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Single sitting: Wednesday 24 May 2017 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.21 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	Items 7/10 (in part) to 12
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	

Absent:

Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr HAHN	Member
Ms THYSSEN	Member
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member
Ms BULC	Member

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Mr NOCIAR	Chef de cabinet to Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Items 1 to 11
Mr KARNITSCHNIG	Chef de cabinet to Mr HAHN	Items 1 to 11
Ms BERNAERTS	Chef de cabinet to Ms THYSSEN	Items 1 to 11
Ms CHRISTOPHIDOU	Chef de cabinet to Mr STYLIANIDES	Items 1 to 11
Mr CARANO	Expert in Ms BULC's cabinet	Items 1 to 11

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 11
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Mr MOTOC	European Political Strategy Centre	
Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Ms KRAMER	Director of Coordination and Administration in the PRESIDENT's Office	Items 1 to 10
Mr THOLONIAT	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 11
Mr SZOSTAK	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 12
Ms SILLAVEE	PRESIDENT's Office	Items 1 to 11
Mr ROMAkkANIEMI	Chef de cabinet to Mr KATAINEN	Item 12
Mr KLEINER	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr OETTINGER	Items 1 to 11 (in part)
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service	Items 1 to 11
Ms CALVIÑO	Director-General, DG Budget	Items 1 to 10

Secretary: Mr ITALIANER, Secretary-General, assisted by Mr AYET PUIGARNAU, Director in the Secretariat-General for items 1 to 11 and Ms COLLOMP, senior expert, for item 12.

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2017) 2213/FINAL; SEC(2017) 241/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) 2213)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 22 May.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE 2211TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (10 MAY) AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2212TH MEETING (16 MAY)

(PV(2017) 2211; PV(2017) 2211 2ND PART)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2211th meeting, and decided to hold over for one week approval of the minutes of its 2212th meeting.

4. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

4.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2017) 242 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 15 and 19 May.

4.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2017) 243 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 15 and 19 May.

4.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2017) 244 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 15 and 19 May, as archived in Decide.

4.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2017) 245 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 22 and 24 May.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2017) 246)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2017) 80)

**5.1. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPROVAL OF LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION IN AZERBAIJAN
(PERS(2017) 81)**

The Commission took note of the information in point 1 of PERS(2017) 80 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to approve the list of candidates for the AD9-14/AD12 post of Head of the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan in PERS(2017) 81, which would serve as a basis for the competent authority of the European External Action Service to make a final appointment.

This decision would take effect immediately.

5.2. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPOINTMENT OF THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION IN ERITREA

The Commission took note of the information in point 2 of PERS(2017) 80 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to transfer in the interest of the service, under Article 7 of the Staff Regulations, Mr Josep COLL I CARBO, an AD14 official and currently Head of the EU Delegation in Benin, to the post of Head of the EU Delegation in Eritrea, which would serve as a basis for the competent authority of the European External Action Service to make a final appointment.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

TERRORIST ATTACK IN MANCHESTER ON 22 MAY

The PRESIDENT opened the meeting after a minute's silence had been observed at the Commission by all the Members of the Commission and the staff of the Institution as a mark of respect for the victims of the tragedy that took place on Monday 22 May in Manchester, UK.

Sir Julian KING spoke about this tragic incident, which had killed and wounded dozens in a carefully prepared attack targeting young people in a place of recreation. He thanked the PRESIDENT for his message of support to the British authorities and people and the Members of the Commission for their messages, and stressed the comfort brought by the expressions of solidarity that had come from the whole of Europe at this difficult time.

He talked about the immediate consequences of the attack, in particular the ongoing inquiry, the raising of the threat level in the UK, the deployment of armed forces across the country, discussions between the British authorities and their counterparts in the European Union and at Europol, and finally, the suspension of electoral campaigning.

The PRESIDENT once again offered his sincere personal condolences and those of the Members of the Commission to the British people in circumstances in which there were no words to express the deep sadness felt by the whole of Europe.

The Commission took note of this information.

7. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL ON THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION'S BUDGET 2018 AND BEYOND IN CASE THE MID-TERM REVISION OF THE MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2014-20 IS NOT ADOPTED**
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(COM(2017) 271 AND /2; RCC(2017) 61)

Mr OETTINGER outlined the Commission's Statement of Estimates, which constituted the basis of the draft general budget of the European Union for 2018 and translated the Union's political priorities into budgetary terms, following on from the priorities for 2017. This was probably the last budget for the Union of 28. However, the draft did not take into account the UK's withdrawal from the Union since it would remain a member, with all a member's rights and obligations, until

2019.

In line with the Commission guidelines of the previous week, this 2018 draft budget anticipated the adoption of the mid-term revision of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020, which had been postponed to June because it had been blocked by the British authorities. It incorporated the elements agreed on (in particular, increased flexibility and additional allocations) so that the draft would not need to be amended if the formal adoption of the mid-term revision took place after the UK elections and the lifting of the UK blockade.

He was nonetheless submitting to the Commission a communication that demonstrated the advantages of this mid-term revision of the multiannual framework and, conversely, the possible disadvantages should it not be adopted. Chief among these would be less flexibility and therefore very limited capacity to respond to new emergencies, not to mention the risk to the financing of certain priority political initiatives.

Turning to the draft general budget itself, Mr OETTINGER reminded the meeting of the priorities pursued, which had been agreed on with the European Parliament and the Council. These were, firstly, the challenges linked to geopolitical tensions - migration, security - with a total of €4.1 billion earmarked for both the internal and external components, including €560 million for refugees in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, without the possible extension of the facility for refugees in Turkey. Secondly, he mentioned the priority of strategic investment, sustainable growth and jobs, particularly for young people, with significantly increased allocations proposed for the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, the Connecting Europe Facility. Erasmus+, the preparatory action for cooperation in the field of defence, and the Guarantee for the European Fund for Strategic Investments.

Specifically with regard to young people, Mr OETTINGER drew particular attention to the fact that the draft budget included the European Solidarity Corps with an allocation of €89 million in 2018, to which would be added the 2018 share

of the additional €1.2 billion for 2017-2020 for the Youth Employment Initiative (€233 million).

He then turned to the main parts of the budget. He noted, firstly, that the Commission was proposing to raise commitment appropriations to €160.6 billion, an increase of 1.4 % compared with the 2017 budget, and to mobilise flexibility of €1.7 billion to finance the political priorities of migration, security and the investment plan for Europe. As regards payment appropriations, the proposed level was €145.4 billion, i.e. an overall increase of 8.1 % on the previous budget. This was due to the significant increase in payments under the European Structural and Investment Funds, which in 2018 should reach their cruising speed for the period 2014-2020.

He also referred to administrative and operational expenditure, pointing out that in 2017 the Commission would complete its 5 % staff reduction over five years, in accordance with the agreement concluded between the EU institutions, representing a total of at least 1 254 posts. At the same time, there was an increase of 3.1 % in the administrative expenditure of all the institutions owing to the catch-up effect on salaries and pensions as a result of the applicable adjustment method. He therefore recommended a rigorous approach, particularly as there would be a considerable increase in the cost of EU officials' pensions in the coming years.

In conclusion, Mr OETTINGER said that on 30 May he would be presenting the draft estimates for the 2018 budget to the European Parliament, and that he hoped the draft general budget for 2018 would be formally approved by the Commission in June with a view to final adoption by the European Parliament and the Council in November.

The PRESIDENT asked Mr OETTINGER to take great care when preparing the political messages and explanations for the public to accompany the presentation of this 2018 draft budget. To avoid any erroneous interpretations or political manipulation, he asked him, when informing the public, to explain in detail the

accounting procedures and legal constraints that had given rise, for example, to the increases in payment appropriations.

In the discussion that ensued, it was suggested to make the point very clearly that the draft general budget for 2018 was in line with the financial framework in force for seven years that had been agreed upon with Parliament and the Member States.

The PRESIDENT also suggested specifying the part of the 2018 budget that directly benefited the Member States and citizens.

Mr OETTINGER replied that administrative and operational expenditure represented only 6 % of the EU general budget. The remaining 94 % financed programmes for citizens, enterprises, the environment or research in the Member States, plus investments at European level in innovation in the broad sense.

Following this presentation, the Commission, on a proposal from the PRESIDENT, confirmed the formal adoption of the decisions in COM(2017) 290, SEC(2017) 250/3, COM(2017) 270/2 and COM(2017) 271/2 by finalisation written procedure, the deadline for which was set at 10.00 on Tuesday 30 May 2017 (PE/2017/3689, PE/2017/3693, PE/2017/3450 and PE/2017/3451).

11. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2017) 57; RCC(2017) 66)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting and special meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 19 and Tuesday 23 May respectively (RCC(2017) 57 and RCC(2017) 66).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

11.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

- i) **Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union and amending Regulation (EC) 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) 1303/2013, (EU) 1304/2013, (EU) 1305/2013, (EU) 1306/2013, (EU) 1307/2013, (EU) 1308/2013, (EU) 1309/2013, (EU) 1316/2013, (EU) 223/2014, (EU) 283/2014, (EU) 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation) – GRÄSSLE / ASHWORTH report – 2016/0282 (COD)**

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 210/3.

11.2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ii) **Trilogue**

(item 3.1 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments (Directive) – DUNCAN report – 2015/0148 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 211.

iii) **Council dossiers**

(item 3.3 of the IRG record)

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

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 212, supplemented by a revised version of the annex distributed on 22 May in SI(2017) 212/3.

- Amendment of Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of

goods or passengers and Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences (Directive) – LUNDGREN report – 2017/0015 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 213.

- Amendment of Directive 2010/40/EU as regards the period for adopting delegated acts (Decision) – MEISSNER report – 2017/0060 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 214.

- Adaptation of Annex III to Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (Commission Delegated Regulation) – C(2017) 393

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 230.

- Recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directive 96/50/EC and Council Directive 91/672/EEC (Directive) – MEISSNER report – 2016/0050 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 233.

- Establishment of an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes and amendment of Regulation (EC) 767/2008 and Regulation (EU) 1077/2011 (Regulation) / Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (Regulation) – DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA reports – 2016/0106 (COD) / 2016/0105 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 228.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 1303/2013 as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters – MIHAYLOVA report – 2016/0384 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 250.

11.3. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

iv) Programming of Council business

(SI(2017) 231)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2017) 231 on the Council meetings between 25 May and 7 June.

v) Outcome of the Eurogroup meeting - Greece (Brussels, 22 May)

Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI reported to the College on the outcome of the Eurogroup meeting held on Monday 22 May, in particular the latest developments in Greece's economic situation and the ongoing talks with the Greek authorities with a view to concluding the second review of the financial assistance programme for Greece as part of the European Stability Mechanism, and to reaching an agreement on the debt between Greece's main creditors.

The Commission took note of this information.

vi) Non-legislative dossiers

(item 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Extension of the entitlement to co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (Council Decision) – 2017/0081 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 202/2.

- Valletta Ministerial Declaration on priorities for the EU's maritime transport policy until 2020: competitiveness, decarbonisation, digitalisation to ensure global connectivity, and efficient internal market and a world-class maritime cluster – Draft Conclusions of the Transports, Telecommunications and Energy Council – Transport (Luxembourg, 8 June)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 215.

- Valletta Ministerial Declaration on improving road safety – Draft Conclusions of the Transports, Telecommunications and Energy Council – Transport (Luxembourg, 8 June)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 216.

- ‘Bringing opportunities to Europeans: communicating together the results of EU cohesion policy’ – Joint Communication Actions by Ms CREȚU and Ms THYSSEN

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 217.

- Improving cross-border access to electronic evidence: findings from the expert process and suggested way forward (non-paper from the Commission services)

The Commission took note of SI(2017) 218 and /2.

- Draft on European Union priorities at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly (September 2017-September 2018)

The Commission took note of SI(2017) 222 and /2.

- New European Consensus on Development – Our World, our Dignity, our Future – COM(2016) 740

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 227.

vii) Preparation of the General Affairs Council – Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union (Brussels, 22 May)

(point 4.2.1 of the IRG record)

- Authorisation of the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union (Council Decision) – COM(2017) 218

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2017) 232.

- 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 SI(2017) 229.

11.4. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

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

(point 5.6.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved documents SP(2017) 348, /2 and /3 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its March I part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

ix) Action to be taken on Parliament's legislative resolutions and other resolutions of a legal nature

(SP(2017) 336)

The Commission decided to empower the Members of the Commission responsible for the sectors in question, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TIMMERMANS 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(2017) 336, drawn up following the part-session of Parliament of 15 to 18 May, the contents of which were noted.

x) Results of Parliament's March I part-session

(SP(2017) 332; SP(2017) 333)

The Commission took note of the information in SP(2017) 332 and SP(2017) 333 on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Strasbourg from 15 to 18 May.

xi) Participation by Members of the European Parliament in international conferences

(item 5.7.1 of the IRG record)

- 5th United Nations Conference on disaster risk reduction (Cancun, 22 to 26 May)

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Antonio TAJANI, the President of the European Parliament, concerning the attendance of one Member of the European Parliament at the above-mentioned meeting, from 24 to 26 May as an observer in the EU delegation, with a reminder about the procedure to be followed as set out in SP(2017) 343.

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

xii) Follow-up to Committee of the Regions opinions – December plenary session

(item 6.4.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SR(2017) 14/2 on the action taken by the Commission on the opinions adopted by the Committee of the Regions at its session of December 2016, for transmission to the Committee of the Regions.

12. COMMISSION SEMINAR TO PREPARE, AS PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, A REFLECTION PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN DEFENCE

The PRESIDENT invited the Members of the Commission to take part in an open and in-depth exchange of views with a view to drafting a reflection paper on the future of European defence. This fourth reflection paper, in a series of five, was a follow-up to the White Paper on the Future of Europe adopted by the Commission on 1 March with a view to launching a wide-ranging public debate and initiating a process at the end of which the 27 Member States would decide on the future of their Union. The first important step had been taken in Rome on 25 March with the Declaration by the leaders of the 27 Member States, the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission. The PRESIDENT reminded the meeting that the first of these reflection papers, on the social dimension of Europe, had been approved on 26 April, the second, on harnessing globalisation, had been approved on 10 May, and the third, on the deepening of Economic and Monetary Union, would be approved on 31 May; finally, the fifth and last would

concern the future of the Union's finances.

Ms MOGHERINI, Mr KATAINEN and Ms BIENKOWSKA presented the main points of the draft reflection paper on the future of European defence, highlighting the ways in which the EU and its Member States could cooperate and take joint action to prevent and address the new cross-border threats to European security and defence.

They described a current climate in which world and regional powers were re-arming, terrorists were striking at the heart of European cities and around the world, and cyberattacks were becoming increasingly frequent. While the Member States would continue to take the lead in deploying security forces and armed forces when the need arose, they pointed out that the EU could facilitate and strengthen cooperation at EU level in order to make collective action more effective and provide a framework and incentives for the Member States to develop more efficient defence capabilities.

They pointed out, in addition, that the EU also provided a unique platform for coordinating security and defence policies with its major partners, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (with which there was now a real movement towards rapprochement) and the United Nations.

They highlighted the fundamental question facing Commission Members - how ambitious did they want to be in this area of crucial importance for the future of the Union; this was where the three proposed scenarios were helpful.

In the discussion that followed, the Members praised the quality of the draft reflection paper and stressed the need to make further progress towards a security and defence union in view of the deteriorating security situation within Europe and outside it, the new threats to be considered and the speed with which these threats were evolving. They also raised the economic and industrial arguments in favour of greater cooperation between the EU Member States on defence spending, together

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with close collaboration with NATO, and recommended taking advantage of the internal political climate in which EU citizens and governments were well disposed towards the idea of entrusting coordination tasks to the European level. They hoped that the Commission would be at the forefront of an ambitious approach to European defence and security in the areas for which it was responsible, supplementing the action taken by the Member States and the EU's international partners.

The PRESIDENT asked Ms MOGHERINI, Mr KATAINEN and Ms BIENKOWSKA to draw the main conclusions from the discussion. Ms MOGHERINI said that the reflection paper to be put before the Commission on 7 June would take account of the Commission's desire to give priority to an ambitious approach, to develop further the concept of cyber threats and hybrid threats and the risks associated with radicalisation, to better explain the difference between the three proposed scenarios in terms of consequences for the EU, and to avoid creating bodies that would duplicate existing structures when the proposed practical measures were implemented.

The Commission took note of the results of this exchange of views.

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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 12.27.