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Single sitting: Wednesday 8 January 2020 (morning)

The sitting opened at 8.00 with Ms von der LEYEN, President, in the chair.

Present:

Ms von der LEYEN	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	Executive Vice-President	
Ms VESTAGER	Executive Vice-President	
Mr BORRELL i FONTELLES	High Representative/ Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Vice-President	
Ms ŠUICA	Vice-President	
Mr SCHINAS	Vice-President	
Mr HAHN	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Mr SCHMIT	Member	
Mr GENTILONI	Member	
Mr WOJCIECHOWSKI	Member	
Mr BRETON	Member	
Ms FERREIRA	Member	
Ms KYRIAKIDES	Member	
Mr REYNDERS	Member	
Ms DALLI	Member	
Ms JOHANSSON	Member	
Mr LENARČIČ	Member	
Ms VÁLEAN	Member	
Mr VÁRHELYI	Member	Items 1 to 3 (in part)
Ms URPILAINEN	Member	
Ms SIMSON	Member	

Absent:

Mr DOMBROVSKIS

Executive Vice-President

Ms GABRIEL

Member

Mr SINKEVIČIUS

Member

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

Ms VEGNERE	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr DOMBROVSKIS
Ms KIRALY	Chef de cabinet to Ms GABRIEL
Mr VAŠČEGA	Chef de cabinet to Mr SINKEVIČIUS

The following also sat in:

Mr SEIBERT	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Director-General, DG Communication
Mr MAMER	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission
Mr LEARDINI	Deputy Secretary-General
Ms PETKOVA	Director of Coordination and Administration in the PRESIDENT's Office
Mr FLOSDORFF	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office
Mr USTUBS	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office
Mr VALERO LADRÓN	Secretariat-General
Ms SPINANT	Commission Spokesperson's Service
Mr MORGADO	European External Action Service

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

1. AGENDA

(OJ(2020) 2320/FINAL)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(RCC(2020) 2320)

The Commission took note of the results of the weekly meeting of Chefs of cabinet held on Monday 6 January 2020.

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The PRESIDENT gave the Members of the Commission her best wishes for 2020 and opened the sitting by explaining that she had decided to hold the College meeting that day in view of the tensions that had been steadily increasing in the Middle East over the last few days, in particular in Iran, Iraq and Libya.

Mr BORRELL reported on the situation and informed the College of his recent contacts and initiatives; the Members of the Commission responsible for neighbourhood policy, humanitarian affairs, energy, international partnerships and transport spoke of the impact any worsening of the crisis in the Middle East would have on the political and economic areas for which they were responsible.

The Commission's discussions on this agenda item are recorded in the special minutes.

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The meeting closed at 9.05.