECISION AMENDING DECISION (C(2011) 6109 OF
1 SEPTEMBER 2011 ON THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING
OF THE SPECIALISED FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES PANEL, AND
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE PANEL
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 73(6) OF THE FINANCIAL
REGULATION
(C(2018) 3932; PERS(2018) 43)**

In view of the entry into force of the new Financial Regulation under which powers would be transferred from the Commission’s Specialised Financial Irregularities Panel to the panel dedicated to the early detection and exclusion system, the Commission took note of the information in point 2 of PERS(2018) 42 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to amend Article 2(2) and Articles 4 and 5 of Commission Decision C(2011) 6109 of 1 September 2011 on the composition and functioning of the Commission's Specialised Financial Irregularities Panel, in accordance with C(2018) 3932;
- to appoint Mr Christian PENNERA as Chair of the Commission's Specialised Financial Irregularities Panel for a period of two years;
- to appoint Maria Isabel ROFES i PUJOL as Deputy Chair of the Commission's Specialised Financial Irregularities Panel for a period of two years;
- to authorise Mr OETTINGER, the Member of the Commission responsible for budget and human resources, subject to the availability of sufficient financial resources, to amend the contracts of the special advisers in cases of duly justified needs;
- to authorise the Director-General for Human Resources and Security to sign the contracts of the special advisers on behalf of the authority empowered to conclude contracts of special advisers, pursuant to this Decision.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

7. CONCLUSION OF THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR GREECE

In preparation for the Eurogroup meeting the next day, the PRESIDENT asked Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI to report on the state of the ongoing discussions about the possible completion of the assistance programme for Greece under the European Stability Mechanism.

Mr DOMBROVSKIS noted the importance of this decision by the Eurogroup, which would mark a decisive step in the long process of Greece's recovery, and

expressed his satisfaction at the tangible results of the measures put in place by the Commission. He explained that the Greek government had to undertake to implement the ‘prior actions’ before the Eurogroup meeting and to keep the reforms on track after the end of the programme. The Greek authorities now expected an agreement on credible measures relating to their debt, to ensure the country’s smooth return to the markets, in exchange for reinforced surveillance, which they considered fair. He pointed out that the Commission’s support – particularly through the medium of the Structural Reform Support Service – was highly valued in the country and that, thanks to the exceptional measures granted by the Union, as proposed by the College, Greece had been the first Member State that had been able to absorb all the funds made available in the previous period. At the moment, the results also appeared to be very positive for the current period too.

Mr MOSCOVICI explained that after eight years under the financial assistance programme it was time to decide whether Greece was finally ready to complete the programme and what conditions should apply. Such a decision would make it possible to turn the page on a painful period in Greece’s history and bring an end to the euro area’s first existential crisis.

He reminded Members that, under the various programmes, Greece had received assistance worth a total of EUR 273.7 billion, EUR 241.6 billion of which was disbursed by the Member States, mainly those of the euro area. In return, Greece had introduced over 450 reforms since the start of the assistance programme under the European Stability Mechanism in 2015, in order to consolidate its public finances, restore financial stability, modernise the State and the tax administration, develop a social safety net and overhaul its pension system. He emphasised the role played by the Commission, particularly in putting an end to the austerity at all costs of the first years and helping the country to reform its social welfare systems to maximise their accessibility. He then presented the essential points of the agreement under discussion, which he considered to be broadly positive, particularly because it would put Greece on the road to sustainable growth.

Firstly, he noted that Greece would have to pass the fourth review of the ESM assistance programme by completing all of the 88 prior actions required ahead of the Eurogroup meeting on Thursday. Secondly, a sound and credible package of measures would have to be agreed on Greece's debt to send a clear signal to the markets, but without writing it off or imposing an additional burden on European taxpayers. The agreement on Greece's debt should be built around three elements: (i) a significant extension of the repayment period for certain loans and deferral of interest payments, (ii) possible buyback of certain existing loans, which could prove difficult for some Member States to accept, and (iii) a disbursement big enough to build up a credible cash reserve for the next 18 months. Thirdly, he added that in order to develop a strategy for sound growth, the Greek government would have to pursue policies designed to stimulate investment and job creation in the years to come, based on the proposal presented at the Eurogroup meeting in May. Fourthly and finally, he stressed the need for a 'post-programme' framework to provide both continuing support to Greece and appropriate assurances to creditors and the markets, particularly by ensuring effective implementation of reforms and sound budgetary policies after the end of the programme. On this point a general consensus seemed to be within reach, based on reinforced surveillance up until 2022.

Mr MOSCOVICI also said that the College would have to re-examine this issue in the weeks to come and that, in parallel, Greece would be reintegrated over the next few months into the European semester cycle of coordination of EU Member States' economic and budgetary policies. In this connection Greece would submit a draft budgetary plan to the Commission, subject to the procedure on macroeconomic imbalances and the country-specific recommendations.

Mr MOSCOVICI concluded by praising the quality of the tireless work performed by the Commission's teams and particularly by Mr Declan COSTELLO, the mission chief in Greece throughout this period. He stressed that every effort should be made to promote a solution that would ensure Greece's stability in the short, medium and long term and demonstrate the remarkable results that could be achieved thanks to

the unity and solidarity of the European Union.

In the course of the discussion that followed, the Commission raised the following key points:

- the importance of this decision for Greece, which, however, would have to ensure the enduring nature of these achievements, by pursuing sound and sustainable policies;
- the difficulties which the Commission had overcome in order to help Greece achieve these results, including the political capital invested by the PRESIDENT and all the Members of the Commission over the past three years in particular;
- the need to highlight the important role played by the Commission, which had prevented Greece from exiting the euro area and limited the social impact of the consolidation measures that were introduced;
- in this connection, a reference to the introduction by the present Commission of the social impact assessment, which had altered the approach to managing the Greek crisis, and to the need to use this tool in the event of a similar crisis in another Member State.

The PRESIDENT wound up the discussion by warmly thanking Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI for their commitment to managing the Greek crisis. He welcomed the positive conclusion which could soon be reached, which would mark the culmination of the Commission's efforts since the start of its term of office.

The Commission took note of this information.

8. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE RULE OF LAW IN POLAND
(SI(2018) 360)

The PRESIDENT asked Mr TIMMERMANS to report on the situation concerning the rule of law in Poland and on the procedure proposed by the Commission under Article 7(1) of the Treaty on European Union because of the adoption of measures that constituted a systemic threat to the rule of law by undermining the independence of the Polish judiciary.

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 360.

9. DEEPENING ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

The PRESIDENT introduced the discussion on the progress of work on the proposals relating to completion of the Economic and Monetary Union by noting with satisfaction that the Meseberg Declaration signed on the previous day by the German Chancellor and the French President incorporated a very large proportion of the proposals announced in his State of the Union address of September 2017 and adopted by the College in the past few months. He then asked Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI to present the latest noteworthy developments in this area, particularly in view of the meetings of the European Council and the Euro Summit on 28 and 29 June.

Mr DOMBROVSKIS confirmed that the Franco-German declaration incorporated a great many of the Commission's proposals, even if they did not always appear to be presented from the same angle, meaning that further clarifications would be required. With regard to completion of the banking union, a decision on setting up a common backstop to increase the credibility of the Single Resolution Fund in the event of a banking crisis was expected, although discussions were still ongoing, particularly in relation to governance and the timetable. The treaty establishing the European Stability Mechanism would be the starting point for this arrangement, and

it would only later be incorporated into EU law; the College wished to bring forward the date of its entry into force, currently planned for 2024.

He then turned to the issue of the European Deposit Insurance Scheme, noting that owing to national sensitivities, it appeared that it would be difficult to obtain a commitment from the Member States at this stage. The College would continue its efforts with a view to opening political discussions on this matter and agreeing a road map in December.

Finally, concerning the budgetary instruments for stabilisation and convergence, Mr DOMBROVSKIS stated that constructive discussions were under way, but more time was needed to bring about tangible results.

Mr MOSCOVICI considered that it would be good to reinforce the Franco-German position by expressing the support of the College, which would make it possible to maintain the momentum brought by this initiative and to ensure effective follow-up to the Commission's proposals. The challenge would at that point be to ensure that the spirit of the proposals was ratified by the European Council in order to make tangible progress during the final year of the current Commission's term. In conclusion, with a view to promoting more democratic governance he emphasised the importance of ensuring that the set of tools did not slide into intergovernmental governance.

In the course of the discussion that followed, the Commission raised the following main points: (i) the need systematically to verify the compatibility of the proposals with the budgetary rules, and in particular with the proposals for the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2012 to 2027; (ii) openness to extending the system of qualified majority voting, which could contribute to accelerating European integration; (iii) the risks relating to a system of intergovernmental governance.

The PRESIDENT closed the discussion by welcoming these various advances and thanking Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI for the quality of their work

in preparation for the meetings of the European Council and the Euro Summit on 28 and 29 June.

The Commission took note of this information.

**10. STATE OF PLAY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM SETTING OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNION UNDER ARTICLE 50 OF THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION
(SI(2018) 368 AND /2; RCC(2018) 113)**

The PRESIDENT asked Mr BARNIER to brief the College on the latest developments in the negotiations he was conducting on the Union's behalf with the United Kingdom with a view to its withdrawal under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, and in particular on the points on which agreement had been reached between the two parties since the last round of negotiations (see also item 4.1 of these minutes).

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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 12.05.