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Single sitting: Wednesday 9 June 2010 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.37 with Mr BARROSO, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr BARROSO	President	
Baroness ASHTON	High Representative/Vice- President	
Ms REDING	Vice-President	
Mr ALMUNIA	Vice-President	
Ms KROES	Vice-President	
Mr TAJANI	Vice-President	Item 9
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr POTOČNIK		
Mr REHN		
Mr BARNIER		
Ms VASSILIOU		
Mr ŠEMETA		
Mr DALLI		
Ms GEOGHEGAN-QUINN		
Ms DAMANAKI		
Mr OETTINGER		
Mr FÜLE		Item 9 (in part)
Mr ANDOR		
Ms MALMSTRÖM		
Mr CIOLOŞ		

Absent:

Mr KALLAS

Vice-President

Mr PIEBALGS

Mr DE GUCHT

Mr LEWANDOWSKI

Ms GEORGIEVA

Mr HAHN

Ms HEDEGAARD

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

Mr JONES	Chef de cabinet to Mr PIEBALGS	
Mr VANHEUKELEN	Chef de cabinet to Mr DE GUCHT	
Ms FINK-HOOIJER	Chef de cabinet to Ms GEORGIEVA	
Mr GAMBS	Chef de cabinet to Mr HAHN	Item 9 (in part)
Mr VIS	Chef de cabinet to Ms HEDEGAARD	

The following also sat in:

Mr LAITENBERGER	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service
Mr SØRENSEN	Director-General, DG Communication
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Commission Spokeswoman
Mr THEBAULT	Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers
Mr PESONEN	Chef de cabinet to Mr REHN

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2010)1921/3; SEC(2010)688/2)

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(2010)1921)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 7 June.

3. MINUTES OF 1920TH MEETING (2 JUNE)

(PV(2010)1920 AND /2)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 1920th meeting.

4. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW

STATE AID – INDIVIDUAL CASES

(SEC(2010)705/2)

The Commission adopted the decisions in SEC(2010)705/2.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. *WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED*

(SEC(2010)691 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 31 May and 4 June.

5.2. *EMPOWERMENT*

(SEC(2010)692 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 31 May and 4 June.

5.3. *DELEGATION AND SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS*

(SEC(2010)693 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 31 May and 4 June, as archived in e-Greffe.

5.4. *SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES*

(SEC(2010)694)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 7 and 11 June.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**(SEC(2010)690/2)****ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS****(PERS(2010)69/2)****6.1. SECRETARIAT GENERAL – APPOINTMENT OF AD14 HEAD OF THE PROTOCOL SERVICE**

The Commission noted the procedure followed, as set out in point 1 of PERS(2010)69/2, and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to appoint Mr Nicolas DE LA GRANDVILLE as a member of the temporary staff under Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities to the AD14 post of Head of the Protocol Service in the Secretariat-General for a period of four years.

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

6.2. DG ENTREPRISE AND INDUSTRY – LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN AND TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL OF THE EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

The Commission noted the procedure followed, as set out in point 2 of PERS(2010)69/2, and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TAJANI, decided:

- to approve the two lists, each containing four candidates, set out in point 2 of PERS(2010)69/2;
- to consider these lists as the Commission proposal under Article 89 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006;
- to ask Mr TAJANI to communicate these lists to the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

6.3. *DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SECRETARIAT-GENERAL TO SIT ON THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS*

The Commission took note of the information set out in point 3 of PERS(2010)69/2 and, on a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to appoint Mr Gianmarco DI VITA, Director, 'Resources and General Matters', in the Secretariat-General, to represent the Secretariat-General on the Consultative Committee on Appointments for the three selection procedures referred to in point 3 of PERS(2010)69/2.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.4. *SECRETARIAT-GENERAL – INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD 15/16 DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL (PERS(2010)70)*

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2010)70 for a Deputy Secretary-General post in the Secretariat-General.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.5. *SECRETARIAT-GENERAL – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART AND INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD 15/16 DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL (SEC(2010)714; PERS(2010)71)*

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided to create a new Deputy Secretary-General post in the Secretariat-General, to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2010)71 for that

new post and to approve the new organisation chart of the Secretariat-General set out in SEC(2010)714.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**6.6. DG INTERNAL MARKET AND SERVICES – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART, APPOINTMENT OF ADVISER HORS CLASSE AND INTERNAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(PERS(2010) 72)**

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr BARNIER, the Commission decided:

- to create a post of adviser *hors classe* in DG Internal Market and Services by no later than 1 October 2010;
- to fill that post, under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, by transferring in the interest of the service Mr David WRIGHT, currently Deputy Director-General in DG Internal Market and Services;
- to authorise the immediate publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and 29(1)(b) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice set out in PERS(2010)72 for the post of Deputy Director-General in DG Internal Market and Services.

**6.7. DG HEALTH AND CONSUMERS – INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD 15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(PERS(2010)73)**

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

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PERS(2010)73 for the post of Deputy Director-General in DG Health and Consumers.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.8. DG EDUCATION AND CULTURE – INTERNAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD15/16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (PERS(2010)74)

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Ms VASSILIOU, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2010)74 for the post of Deputy Director-General in DG Education and Culture.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.9. SECRETARIAT-GENERAL – INTERNAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION OF A VACANCY NOTICE FOR AN AD 14/15 DIRECTOR (PERS(2010)75)

On a proposal from Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) and 29(1)(b) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2010)75 for the post of Director, 'Relations with the European Parliament, the European Ombudsman, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and National Parliaments', in the Secretariat-General.

This decision would take effect immediately.

**7. PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING THE STAFF REGULATIONS OF OFFICIALS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF OTHER SERVANTS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES
(COM(2010)309)**

The Commission adopted the proposal for a Regulation set out in COM(2010)309 for transmission to the European Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the national parliaments.

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS - A NEW IMPETUS FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO SUPPORT THE EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY
(COM(2010)296 TO /3; SEC(2010)689)**

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2010)296/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

**9. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS
(SEC(2010)700)**

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group held on Friday 4 June (SEC(2010)700).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

9.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Preparation for Parliament's June part-session

(point 1.3 of the record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – Codecision – 2nd reading

- European rail network for competitive freight (Regulation) – MARINESCU report – 2008/0247(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3536 and /2.

Empowerment

- European rail network for competitive freight (Regulation) – MARINESCU report – 2008/0247(COD)

The Commission empowered Mr KALLAS, under Article 13 of its Rules of Procedure, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr ŠEFČOVIČ and any associated Members, to adopt and transmit to the Council its opinion on the amendments, in accordance with Article 294(7)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, once Parliament had been consulted, and if necessary to attach to its opinion an amended proposal, on the basis of the line set out in SP(2010)3536 and /2.

Ordinary legislative procedure – Codecision – 1st reading

- Provision of food information to consumers (Regulation) – SOMMER Report - 2008/0028(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3541, /6 and /7.

- Community macro prudential oversight of the financial system and establishment of a European Systemic Risk Board (Regulation) – GOULARD Report – 2009/0140(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3534 and /2.

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- European Union financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland (2007-2010) (Regulation) –KELLY Report – 2010/0004 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3535.

- Catch documentation programme for bluefin tuna (Regulation) – ROMEVA I RUEDA report – 2009/0116(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3538.

- Participation by the European Union in a Joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS-169) undertaken by several Member States (Decision) – EK Report - 2009/0169(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3531 and /2.

Special legislative procedure – Consultation

- Specific tasks concerning the functioning of the European Systemic Risk Board (Decision) - TREMOSA I BALCELLS Report – 2009/0141 (CNS)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2010)3534 and /2.

9.2. RELATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL

ii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2010)170)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2010)170 on the Council meetings between 10 and 23 June.

iii) Results of the meetings of the Eurogroup, the Economic and Financial Affairs Council and the Task Force on economic governance (for an improved crisis resolution framework and better budgetary discipline) (Luxembourg, 7 and 8 June 2010)

Mr REHN informed the Commission about the results of the meetings of the Eurogroup and the Task Force chaired by Herman Van Rompuy that was

established to create 'an improved crisis resolution framework and better budgetary discipline', which were held on Monday 7 June in Luxembourg. He also reported on the Economic and Financial Affairs Council held in Luxembourg the following day and the meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors, which took place in Busan (South Korea) on 5 and 6 June.

The meeting of G20 finance ministers in Busan was part of the preparations for the G20 summit in Toronto on 26 and 27 June. He referred in particular to the discussions on budgetary consolidation measures in the European Union and was pleased to note a positive assessment of the need to continue such measures as part of a coordinated, global process to exit the crisis. In this respect, each member of the G20 had a key role to play in promoting demand and a return to growth.

He also mentioned the need to stress to non-European partners that commitments under the Stability Pact had a regional dimension and that eurozone members should be treated as a whole. It was important to continue discussions and take the appropriate decisions quickly in the G20, the EU and among all its international partners, so as to complete the necessary financial market reforms and strengthen the credibility of the G20. He also emphasised the importance for the European Union to press ahead with financial market reform.

Moving on to the Eurogroup meeting, he reported on discussions with Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on strengthening economic governance in Europe and the economic consequences of budgetary consolidation measures.

Other matters were discussed, particularly the completion of the European financial stabilisation mechanism. In this regard, the Commission must continue to ensure consistency between the different mechanisms at European level.

As to the meeting of the Task Force on economic governance, there had been political consensus on the following issues: (1) the introduction of the 'European semester'; (2) increasing the importance of the debt criterion and the viability of public finances; (3) the possibility of new sanctions and incentives for Member States that infringe Stability Pact rules, and (4) extending macroeconomic surveillance.

He said that the Economic and Financial Affairs Council, at its meeting on Tuesday 8 June, had also welcomed the results of the Task Force's work and had accepted in principle to strengthen Eurostat's mandate to audit Member States' statistical data. It was important for the European Council to reach an agreement on all the main issues at its next meeting on 17 June.

Finally, he reported on discussions in the Economic and Financial Affairs Council on the additional budgetary consolidation programmes announced by several Member States.

Following up Mr REHN's presentation, Mr BARNIER began by thanking him for the excellent work done in recent days. Firstly, he mentioned the results of the meeting of G20 ministers in Busan and noted that it had reached an agreement in principle on the need to move ahead with financial market regulation.

Discussions on bank resolution funds and new accounting standards with the European Union's partners needed to continue. The European Union should also emphasise the ambitious nature of the Commission's initiatives on the regulatory framework for financial markets and give them greater prominence. In this context, he confirmed that additional proposals would be submitted according to the timetable already announced.

On the results of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Mr BARNIER said that he had stressed to the current Presidency of the Council the importance of supporting the Commission's initiatives and promoting a consensus on them. He was pleased to note that, with a view to the

European Council on 17 June, the Council had endorsed the Commission's overall communication on the regulation of financial services for sustainable growth.

The approach had to be both realistic and constructive in order to send a positive political message about the ongoing reforms. It was important to make rapid and substantial progress in the Council and the European Parliament on the two initiatives on hedge funds and risk capital, and financial market supervision. Finally, he recalled the mandate given to him by the PRESIDENT to chair the Commissioner group on internal market. Other Members of the Commission were again invited to make an active contribution to the preparatory work on forthcoming initiatives in this area.

A brief discussion took place, during which the Commission noted in particular the importance of coordination between Member States concerning their macro-economic and budgetary measures, the need to continue the discussion on whether to differentiate budgetary adjustment policies, and the benefits of conducting "stress tests" in order to restore trust in the European banking sector, including the issue of publishing results.

In reply, Mr REHN pointed out that some of the issues raised would be addressed again by the Commission when it presented its next initiatives on economic and budgetary matters and the financial markets.

The PRESIDENT wound up this exchange of views by underscoring the importance of the results already obtained on the basis of the Commission's proposals and the need for this work to be continued in the other institutions so that the proposed measures could be adopted as soon as possible. He emphasised the importance of the interinstitutional work to be done and the need to involve the Member States in these efforts in order to ensure a global political response to the major challenges involved in emerging from the crisis and in budgetary consolidation.

The Commission took note of this information.

**iv) Preparation for Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs)
(Luxembourg, 8 June)**

(point 2.1.5 of the record)

- Quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure (Council Regulation) – 2010/0035 (NLE)

The Commission approved the approach set out in SI(2010)164/2.

v) Preparation for Council meeting (Foreign Affairs) (Luxembourg, 14 June)

(point 2.1.6 of the record)

- Citizens' initiative (Regulation) - LAMASSOURE/GURMAI Report – 2010/0074(COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2010)165 and /2.

vi) Preparation of the COREPER II meeting of 9 June

(point 2.1.7 of the record)

- Draft amending budget No 2 to the 2010 general budget

The Commission approved the approach set out in SI(2010) 168.

vii) Preparation of the COREPER I meeting of 9 June

(point 2.1.8 of the record)

- Obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market (Regulation) – HASSI report – 2008/0198(COD)

The Commission authorised Mr POTOČNIK to follow the line set out in SPI(2010)34 and /2, in order to secure agreement at second reading.

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The PRESIDENT spoke of the visit to the Commission by the Polish Prime Minister, accompanied by several members of his government, to take place that day following the Commission's regular meeting. This meeting was important both with a view to preparing the future Polish presidency of the Council in the second half of 2011 and in terms of Poland's contribution to the European project.

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The meeting closed at 11.23 hours.