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Single sitting: Wednesday 18 July 2007 (morning)

The sitting opened at 09.09 hours with Mr BARROSO, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr BARROSO	President	
Ms WALLSTRÖM	Vice-President	
Mr VERHEUGEN	Vice-President	
Mr BARROT	Vice-President	
Mr KALLAS	Vice-President	
Mr FRATTINI	Vice-President	
Ms REDING		Items 9 (in part) to 14
Mr DIMAS		
Mr ALMUNIA		
Ms HÜBNER		
Mr BORG		
Ms GRYBAUSKAITĖ		
Mr POTOČNIK		
Mr FIGEL'		
Mr KYPRIANOU		
Mr REHN		
Mr KOVÁCS		
Ms KROES		Items 9 (in part) to 14
Ms FISCHER BOEL		
Ms FERRERO-WALDNER		Items 9 (in part) to 14
Mr McCREEVY		
Mr ŠPIDLA		
Mr MANDELSON		
Mr PIEBALGS		Items 9 (in part) to 14
Ms KUNEVA		
Mr ORBAN		

Absent:

Mr MICHEL

Ms WEYAND

Chef de cabinet to Mr MICHEL

Mr VALE de ALMEIDA

Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT

Mr PETITE

Director-General, Legal Service

Mr SØRENSEN

Director-General, DG Communication

Items 12 to 14

Ms CORUGEDO STENERBERG

DG Communication

Items 1 to 11.

Mr LAITENBERGER

Commission Spokesman

Ms CARVALHO

Bureau of European Policy Advisers

MR THEBAULT

Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT

Items 10 to 13

Mr ELLIS

Adviser in the PRESIDENT 's Office

Item 11

Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA

A member of the PRESIDENT 's staff

Items 10 and 12

Ms KONTOU

Chef de cabinet to Mr DIMAS

Items 10 and 12

Mr BORCHARDT

Chef de cabinet to Ms FISCHER BOEL

Item 11

Mr CHILD

Chef de cabinet to Ms FERRERO-WALDNER

Items 1 to 9 (in part)

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2007)1797/3; SEC(2007)987/2)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda and of the tentative agendas for forthcoming meetings.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(SEC(2007)1797)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 16 July 2007.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF 1796th MEETING
(10 JULY 2007)**

(PV(2007) 1796; PV(2007)1796, Part II)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 1796th meeting.

4. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY LAW

4.1. STATE AID – INDIVIDUAL CASES – RECAPITULATIVE LIST

(SEC(2007)1027; SEC(2007)1020)

The Commission adopted the decisions in the recapitulative list (SEC(2007)1027.

**4.2. INFRINGEMENTS – URGENT OR POSTPONED CASES –
RECAPITULATIVE LIST
(SEC(2007)1004 AND /2)**

The Commission adopted the decisions in the recapitulative list (SEC(2007)1004/2).

**4.3. INFRINGEMENTS – URGENT CASE
(SEC(2007)1008; SEC(2007)1007)**

The Commission adopted the decision in SEC(2007)1008.

**4.4. INFRINGEMENTS – CASES POSTPONED BECAUSE OF
UNAVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS – REGULARISATION
(SEC(2007)1014)**

The Commission adopted the decisions in SEC(2007)1014.

**5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS -
STRENGTHENING THE INTERNAL MARKET FOR MOBILE TV
(COM(2007)409 TO /3; SEC(2007)980; SEC(2007)981; SEC(2007)986;
SEC(2007)1017)**

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2007)409/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments, accompanied by the impact study and its summary in staff papers distributed as SEC(2007)980 and SEC(2007)981 respectively, the contents of which were noted.

The Commission also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on this dossier, as set out in SEC(2007)986.

6. COMMISSION DECISION ON A PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 8(2) OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 139/2004 ON THE CONTROL OF CONCENTRATIONS BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS AND ARTICLE 57 OF THE EEA AGREEMENT (CASE COMP/M.4504 – SFR/ TELE 2 FRANCE) (C(2007)3443 TO /7)

The Commission

- took note of the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations of 2 July in C(2007)3443/3;
- took note of the final report of the Hearing Officer of 11 July in C(2007)3443/6;
- adopted, in the authentic language (French), the decision set out in C(2007)3443/7, declaring the notified operation compatible with the common market and with operation of the Agreement on the European Economic Area subject to full compliance with the commitments made, as set out in document C(2007)3443/5;
- decided to notify the decision in C(2007)3443/5 to /7 to the firm concerned, together with the final report of the Hearing Officer and the opinion of the Advisory Committee;
- decided that the most important parts of the decision and the opinion of the Advisory Committee and the report of the Hearing Officer would be published in the official languages of the Union in the Official Journal of the European Union (with business secrets removed);
- decided to publish the decision (with business secrets removed) on the Internet.

7. COMMISSION DECISION CONCERNING A PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE 9 (3) OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 ON THE CONTROL OF CONCENTRATIONS BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS (CASE COMP/M.4721 – AIG CAPITAL PARTNERS / BULGARIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY) (C(2007)3447 AND /2; SEC(2007)1040)

The Commission

- adopted in principle the decision in C(2007)3447 and SEC(2007)1040;
- empowered Ms KROES, Commission Member responsible for competition, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, to adopt formally the decision in the authentic language (Bulgarian).

8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS - TACKLING THE PAY GAP BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN (COM(2007)424 TO /4; SEC(2007)1015)

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2007)424/4 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and to the national parliaments.

9. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

9.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Action to be taken on parliament's opinions

(SP(2007)3662)

The Commission decided to empower the Commission Members responsible for the sectors in question, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms WALLSTRÖM 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(2007)3662, drawn up following the July part-session of Parliament, the contents of which were noted.

9.2. RELATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2007)724)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2007)724 on the Council meetings between 12 and 25 July 2007.

9.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

iii) Results of Parliament's July part-session

(SP(2007) 3729)

The Commission took note of the information on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Strasbourg from 9 to 12 July 2007, set out in SP(2007)3729.

iv) Internal reform of Parliament

Ms WALLSTRÖM gave a progress report on the work of the working party that was drawing up proposals for the internal reform of Parliament. In September the working party would be submitting an interim report, on the organisation of plenary sessions, to the Conference of Presidents. It would

then look at the reform of parliamentary committees, the “better lawmaking” initiative and interinstitutional relations, including the framework agreement on relations between Parliament and the Commission.

Ms WALLSTRÖM said that Parliament had already ruled out certain ideas, such as holding eight additional “mini-sessions” in Brussels and making the Human Rights and Defence Subcommittees into full parliamentary committees. The additional sessions therefore no longer appeared in the official calendar for 2008, but it was possible that requests from political groups could be considered by the Conference of Presidents on a case-by-case basis.

She thanked the Commission Members for their comments on the various aspects of the reform of Parliament. The members of the working party, in particular the chair, Ms Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, had shown openness and good will in considering the Commission’s informal suggestions. If Commission Members had any new comments on the interim report to be presented in September, they should make them already, so that the President of Parliament could be informed in good time of the Commission’s suggestions with respect to the working party’s proposals.

Her bilateral meetings with Members of Parliament would be stepped up over the coming months, not least because of the importance and sensitivity of the subjects on the agenda of forthcoming plenary sessions, such as the single market review, the budget review and the Lisbon Strategy. She confirmed that she would regularly inform the Commission of all these developments.

The Commission held a brief exchange of views, including the following points:

- support for Ms WALLSTRÖM’s constructive approach to the working party responsible for drawing up proposals for reform of Parliament;

- regret that last-minute changes were often made to the agenda of Parliament's plenary sessions;
- the links between the new decision on comitology and the proposals for reform of Parliament;
- the implications of the next European elections in 2009 for relations between the Commission and Parliament.

The PRESIDENT concluded the exchange by thanking Ms WALLSTRÖM for her contribution. He asked Commission Members to keep up the dialogue with Parliament – its Members, committees and political groups – so as to avoid any division and to ensure optimum coordination between the two institutions, particularly since the current Parliamentary term would be ending in 2009, which meant that any new legislative proposal by the Commission would have to be presented by November 2008 at the latest.

The Commission encouraged Ms WALLSTRÖM to continue contacts with Parliament, in particular under the terms set out in point 10 of the framework agreement. She also took note of this information.

The PRESIDENT mentioned briefly the purpose of the Commission seminar on 13 September 2007. He asked Commission Members to take an active part in the proceedings and to let him know as soon as possible of any subject they wished to be dealt with on this occasion.

**10. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS - ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF WATER SCARCITY AND DROUGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
(COM(2007)414 TO /3; SEC(2007)993 TO /3; SEC(2007)996 AND /2; SEC(2007)997; SEC(2007)1016)**

Mr DIMAS presented the communication he was tabling for approval. He began by reminding the meeting of how essential water is to all human, economic and social activity, and referred to the major challenge now posed by droughts and water shortages, which are likely to become even worse as a consequence of climate change.

He emphasised that this was a problem that would not bypass the European Union, where the frequency and intensity of periods of drought, and the financial consequences that go with them, had increased in spectacular fashion over the last thirty years. All the Member States were now concerned, no longer just the southernmost countries.

Mr DIMAS said that this communication came in response to a request from the Environment Council of June 2006 and aimed to present an initial set of policy options and to launch the debate at Union level.

He then briefly outlined the main points of the communication, which is based on a preventative approach. He stressed first of all that, given the importance of water in every sphere of life, what was needed was a wide range of policy options, along the lines of the approach taken for the “energy and climate change” package adopted by the Commission in January, and drew particular attention to the importance of moving to an economy that embraced the need for effective and prudent management of water resources in Europe.

Among the main lines developed in the communication, he mentioned the progress towards full implementation of the Water Framework Directive adopted in 2000, in

particular its provisions on water pricing and access to water, water saving through better demand management (which must take priority over the development of additional supply infrastructure) and taking greater account of concerns over water resources in high-consumption sectors.

In conclusion, Mr DIMAS highlighted the need to preserve water resources, to ensure access for all to those resources and to promote sustainable water use. In his view the debate launched by this communication would make it possible to decide on the appropriate political responses.

The Commission then held a brief discussion focusing on the following aspects:

- the support of all Commission Members for this important initiative;
- the emphasis correctly placed in the communication on the need to change consumer behaviour to encourage more prudent use of resources, given the importance of the relationship between water and life;
- the specific case of Member States with special geographical and climatic conditions, the aggravation of their situation as a result of climate change and the urgent need for some of these countries to combine rigorous management of resources with the development of additional forms of supply;
- the current dramatic situation in certain Member States, in particular the southern countries, and the need to find practical solutions in order to prevent drought;
- the differences between Member States in terms of supply; still in some regions of the Union not all homes are connected to mains water;
- the important changes to be envisaged in the agricultural sector and the need to think soon, as part of the Common Agricultural Policy “health check”, about what can be done to help farmers adapt their practices to this new situation.

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The PRESIDENT pointed out the fundamental nature of the question of access to water and the worrying development of the problem in Europe in the context of climate change.

He noted that the communication presented by Mr DIMAS aimed ultimately to achieve an overview of all the possible policy options that could contribute to a solution; all policies would have to be employed to this end.

On the question of supply infrastructure, he highlighted the importance of a balanced approach, taking due account both of environmental aspects and the need for supply.

He referred to the international exhibition in Zaragoza in 2008 on the theme of water and sustainable development, and said it was important that the Commission join in this debate.

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr DIMAS for his presentation, which had highlighted the importance of the water question.

The Commission adopted, subject to final linguistic revision, the proposal for a Directive in COM(2007)414/3, for transmission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions and to the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment and the related summary contained in the staff papers distributed as SEC(2007)993/2 and 3 and SEC(2007)996/2 respectively, the contents of which were noted.

The Commission also took note of the opinion of the Impact Assessment Board on this dossier, as set out in SEC(2007)997.

11. RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

11.1. FIRST EUROPEAN UNION – BRAZIL SUMMIT (LISBON, 4 JULY 2007)

(SEC(2007)1044)

The Commission took note of this information and of the note from the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, distributed as SEC(2007)1044.

11.2. DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND MOROCCO ON ENERGY SECURITY

(SEC(2007)1046)

The Commission took note of the information note from Ms FERRERO-WALDNER in SEC(2007)1046.

11.3. STATE OF PLAY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DOHA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Mr MANDELSON reported on the presentation given on Tuesday 17 July in Geneva by the chairmen of the Doha Development Agenda negotiating groups on Agriculture and Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA), of two draft texts on “modalities” for the liberalisation of trade in agricultural products and in industrial goods.

He welcomed the initiative taken by both committee chairmen (Mr Crawford Falconer and Mr Don Stephenson), and said that the two texts would give fresh impetus to the negotiations, with a view to achieving an agreement on the modalities by next autumn.

He briefly outlined the main ideas set out in both documents, which included agricultural subsidies and agricultural and industrial tariffs. He felt that both documents brought several positive factors to the debate, but also a number of aspects that seemed problematic and required in-depth analysis, in

cooperation with the Member States. Mr MANDELSON said that both documents would be discussed within the Community bodies in the next few days, in order to establish the European position with a view to the next stages.

Mr MANDELSON concluded by emphasising that both documents offered a real prospect of concluding the Doha round negotiations by the beginning of 2008. In order to achieve this objective, he and Ms FISCHER BOEL would take a full and constructive role in the negotiations to be held in the coming weeks. He also spoke of the symbolic value and importance of the visit to the Commission that day by the Brazilian Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Celso Amorim.

Ms FISCHER BOEL then spoke. She agreed entirely with Mr MANDELSON's analysis, and spoke in more detail on the agricultural aspects. She felt that in the end everything would depend on the assessment of the overall balance of the package and on the relative value of each of its components.

Following these contributions the Commission held a brief exchange of views on the real prospects opened up by both documents with a view to concluding the Doha Development Agenda negotiations. The Commission considered the internal political situations of certain of the Union's trade partners in view of the crucial link between how these situations develop and the real possibilities of reaching an agreement in due course.

The Commission took note of this information.

12. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

12.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2007)988 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 9 and 13 July 2007.

12.2. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2007)989)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 16 and 20 July.

12.3. COMMISSION DECISION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL ALLOCATION PLAN FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION ALLOWANCES NOTIFIED BY CYPRUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2003/87/EC

(C(2007)3426/5)

Mr KYPRIANOU took the floor to make the link between this decision and the structural water shortage problem in Cyprus.

He began by expressing his support for the substance of the decision presented by Mr DIMAS, pointing out that he was always in favour of initiatives on climate change and that he recognised the merits of the Community scheme for trading in greenhouse gas emission allowances.

However, to ensure that account was taken of the specific problems of the Member State concerned, he wished to draw attention to a particularly sensitive aspect of the decision which had ramifications for people's everyday lives, i.e. the response to Cyprus' request to allow enough leeway in the decision to cover additional requirements for the construction of four desalination plants during the period in question.

Mr KYPRIANOU felt that the special situation facing Cyprus was borne out by the figures for water demand set out in the impact study underpinning the communication on water scarcity and droughts, discussed under item 10 of the agenda. Moreover, the same communication explicitly acknowledged Cyprus' application of good practices in the management of water resources. For these two reasons, he felt it was advisable to delete the wording of recital 15 of the decision which placed additional energy requirements arising from new desalination plants on a par with other constant increases in greenhouse gas emissions.

In conclusion, he called for a more balanced approach that took greater account of the situation on the ground in certain Member States.

Mr DIMAS said he had to stick to a transparent application of the formula for calculating allowances in order to ensure that decisions were legally sound and that Member States were treated entirely equally. Moreover, he considered that any increase in energy consumption arising from desalination plants had been properly taken into account in the calculations, subject to the economic growth factor. He pointed out that the emissions trading scheme was an instrument for reducing CO₂ emissions and not for financing water supply infrastructure, which could be done using other Community instruments, such as the Structural Funds.

The Commission also discussed the fact that each Member State had its own specific circumstances, the need to maintain a single, perfectly coherent approach in order to uphold the credibility of the Community scheme for trading in greenhouse gas emission allowances, and the importance of putting into practice the intentions that had been expressed to combat climate change.

The PRESIDENT assured Mr KYPRIANOU that he understood the problem of water resources facing Cyprus. However, it was impossible to establish a link between this question and the decision on the national allocation plan for emission allowances. Pointing out that a number of other Member States had

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also argued that they should be a special case, he concluded that it was vital to continue to apply the agreed method in a uniform and rigorous manner.

Following this exchange of views, the Commission adopted the decision set out in C(2007)3426/5, and decided to authorise its transmission to the Cypriot authorities.

12.4. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2007)990 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 9 and 13 July 2007.

12.5. AD HOC EMPOWERMENT FOR THE CLOSURE OF A PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 21 OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 139/2004 ON THE CONTROL OF CONCENTRATIONS BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS (CASE COMP/M.4388 – ABERTIS/AUTOSTRADE) (SEC(2007)1012 TO /3)

The Commission granted the *ad hoc* empowerment as set out in SEC(2007)1012/3 to Ms KROES, the Commission Member responsible for competition, in agreement with the PRESIDENT.

12.6. DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation procedure between 9 and 13 July 2007, as archived on the "Grefe 2000" (Registry) website.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2007)80/2)

13.1. DG RELEX – INTERNAL, INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION (AD14/15) AND EXTERNAL PUBLICATION (AD14, EU-27) OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR HEAD OF DELEGATION (PERS(2007)66 TO /4)

The Commission took note of the information set out under point 1 of PERS(2007)80/2 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, decided:

- to approve the vacancy notices set out in PERS(2007)66/3 and /4, relating to the post of Head of the Commission Delegation to the African Union (Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia) in the External Relations DG;
- to authorise the PRESIDENT, Mr KALLAS and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER to finalise the vacancy notices by simplified procedure in the event of the Council requesting any changes to the description of the post;
- to authorise the publication of these vacancy notices under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 29(1)(b) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

13.2. DG MARKT – REOPENING OF AN INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF AD15/16 POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (PERS(2007)65 AND /2)

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr McCREEVY, the Commission decided to authorise the reopening of the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations, of the

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vacancy notice in PERS(2007)65/2 for a post of Deputy Director-General in the Internal Market and Services DG.

This decision would take effect immediately.

13.3. EPSO – APPOINTMENT OF AD14 HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN PERSONNEL SELECTION OFFICE
(PERS(2007)75 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities for the post of Director of the European Personnel Selection Office (PERS(2007)75 and /2).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 21 and 28 June 2007 (PERS(2007)75/3 and /4) and the opinion of the Management Board of the European Personnel Selection Office of 12 July 2007 (PERS(2007)75/5).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided:

- to appoint Mr Nicholas David BEARFIELD to the post of Head of the European Personnel Selection Office;
- to transfer Mr Nicholas David BEARFIELD, AD12 official and currently Head of Unit ADMIN.D.5 (Communication and information management), to a seconded Head of Unit post in the Personnel and Administration DG;
- to second Mr Nicholas David BEARFIELD, in the interest of the service, to the post of Head of the European Personnel Selection Office, as an AD14 temporary staff member, under Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities;

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- to end on 31 August 2007 the secondment in the interest of the service of Mr Erik HALSKOV, currently Head of the European Personnel Selection Office, and to reinstate him in the post of Adviser in the Personnel and Administration DG.

These decisions would take effect on 1 September 2007.

13.4. DG FISH – APPOINTMENT OF AD14 DIRECTOR (EU-12)
(PERS(2006)145 TO /4)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of Directorate C (Structural Policy) in the Fisheries and Maritime Affairs DG (PERS(2006)145 and /2).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 30 May and 28 June 2007 (PERS(2006)145/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr BORG, it then decided to appoint Ms Daniela MARINESCU-GHEORGHE to the vacant post.

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

13.5. JRC – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR (EU-25)
(PERS(2006)140 TO /5; PERS(2006)161 TO /6)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of the Institute for the Protection and the Security of the Citizen at the Joint Research Centre (Ispra) (PERS(2006)140, /3 and /4); PERS(2006)161/2, /3 and /5).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on 3 and 12 October 2006 (PERS(2006)140/2, /4 and /5) and 17 April and 24 May 2007 (PERS(2006)161/4 and /6).

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The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr POTOČNIK, it then decided to appoint Mr Stephan LECHNER to the vacant post.

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

**13.6. OLAF – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR (EU-10)
(PERS(2006)111 TO /7)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 29(1)(b) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of Directorate B (Investigations and Operations II) in the European Anti-Fraud Office (PERS(2006)111 to /5).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 22 May and 7 June (PERS(2006)111/6 and /7).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Ian WALTON-GEORGE to the vacant post.

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

**13.7. DG REGIO – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(PERS(2007)25 TO /5)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Director-General, Regional Policy DG (PERS(2007)25 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 4 May and 15 June 2007 (PERS(2007)25/4 and /5).

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The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms HÜBNER, it then decided to appoint Ms Katarina MATHERNOVA to the post.

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

Notwithstanding this decision, the Commission also noted the qualifications of Mr Jean-Marie SEYLER.

13.8. DG SANCO – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (EU-25)

(PERS(2006)68 TO /6; PERS(2006)148 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), and Article 29(1)(b), and Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Director-General, Health and Consumer Protection DG (PERS(2006)68 to /4; PERS(2006)148 to /3)

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 18 and 26 October 2006 (PERS(2006)68/5 and /6) and 6 March and 19 April 2007 (PERS(2006)148/4 and /5).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, Mr KYPRIANOU and Ms KUNEVA, it then decided to appoint Ms Paola TESTORI COGGI to the vacant post in question.

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

**13.9. DG RELEX – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-
GENERAL**

(PERS(2007)7 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Director-General, External Relations DG (PERS(2007)7 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 24 April and 12 July 2007 (PERS(2007)7/4 and /5).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, it then decided to appoint Mr Hugues MINGARELLI to the vacant post in question.

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

**13.10. DG RELEX – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-
GENERAL**

(PERS(2007)6 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Director-General, External Relations DG (PERS(2007)6 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 24 April and 12 July 2007 (PERS(2007)6/4 and /5).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms FERRERO-WALDNER, it then decided to appoint Mr João AGUIAR MACHADO to the post.

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

**13.11. DG COMP – TERMINATION OF THE INTERNAL SELECTION
PROCEDURE TO APPOINT AD14/15 DIRECTOR**

Having noted the procedure followed, as set out at point 11 of document PERS(2007) 80/2, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms KROES, decided to terminate selection procedure COM/2007/56 for the post of Director, Directorate C (Information, Communication and Media) in the Competition DG.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**13.12. DG COMP – TERMINATION OF THE INTERNAL SELECTION
PROCEDURE TO APPOINT AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2007)58 TO /3)**

Having noted the procedure followed, as set out at point 12 of document PERS(2007)80/2, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms KROES, decided to terminate - without making any appointment - selection procedure COM/2007/41 for the post of Director, Directorate R (Registry and Resources) in the Competition DG.

This decision would take effect immediately.

13.13. DG DEV – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

The Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr MICHEL, decided under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations that Mr Athanassios THEODORAKIS, AD16 official and Adviser *hors classe*, should be deemed to have been temporarily occupying the post of Director, Directorate A (EU Development policy: Horizontal Issues) in the Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States DG from 15 July 2006 to 14 July 2007, i.e. the one-year maximum duration laid down in the Staff Regulations.

This decision would take effect immediately.

13.14. DG INFSO – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

The Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr MICHEL, decided under Article 7(2) of the Staff Regulations that Mr Christian DUBS, AD14 official and Head of Unit INFO.R.1 (Human Resources) should be deemed to have been temporarily occupying the post of Director, Directorate S (General Affairs) in the Information Society and Media DG for the period from 16 October 2005 to 31 March 2006.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**13.15. DG ENTR – MANDATE FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AD INTERIM AT THE EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY
(PERS(2007)81)**

Having taken note of the information set out at point 15 of document PERS(2007)80/2, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr VERHEUGEN, authorised Mr Geert DANCET to perform the duties of Executive Director *ad interim* of the European Chemicals Agency (Helsinki), as described in PERS(2007)81, the contents of which were noted.

This decision would take effect on 1 June 2007.

**13.16. DG COMP – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART
(SEC(2007)1028)**

The Commission took note of the information at point 16 of PERS(2007)80 /2 and, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms KROES, decided:

- to disband Directorate COMP.I (State Aid Policy and Strategic Coordination);

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- to set up three Units: COMP.A.1 (Strategy and Implementation), COMP.A.4 (Evaluation) and COMP.G.5 (Cartels V);
- to extend until 31 August 2009 the post of non-structural Adviser (originally allocated from 1 January to 31 December 2007); the Adviser would perform the duties of Head of the Task Force on Ethics, Security and Procedures, created for a period of two years;
- to approve the amended organisation chart set out in SEC(2007)1028.

These decisions would take effect from 1 September 2007.

13.17. DG ENV – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART

(SEC(2007)1029)

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided:

- to create a post of Deputy Director-General;
- to approve the amended organisation chart set out in SEC(2007)1029.

These decisions would take effect from 1 September 2007.

13.18. DG ECFIN – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ALMUNIA, the Commission decided:

- to create a post of Adviser *hors classe* in the Economic and Financial Affairs DG;
- to transfer to that post Mr Hervé CARRE, currently Director-General of the Statistical Office of the European Communities;
- to approve an exemption from the Commission decision of 26 May 2004 (C(2004)1891/2 and /3) in order to enable Mr Hervé CARRE to preserve

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his entitlement to the 4.2% middle-management allowance for a maximum period of three months;

- to abolish this post on the date of departure of its holder.

These decisions would take effect from 1 July 2008.

**13.19. ESTAT – INTERNAL, INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION
(AD15/16) AND EXTERNAL PUBLICATION (EU-27, AD15) OF A
VACANCY NOTICE FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(PERS(2007)82 AND /2)**

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ALMUNIA, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii), 29(1)(b), and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notices contained in PERS(2007)82 and /2 for the post of Director-General of the Statistical Office of the European Communities.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**13.20. SJ – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART
(SEC(2007)1030)**

Having noted the information at point 20 of PERS(2007)80/2, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to create a post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the "Trade Policy and World Trade Organisation" team, which would be published internally as soon as possible;
- to transfer, in the interest of the service, Mr Patrick HETSCH, currently Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the "Employment and Social Affairs" team, to the post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the "Common Foreign and Security Policy and External Relations" team;

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- to approve the amended organisation chart set out in SEC(2007)1030.

These decisions would take effect from 1 September 2007.

13.21. SJ – APPOINTMENT OF AD15 PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISER

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided, under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, to fill the post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the "Employment and Social Affairs" team in the Legal Service by transferring in the interest of the service Mr Marc VAN HOOFF, AD15 official and currently Director, Directorate I (State Aid Policy and Strategic Coordination) in the Competition DG.

This decision would take effect from 1 September 2007.

13.22. PMO – COMMISSION DECISION ON THE ENTERTAINMENT AND REPRESENTATION EXPENSES REPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE COMMISSION OR THEIR MEMBERS (C(2007) 3494)

The Commission, on a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, adopted the decision which is in C(2007)3494.

This Decision entered into force on 1 January 2008.

13.23. DG INFSO – APPOINTMENT OF AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (EU-25) (PERS(2006)142 TO /9)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Deputy Director-General, Information Society and Media DG (PERS(2006)142 to /4, /6 and /7).

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The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 17 October 2006, 27 June and 12 July 2007 (PERS(2006)142/5, /6, /8 and /9).

The Commission proceeded to compare the applicants' qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms REDING, it then decided to appoint Mr Antti PELTOMÄKI to the vacant post.

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

Notwithstanding this decision, the Commission also noted the qualifications of Ms Susan BINNS.

13.24. SG – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR

(PERS(2007)54 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, Directorate C (Better Regulation, Programming and Impact Assessment) in the Secretariat-General (PERS(2007)54 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 25 June and 5 July 2007 (PERS(2005)54/4 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 Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Ms Marianne KLINGBEIL to the post.

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

OTHER MATTERS

13.25. AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHARTS – 2007 SUMMER PACKAGE

(SEC(2007)1031 AND /2)

The Commission took note of SEC(2007)1031/2.

13.26. RULES GOVERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERS' CABINETS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS

(SEC(2007) 1033)

The Commission took note of the information note from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, distributed as SEC(2007)1033.

13.27. DG ELARG – AWARD OF A RESEARCH GRANT TO AN AD15 OFFICIAL

On a proposal from Mr KALLAS, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr REHN, the Commission took note of the award of a research grant at Harvard University for the 2007-2008 academic year to Mr Timo SUMMA, AD15 official and currently Director of Directorate A (Strategic Coordination) in the Enlargement DG.

14. OTHER MATTERS

14.1. MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATIES OF ROME

(SEC(2007)1047)

Ms WALLSTRÖM gave a first, brief report on the celebrations organised by the Commission to mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties of Rome. The main objective of these initiatives was to reconnect people with Europe, reaching out in particular to women and young people.

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Ms WALLSTRÖM then mentioned the impact of the events held in Portugal in connection with the Commission's visit to the Council Presidency on 2 July 2007. She thanked all the Commission Members for their efforts and expressed satisfaction at the good results obtained in terms of media coverage.

The Commission took note of this information and of Ms WALLSTRÖM's note SEC(2007)1047.

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Before closing the meeting, the PRESIDENT and Ms WALLSTRÖM warmly thanked all the officials (interpreters, Registry staff and technical assistance teams) who helped each week to make the Commission's meetings run smoothly.

The PRESIDENT, together with Ms WALLSTRÖM, wished the Commission Members a good holiday and said he would see them after the summer break when one of the major events would be a seminar on Thursday 13 September 2007.

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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 10.38 hours.