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Single sitting: Wednesday 29 March 2017 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.13 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Ms THYSEN	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	Items 1 to 7 (in part)
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	

Absent:

Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President
Mr HAHN	Member
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member
Mr VELLA	Member
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member
Ms BULC	Member
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member

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

Ms PANZETTI	Chef de cabinet to Ms MOGHERINI
Mr KARNITSCHNIG	Chef de cabinet to Mr HAHN
Mr SCHELLEKENS	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr ARIAS CAÑETE
Mr MUELLER	Chef de cabinet to Mr VELLA
Mr VINČIŪNAS	Chef de cabinet to Mr ANDRIUKAITIS
Ms ASTERIADI	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr AVRAMOPOULOS
Mr BAILLY	Chef de cabinet to Mr MOSCOVICI
Mr FAJARDO	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms BULC
Mr BRAUN	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms JOUROVÁ

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	
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre	
Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr GRASSI	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 8
Ms SILLAVEE	PRESIDENT's Office	
Ms HARDEMAN	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr KATAINEN	Item 7 (in part)
Ms JUUL-JØRGENSEN	Chef de cabinet to Ms VESTAGER	Item 8
Mr BULST	A member of Ms VESTAGER's staff	Items 1 to 6
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service	

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2017) 2206/FINAL; SEC(2017) 156/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(2017) 2206)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 27 March.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2204TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (14 MARCH) AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2205TH MEETING (22 MARCH)

(PV(2017) 2204)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2204th meeting and decided to hold over approval of the minutes of its 2205th meeting for the following week.

4. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

4.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2017) 157 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 20 and 24 March.

4.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2017) 158 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 20 and 24 March.

4.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2017) 159 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 20 and 24 March, as archived in Decide.

4.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2017) 160 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 27 and 31 March.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2017) 161/2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2017) 19/2)

**5.1. DG CLIMATE ACTION – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR
(PERS(2016) 113 TO /3)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of the ‘European & International Carbon Markets’ Directorate in DG Climate Action (PERS(2016) 113).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 14 December 2016 and 2 February 2017 (PERS(2016) 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 Mr ARIAS CAÑETE and also Mr ŠEFČOVIČ and Mr KATAINEN, it decided to appoint Ms Beatriz YORDI AGUIRRE to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 April 2017.

**5.2. DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15
DIRECTOR
(PERS(2016) 103 TO /3)**

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of the ‘Equality and Union Citizenship’ Directorate in DG Justice and Consumers (PERS(2016) 103).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 16 December 2016 and 2 February 2017 (PERS(2016) 103/2 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 JOUROVÁ, and also Mr TIMMERMANS, Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, it decided to appoint Ms Irena MOOZOVA to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 April 2017.

5.3. *DG INTERPRETATION – APPOINTMENT OF AD14/15 DIRECTOR*
(PERS(2016) 93 TO /3)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Director of the ‘Resources and Support’ Directorate in DG Interpretation (PERS(2016) 93).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 7 November and 1 December 2016 (PERS(2016)93/2 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, it then decided to appoint Mr Gianluca PECCHI to the post.

This decision would take effect on 16 April 2017.

5.4. *LEGAL SERVICE – APPOINTMENT OF AN AD14/15 PRINCIPAL*
LEGAL ADVISER
(PERS(2016) 122 TO /3)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the ‘INST (Institutions)’ team in the Legal Service (PERS(2016) 122).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 7 and 24 November 2016 (PERS(2016) 122/2 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, it then decided to appoint Mr Pieter VAN NUFFEL to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 April 2017.

5.5. *LEGAL SERVICE – APPOINTMENT OF AN AD14/15 PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISER*

(PERS(2016) 73 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for the 'EEI (Eurozone and Economic Issues)' team in the Legal Service (PERS(2016) 73 to /3).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 7 and 24 November 2016 (PERS(2016) 73/4 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 OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Jean-Claude KEPPEPNE to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 April 2017.

5.6. *LEGAL SERVICE – APPOINTMENT OF AN AD14/15 PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISER*

(PERS(2016) 71 TO /5)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Principal Legal Adviser responsible for ‘Migration Issues and Strategic Horizontal Matters’ in the Legal Service (PERS(2016) 71, /2 to /4).

It took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 7 November 2016 and 2 February 2017 (PERS(2016) 71/3 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 OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Clemens LADENBURGER to the post.

This decision would take effect on 1 April 2017.

5.7. ACTIVITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AFTER LEAVING OFFICE
(C(2017) 1929/2)

The Commission adopted the decision set out in C(2017) 1929/2.

The Commission:

- decided, taking into account the opinion of the ad hoc ethics committee of 9 March 2017, that the activity of the former Member of the Commission, Lord HILL, Baron Hill of Oareford, as Senior Adviser in Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP was compatible with Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), provided that Lord HILL, for at least 18 months following his leaving office: (i) refrained from advising Freshfields’ financial services clients; (ii) refrained from advising Freshfields itself or its non-financial service clients on issues relating to the financial services sector; and (iii) refrained from lobbying the Commission and its departments on behalf of

Freshfields or one of its clients on issues related to his former portfolio;

- decided that Lord Hill's activity as one of the Independent National Directors of The Times Newspapers was compatible with Article 245(2) of the TFEU.

The Commission instructed the Secretary-General to inform Lord Hill of this decision and draw his attention to the above conditions concerning the first of the above-mentioned activities and to remind him of his obligations under Article 245 and Article 339 TFEU and the Code of Conduct of Commissioners, in particular on protecting collective responsibility and the confidentiality of matters dealt with by the Commission during his term of office as a Member of the Commission.

6. COMMISSION DECISION CONCERNING A PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 8(3) OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 139/2004 ON THE CONTROL OF CONCENTRATIONS BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS AND ARTICLE 57 OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (CASE M.7995 – DEUTSCHE BÖRSE AG/LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP PLC)
(C(2017) 2006 TO /5; RCC(2017) 33)

Ms VESTAGER presented the draft Commission Decision prohibiting the planned merger between *Deutsche Börse AG* and *London Stock Exchange Group plc*, pursuant to Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings, on the basis of an investigation which concluded that this transaction would have been incompatible with the internal market and with the functioning of the agreement on the European Economic Area.

The Commission:

- took note of the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations of 13 March in C(2017) 2006/2;
- took note of the final report of the Hearing Officer of 15 March set out in C(2017) 2006/3;
- adopted, in the authentic language (English), the decision in C(2017) 2006/5, declaring the notified transaction to be incompatible with the internal market and with the functioning of the agreement on the European Economic Area;
- decided to notify the decision in C(2017) 2006/5 to the companies concerned, together with the final report of the Hearing Officer and the opinion of the Advisory Committee;
- decided that the key parts of the decision, together with the Advisory Committee's opinion and the Hearing Officer's report, would be published in the official languages of the Union in the Official Journal of the European Union (with business secrets and other confidential information removed);
- decided to make the decision (with business secrets and other confidential information removed) accessible on the internet.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. COMMISSION DECISION ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED CITIZENS' INITIATIVE ENTITLED 'MINORITY SAFEPAK – ONE MILLION SIGNATURES FOR DIVERSITY IN EUROPE' (C(2017) 2200)

Mr TIMMERMANS presented the draft decision submitted for approval by the Commission on registration of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'Minority SafePack – One million signatures for diversity in Europe', calling on the Commission 'to improve the protection of persons belonging to national and linguistic minorities and strengthen cultural and linguistic diversity in the Union'. He pointed out that registration of the initiative, scheduled for 3 April, would only constitute the beginning of a 12-month process of collecting signatures.

He reminded the meeting that the Commission had taken an initial decision on 13 September 2013 in which it refused to register the 'Minority SafePack' initiative because the legal acts sought by the organisers were not within its remit. However, on 3 February the General Court of the European Union annulled the decision for inadequate statement of reasons. The Commission had therefore reassessed the citizens' initiative, which called on it to submit proposals on 11 distinct legal acts in areas such as culture, education, research, support for small and medium-size companies and copyright. The Commission came to the conclusion that two of the 11 legal acts concerned areas lying manifestly beyond the scope of its powers to submit legislative proposals for the purposes of implementing the Treaties, but that this was not the case for the nine other acts.

Mr TIMMERMANS therefore proposed, as the Commission had done the previous week with another citizens' initiative, admitting the 'Minority SafePack' initiative in part and registering it, specifying that signatures would be collected for the nine admissible legal acts.

He emphasised the fact that the Commission was called upon that day to decide on no more than the legal admissibility of the citizens' initiative and that no decision on the substance of its contents was needed at that stage. If, in the space of a year, one million signatures from citizens from at least seven

Member States were collected, the Commission would have three months to decide whether or not to consent to the requests, duly justifying its decision.

The Commission confirmed that the admissibility criteria under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 211/2011 were fulfilled for the proposed citizens' initiative entitled 'Minority SafePack – One million signatures for diversity in Europe'. The Commission therefore decided to register the initiative subject to the conditions referred to above, in accordance with document C(2017) 2200, and authorised Mr TIMMERMANS to sign the decision on its behalf, to notify the organisers of the initiative thereof in the authentic language (English), and to publish it, for information, in the Official Journal of the European Union.

7.2. SITUATION IN HUNGARY

Mr TIMMERMANS brought to the Commissioners' attention a recent proposal for reform of the legislation on higher education in Hungary, which required attentive monitoring.

7.3. RULES ON SHARING DRAFT ACTS WITH COMMITTEES AND EXPERT GROUPS

Mr KATAINEN raised a point of procedure connected with comitology to which he wished to draw the Members' attention, following incorrect allegations that had recently appeared in the press. He was also expressing the views of Mr ANDRIUKAITIS, who was currently on mission.

The issue in question concerned neonicotinoid insecticides used in agriculture, a politically sensitive matter for the Member States, industry, farmers, environmental protection organisations and the general public. In the light of scientific evidence that these substances, along with other factors, were affecting bee mortality, the Commission had adopted strict measures in 2013 to limit the use of three products – clothianidin, imidacloprid and

thiamethoxam. However, based on new scientific research, the European Food Safety Authority had now concluded that these measures needed to be tightened up.

Mr KATAINEN informed the meeting that Mr ANDRIUKAITIS, as Commissioner responsible for health and food safety, had therefore asked the Directorate-General under his authority to follow up this conclusion quickly under the committee procedure. As was normal practice, Mr ANDRIUKAITIS had also asked his staff, before launching the formal consultation and decision-making process, to sound out the Member States to ascertain their position on the proposed measures. The Member States' experts, meeting in the competent regulatory committee, had therefore been sent the proposals for the planned measures on 22 and 23 March – before any consultation had taken place between the Commission departments and before the matter could have been brought to the College's attention. The provisional and informal nature of these documents was not clearly indicated on the documents themselves. The documents had been leaked and incorrectly interpreted as representing the Commission's official position.

Mr KATAINEN drew a number of lessons from this regrettable incident. Firstly, he stressed that Commissioners must at all times exercise political monitoring of sensitive dossiers coming under the committee procedure and bring them to the attention of their respective Vice-Presidents so as to inform the College of them in a timely manner. Secondly, while he hoped for the continuation of the mechanisms for cooperation with experts from the Member States, which made an important contribution to the decision-making process in complex and sensitive technical dossiers, it was necessary to try to prevent leaks and the dissemination of incorrect information, and he therefore supported the suggestion that all documents presented to an expert committee on a preliminary basis, before their formal examination, should be clearly marked as such, so that they could not be mistaken for official proposals. To

implement this, the Secretary-General and the PRESIDENT's chef de cabinet had written to the Directors-General and the Commissioners' chefs de cabinet to clarify this rule and the arrangements for applying it.

After a brief discussion, the PRESIDENT regretted the events that had led to a press campaign against the Commission and against himself personally, and called for compliance with the internal procedures set up to inform the College and prevent this kind of incident. He asked for Commission Members to be sent a copy of the letter from the Commission's Secretary-General and his own chef de cabinet, mentioned by Mr KATAINEN, in which they drew attention to the fact that preliminary, informal documents in the committee procedure must be clearly marked as such. He indicated his desire to return to this procedural issue at a future meeting of the College, when Mr ANDRIUKAITIS was present, and in due course to return also to the question of substance, namely the protection of bees, which he would be very much in favour of, for a political decision by the College.

The Commission took note of this information and these guidelines.

8. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2017) 31)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 24 March (RCC(2017) 31).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

8.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) European Parliament dossiers – April I part-session

(item 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – Second reading

- Medical devices and amendment of Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) 1223/2009 (Regulation)
- WILLMOTT report – 2012/0266 (COD) / In vitro diagnostic medical devices (Regulation) – LIESE report – 2012/0267 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2017) 190 and SP(2017) 191, further to communications COM(2017) 129 and COM(2017) 127, which it had already approved on 9 March 2017.

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- Prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market (Regulation) – JEŽEK report – 2015/0268 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2017) 192, further to note SI(2016) 520/2, which it had already approved on 21 December 2016.

- Characteristics for fishing vessels (Regulation – recast) – KUHN report – 2016/0145 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2017) 193 and took note of the compromise text annexed thereto.

- Amendment to Regulation (EC) 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of Member States and those whose nationals are exempt

from that requirement (Ukraine) (Regulation) – GABRIEL report – 2016/0125 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2017) 194 and took note of the compromise text annexed thereto.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 531/2012 as regards rules for wholesale roaming markets (Regulation) – KUMPULA-NATRI report – 2016/0185 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2017) 195 and took note of the compromise text annexed thereto.

- Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (Regulation) – DALTON report – 2016/0014 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2017) 196 and /2.

ii) Council dossier

(item 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2017/127 as regards certain fishing opportunities (Council Regulation) – 2017/0054 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 111.

8.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

iii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2017) 120)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2017) 120 on the Council meetings between 30 March and 12 April.

iv) Information point on the UK's notification of its withdrawal from the Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, expected on Wednesday 29 March 2017

The PRESIDENT confirmed that the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, had, as expected, sent that day, 29 March, the official letter notifying the UK's intention to withdraw from the Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

Without entering again into the presentation made to the College by Mr BARNIER the previous week, he referred to the timetable prior to the launching of the negotiations on the arrangements for withdrawal. He pointed out that (i) in the next two days, draft European Council guidelines, drawn up in close cooperation between President Tusk and himself, would be sent to the 27 Member States and presented to the Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER), (ii) this draft would then be discussed at the two meetings of 'sherpas', before being examined by COREPER, and then by the General Affairs Council, (iii) in parallel, the European Parliament would adopt a resolution, (iv) the guidelines would be adopted by consensus, on 29 April, by the European Council at an extraordinary session, the composition of which would be as provided for in Article 50(4) of the Treaty on European Union, (v) on 3 May the Commission would adopt a recommendation on the negotiating directives, and finally (vi) the Council would adopt these directives, by qualified majority, probably at the end of May.

The PRESIDENT also indicated that talks between the Union and the UK would begin only once these stages had been completed and that there would be only one negotiation and one negotiator for the Union, the Commission, represented by Mr BARNIER. In conclusion, he added that the College would return as often as necessary to the subject of the stages of the procedure for

the UK's withdrawal from the Union.

The Commission took note of this information.

v) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Conclusion of the agreement to amend the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer adopted in Kigali (Council Decision) – 2017/0016 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 108/2.

- Authorisation of 13 March 2017 for the Commissioner responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries to sign the Malta MedFish4Ever Ministerial Declaration on Mediterranean fisheries in Valletta 30 March 2017 on behalf of the European Union – C(2017) 1575

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 114 and /2.

**vi) Preparations for Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs)
(Brussels, 27 and 28 March)**

(point 4.2.1 of the IRG record)

- Authorisation for the opening of negotiations on a World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Convention on the protection of tourists and the rights and obligations of tourism service providers (Council Decision) – COM(2017) 60

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 109.

- Establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (Council Regulation) – MACOVEI report – 2013/0255 (APP)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 112.

8.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

vii) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its February I part-session

(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved documents SP(2017) 189 and /2 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its February I part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

viii) Action taken on non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its February I part-session – Article 225 TFEU – Follow-up to the resolution on cross-border aspects of adoptions – ZWIFKA report – 2015/2086 (INL)

(point 5.6.3 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SP(2017) 188 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its February I part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

8.4. 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 2016

(point 6.3.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SC(2017) 11/2 on the follow-up by the Commission to the opinions adopted by the European Economic and Social Committee during the October 2016 session, for transmission to that

Committee.

x) Follow-up to opinions of the Committee of the Regions – Plenary session of October 2016

(point 6.4.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SR(2017) 8/2 on the action taken by the Commission on the opinions adopted by the Committee of the Regions at its October 2016 session, for transmission to that Committee.

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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 11.02.