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Single sitting: Wednesday 22 June 2016 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.13 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair. The discussion of item 8 was chaired in part by Mr TIMMERMANS.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	Items 1 to 8 (in part)
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President	
Ms GEORGIEVA	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	Item 8 (in part)
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Mr HAHN	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Lord HILL	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	
Mr MOEDAS	Member	

Absent:

Mr ANSIP

Vice-President

Ms JOUROVÁ

Member

The following sat in to represent an absent Member of the Commission:

Mr BRAUN	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms JOUROVÁ	Items 1 to 7
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The following also sat in:

Mr SELMAYR	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service	
Mr PESONEN	Director-General, DG Communication	Items 1 to 7
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre	Items 1 to 7
Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr FAULL	Head of the Task Force for Strategic Issues related to the UK Referendum	
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service	Items 1 to 7

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

The PRESIDENT opened the Commission meeting by paying tribute to Mr Edgard PISANI, who had died on 20 June. Mr PISANI had served as the Member of the Commission responsible for development from 1981 to 1984, under the Presidency of Gaston THORN.

A man of conviction and commitment, Mr PISANI had held various ministerial posts in France under a number of French Presidents, from Charles de Gaulle to François Mitterrand. He had also been a senator and a Member of the European Parliament.

The PRESIDENT hailed Mr PISANI as a public servant, a servant of Europe and a keen reformer who believed in political action and intercultural dialogue. He highlighted in particular his role as a French Minister in launching the common agricultural policy, and as Commissioner for development in transforming development policy and renegotiating the Lomé Convention.

On his own behalf and on behalf of the Commission, the PRESIDENT offered his sincere condolences to Mr PISANI's family and friends and to the French Government.

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1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2016) 2174/FINAL; SEC(2016) 284/FINAL)

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

**2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET
(RCC(2016) 2174)**

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 20 June.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE
2171ST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (1 JUNE) AND THE MINUTES
OF THE 2172ND AND 2173RD MEETINGS (7 AND 15 JUNE)
(PV(2016) 2171; PV(2016) 2171, PART II; PV(2016) 2172)**

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2171st and 2172nd meetings and decided to hold over for one week approval of the minutes of its 2173rd meeting.

**4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS
(RCC(2016) 84)**

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 17 June (RCC(2016) 84).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Trilogue meetings

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- European Border and Coast Guard and repeal of Regulation (EC)2007/2004, Regulation (EC) 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (Regulation) – PABRIKS report – 2015/0310 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2016) 265 and /2.

- Framework on market access to port services and financial transparency of ports (Regulation) – FLECKENSTEIN report – 2013/0157 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2016) 267.

ii) European Parliament dossiers – June I part-session

(point 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- Multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean and repeal of Regulation (EC) 302/2009 (Regulation) – MATO report – 2015/0096 (COD)

The Commission took note of the compromise text in SP(2016) 403, further to note SI(2016) 230, which it had already approved on 7 June.

- Multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amendment of Council Regulation (EC) 2187/2005 and repeal of Council Regulation (EC) 1098/2007 (Regulation) – WAŁĘSA report – 2014/0285 (COD)

The Commission took note of the compromise text in SP(2016) 404, further to note SI(2016) 248, which it had already approved on 15 June.

4.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

iii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2016) 275)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2016) 275 on the Council meetings between 23 June and 6 July.

iv) Preparation for Council meeting (General Affairs) (Luxembourg, 24 June)

(point 4.2.3 of the IRG record)

- Draft Council conclusions on 'A more R&I friendly, smart and simple Cohesion Policy and the European Structural and Investment Funds more generally'.

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2016) 264.

v) Results of Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) (Luxembourg, 17 June)

(point 4.4 of the IRG record)

- Establishment of National Competitiveness Boards within the Euro Area (Council Recommendation) – COM(2015) 601

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2016) 271.

- Roadmap to complete the Banking Union

The Commission took note of document SI(2016) 281.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

vi) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 5.1 of the IRG record)

- Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) – Hearing of 21 June 2016 – Points to be raised by the Commission at the meeting of the Committee of Inquiry

The Commission took note of document SP(2016) 408.

- Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) – Hearing of 21 June 2016 – Commission's replies to the questions of the Committee of Inquiry

The Commission noted that the replies to the questions of the Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) had already been transmitted to the European Parliament, on the basis of the revised version of the replies in the annex to SP(2016) 401/3 which cancels and replaces SP(2016) 401/2, of which the Commission took note on 15 June together with SP(2016) 401.

vii) Action taken on legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May I and II 2016 part-sessions
(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, document SP(2016) 411 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its May I and II part-sessions.

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

viii) Commission's replies to the questions of the Committee of Inquiry of the Portuguese Parliament on *Banco Internacional do Funchal (BANIF)*
(point 6.1.3 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SNP(2016) 34, /2 and /3, and decided to send to the Portuguese Parliament the Commission's replies set out in SNP(2016) 34 and /3.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2016) 285 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 13 and 17 June.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2016) 286 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 13 and 17 June.

5.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2016) 287 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 13 and 17 June, as archived in Decide.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2016) 288)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 20 and 24 June.

6. JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION AND THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY POLICY TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

AND THE COUNCIL – ELEMENTS FOR A NEW EU STRATEGY ON CHINA

(JOIN(2016) 30 AND /2; RCC(2016) 86)

The Commission approved the joint communication in JOIN(2016) 30/2, for transmission to the European Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the national parliaments.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2016) 289 AND /2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2016) 55 AND /2)

Ms GEORGIEVA announced at the meeting that an additional administrative decision was being submitted to the Commission for adoption. It concerned the appointment of Mr Marc LEMAITRE as Director-General of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, under the authority of Ms CREȚU. She spoke warmly of his personal qualities, professional background and wealth of experience. He would take up his new duties on 1 September 2016, with a transitional period during which he would cooperate with the current Director-General, Mr Walter DEFFAA. She hoped that this procedure would become more systematic in order to ensure a smooth transition at the highest administrative level of the Commission.

The PRESIDENT welcomed the appointment of Mr Marc LEMAITRE. They had worked together ten years ago in the context of the negotiations on the 2007-2013 financial perspective, when Mr LEMAITRE was employed at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU.

A very brief discussion ensued, during which the Commission referred to the

PRESIDENT's visit to Greece the previous day. This had been an opportunity to address certain issues of regional and urban policy.

**7.1. DG REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY – APPOINTMENT OF AD 15/16
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(PERS(2016) 40 TO /4)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director-General of DG Regional and Urban Policy (PERS(2016) 40 and /2).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 3 and 15 June (PERS(2016) 40/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to consider the applicant's qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Ms CREȚU and Mr ANSIP, Mr ŠEFČOVIČ and Mr KATAINEN, the Commission decided to appoint Mr Marc LEMAITRE to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 September 2016.

**7.2. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY / DG HUMANITARIAN
AID AND CIVIL PROTECTION (ECHO) – DECISION ON THE
GENERAL IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS CONCERNING
CONTRACT STAFF – PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT
WITHIN THE UNION**

The Commission took note of the information in point 1 of PERS(2016) 55 and, on a proposal from Ms GEORGIEVA, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and after consulting Ms MOGHERINI and Mr STYLIANIDES, decided to authorise existing individual experts employed under the labour law of a Member State in accordance with

Article 13 of Commission Decision C(2011) 1264 to operate also within the European Union for a period not exceeding one month (calculated over a period of six months), when circumstances related to the provision of emergency support in one or more Member States so required.

This Decision would take effect on 1 July 2016 and would apply until the entry into force of the new general implementing provisions on contract agents.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

SITUATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Commission reported on the latest developments in the United Kingdom ahead of the referendum on the country's membership of the European Union.

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The meeting closed at 12.22.