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Single sitting: Tuesday 13 November 2018 (afternoon)

The sitting opened at 13.20 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	Items 1 to 13 (in part)
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Mr HAHN	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	

The following members attended by videoconference:

Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President
Mr HOGAN	Member
Mr MOEDAS	Member

Absent:

Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member
Mr MIMICA	Member
Mr VELLA	Member
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member
Ms VESTAGER	Member
Ms GABRIEL	Member

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

Mr CELŃSKI

A member of Ms BIENKOWSKA's staff

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

Mr PETROCELLI

A member of Ms MOGHERINI's staff

Ms LONČARIĆ

A member of Mr MIMICA's staff

Mr MÜLLER

Chef de cabinet to Mr VELLA

Ms ASTERIADI

Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr AVRAMOPOULOS

Ms NIKOLAY

Chef de cabinet to Ms JOUROVÁ

Ms JUUL-JØRGENSEN

Chef de cabinet to Ms VESTAGER

The following also sat in:

Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA

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

Mr MOTOC

European Political Strategy Centre

Ms SILLAVEE

PRESIDENT's Office

Mr SNELS

Secretariat-General

Ms ANDREEVA

Commission Spokesperson's Service

Mr BARNIER

Chief negotiator and Head of the Article 50
Task Force

The following also sat in by videoconference:

Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN

Deputy Secretary-General

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Ms GAUER

Deputy Secretary-General

Ms VILA NUÑEZ

Secretariat-General

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2018) 2272/FINAL; SEC(2018) 2272)

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(2018) 2272)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 12 November 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2269TH, 2270TH AND 2271ST MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION (17 AND 23 OCTOBER, AND 7 NOVEMBER 2018)

(PV(2018) 2269; PV(2018) 2269, 2ND PART; PV(2018) 2270; PV(2018) 2270, 2ND PART)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2269th and 2270th meetings and decided to hold over approval of the minutes of its 2271st meeting for a later meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2018) 146)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 9 November 2018 (RCC(2018) 146).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

i) Trilogues

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- Copyright in the Digital Single Market (Directive) – VOSS report – 2016/0280 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 584.

- Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles, and amendment of Regulation (EC) 715/2007 (Regulation – recast) – DALLI report – 2017/0293 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 586/3.

- Enforcement of Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amendment of Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (Directive) – GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO report – 2016/0398 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 587/2.

- Framework for interoperability between EU information systems (borders and visa) and amendment of Council Decision 2004/512/EC, Regulation (EC) 767/2008, Council Decision 2008/633/JHA, Regulation (EU) 2016/399 and Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 (Regulation) – LENAERS report – 2017/0351 (COD) / Framework for interoperability between EU information systems (police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration) – MELO report – 2017/0352 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 593.

- Alignment of reporting obligations in the field of environment policy and amendment of Directives 86/278/EEC, 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009/147/EC and 2010/63/EU, Regulations (EC) 166/2006 and (EU) 995/2010, and Council Regulations (EC) 338/97 and (EC) 2173/2005 (Regulation) – VĀLEAN report – 2018/0205 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 588.

- Amendment of Council Framework Decision 2009/315/JHA, as regards the exchange of information on third country nationals and as regards the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS), and replacement of Council Decision 2009/316/JHA (Directive) / Establishment of a centralised system for the identification of Member States holding conviction information on third country nationals and stateless persons to supplement and support the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS-TCN system), and amendment of Regulation (EU) 1077/2011 (Regulation) – DALTON reports – 2016/0002 (COD) / 2017/0144 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 590/2.

- Interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (Directive – recast) – SALINI report – 2017/0128 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 591.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code (Regulation) – SELIMOVIC report – 2018/0040 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 613.

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 924/2009 as regards certain charges on cross-border payments in the Union and currency conversion charges (Regulation) – MAYDELL report – 2018/0076 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 614/2.

- Framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union (Regulation) – PROUST report – 2017/0224 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 609.

ii) European Parliament dossiers – November I 2018 part-session

(point 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- ‘Clean Energy’ Package – Amendment of Directive 94/22/EC, Directive 98/70/EC, Directive 2009/31/EC, Regulation (EC) 663/2009, Regulation (EC) 715/2009, Directive 2009/73/EC, Council Directive 2009/119/EC, Directive 2010/31/EU, Directive 2012/27/EU, Directive 2013/30/EU and Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 and repeal of Regulation (EU) 525/2013 (Regulation) – RIVASI & DALUNDE report – 2016/0375 (COD) / Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (Directive – recast) – BLANCO LÓPEZ report – 2016/0382 (COD) / Amendment of Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency (Directive) – POCHE report – 2016/0376 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2018) 697/2, SP(2018) 698/2 and SP(2018) 699, further to SP(2018) 697 and SP(2018) 698, which it had already approved on 7 November 2018, and to note SI(2018) 314/2, which it had already approved on 12 June 2018.

- Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (Regulation) – TOŠENOVSKÝ report – 2016/0286 (COD) / European

Electronic Communications Code (Directive – recast) – DEL CASTILLO VERA report – 2016/0288 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2018) 713 and SP(2018) 714, further to note SI(2018) 389, which it had already approved on 3 July 2018.

- Empowering of the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (Directive) – SCHWAB report – 2017/0063 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2018) 715, further to note SI(2018) 271, which it had already approved on 29 May 2018.

- Rail passengers' rights and obligations (Regulation – recast) – LIBERADZKI report – 2017/0237 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 716.

- CO₂ emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles (Regulation) – EICKHOUT report – 2018/0143 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 717.

- Persistent organic pollutants (Regulation – recast) – GIRLING report – 2018/0070 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 718.

iii) Council dossiers

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Preparation for the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union – Amendment of Regulation (EC) 391/2009 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union (Regulation) – DE MONTE report – 2018/0298 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 594.

- ‘Mobility Package I’ – Amendment of Directive 2006/22/EC as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector (Directive) – KYLLÖNEN report – 2017/0121 (COD) / Amendment of Regulation (EC) 561/2006 as regards minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (Regulation) – VAN DE CAMP report – 2017/0122 (COD) / Amendment of Regulation (EC) 1071/2009 on access to the occupation of road transport operator and Regulation (EC) 1072/2009 on access to the international road haulage market with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector (Regulation) – ERTUG report – 2017/0123 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 595/2.

- Amendment of Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States (Directive) – AIUTO report – 2017/0290 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 606/2.

- Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users, amendment of Regulation (EU) 2018/... and repeal of Regulations (EC) 78/2009, (EC) 79/2009 and (EC) 661/2009 (Regulation) – THUN UND HOHENSTEIN report – 2018/0145 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 605.

- Fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services (Regulation) – SCHALDEMOSE report – 2018/0112 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 598.

- Creation of a European network of immigration liaison officers (Regulation – recast) – KYENGE report – 2018/0153 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 599.

- Fixing for 2019 and 2020 of the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks (Council Regulation) – 2018/0347 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 610.

4.2. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

iv) Programming of Council business

(SI(2018) 616)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 616 on the Council meetings between 15 and 28 November 2018.

v) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- International Maritime Organisation (IMO) – Commission Staff Working Document for the Council Shipping Working Party – Joint European Union submissions – SWD(2018) 457 and SWD(2018) 458

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 600.

- Reform of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme – Strengthening the scope of the Kimberley Process in the Core Document

The Commission took note of document SI(2018) 601.

- Follow-up to the judgment of the Court of Justice of 6 March 2018 in case C-284/16 (*Achmea BV*) – Termination of the intra-EU Bilateral Investment Treaties

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 603/2 and /3.

- Position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, in the Association Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards an amendment to Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation (Council Decision) – 2018/0246 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 607.

- European Union-Pakistan Strategic Engagement Plan (Commission Decision) – C(2018) 481

The Commission took note of document SI(2018) 608.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

vi) Non-legislative dossier

(point 5.1 of the IRG record)

- Interim Report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 – Parliament’s position with a view to an agreement – OLBRYCHT, THOMAS, LEWANDOWSKI & DEPREZ report – 2018/0166R (APP)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 721.

vii) Action taken on legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its September 2018 part-session

(point 5.6.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SP(2018) 724 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its September 2018 part-session, for transmission to Parliament.

4.4. OTHER BUSINESS

viii) Contribution to the International Labour Organisation Global Commission on the Future of Work – Draft letter from Ms THYSSEN to the International Labour Organisation
(point 7.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission took note of SPI(2018) 48 and /2.

5. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW

STATE AID AND OTHER COMPETITION RULES

The Commission's decision on this item is recorded in the special minutes.

6. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

6.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED **(SEC(2018) 448 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 5 and 9 November 2018.

6.2. EMPOWERMENT **(SEC(2018) 449 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 5 and 9 November 2018.

6.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS
(SEC(2018) 450 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 5 and 9 November 2018 archived in Decide.

6.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES
(SEC(2018) 451)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 12 and 16 November 2018.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS
(SEC(2018) 452)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(PERS(2018) 74)

7.1. SECRETARIAT GENERAL / DG BUDGET / DG HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SECURITY – OPENING OF EU DELEGATIONS IN
TURKMENISTAN AND KUWAIT
(PERS(2018) 75; PERS(2018) 76)

The Commission took note of the information in point 1 of PERS(2018) 74 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and having consulted Mr HAHN, Ms MALMSTRÖM, Mr MIMICA and Mr STYLIANIDES, and also Ms MOGHERINI, decided:

- to agree to the opening of EU delegations in Turkmenistan, based in Ashgabat, and in Kuwait, based in Kuwait City;
- to take note of the financial statements in PERS(2018) 75 and PERS(2018) 76, assessing the budgetary impact of these measures, while

drawing attention to the fact that their implementation should take account of the existing budgetary constraints;

- to note that any decision connected with the above decisions to open the delegations and relating to the adoption of new organisation charts or amendments to existing ones, and any decision to (re)deploy Commission resources, would have to be adopted in accordance with the cooperation procedures agreed by the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with internal procedures at the Commission.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**7.2. DG REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY – AMENDMENT OF ORGANISATION CHART
(SEC(2018) 473)**

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Ms CREȚU and also Mr ANSIP, Mr KATAINEN and Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, the Commission decided:

- to create a permanent post of principal adviser responsible for international cooperation in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, attached to the Deputy Director-General;
- to approve the transfer to this new post of Mr Nicola DE MICHELIS, currently Principal Adviser in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy;
- to adopt the new organisation chart set out in SEC(2018) 473.

These decisions would take effect on 1 December 2018.

**7.3. DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS / EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE
– TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE**

***DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
AND SECONDMENT OF COMMISSION OFFICIALS***

The Commission took note of the information in point 3 of PERS(2018) 74 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and having consulted Ms JOUROVÁ and also Mr TIMMERMANS, decided:

- to appoint Mr Olivier SALLES, an AD14 official in the Directorate-General for Budget, to perform temporarily the duties of Administrative Director of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, until the Administrative Director took up his/her duties;
- to authorise the secondment of a limited number of Commission officials to the European Public Prosecutor's Office, including an official responsible for coordinating and providing high-level legal advice, with a view to performing the administrative duties relating to the creation and the running of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, under the responsibility of the interim Administrative Director.

These decisions would take effect immediately, subject to the availability of the necessary budget resources.

***7.4. DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS / EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE
– EXTERNAL PUBLICATION OF THE VACANCY NOTICE FOR THE
POST OF AD15 EUROPEAN CHIEF PROSECUTOR
(PERS(2018) 77)***

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, and having consulted Ms JOUROVÁ and also Mr TIMMERMANS, the Commission decided to authorise the publication, pursuant to Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations, of the vacancy notice in PERS(2018) 77 for the post of European Chief Prosecutor.

This decision would take effect immediately.

7.5. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4(5) AND ARTICLE 4(5)(1) OF COMMISSION DECISION C(2011) 3588 OF 27 MAY 2011 ON THE HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE COMMISSION’S STAFF COMMITTEE

The Commission noted the information in point 5 of PERS(2018) 74 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to suspend, for a further period of 6 months, the implementation, including for ongoing proceedings, of the time limit for statutory exemptions provided for in Article 4(5) and Article 4(5)(1) of Commission Decision C(2011) 3588 of 27 May 2011 on the human and financial resources allocated to the Staff Committee of the European Commission, in order to allow the ongoing negotiation process on the review of the legal framework for social dialogue to continue.

This decision would take effect on 16 November 2018.

8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK – PREPARING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION ON 30 MARCH 2019 – A CONTINGENCY ACTION PLAN (COM(2018) 880 AND /2; RCC(2018) 149)

The Commission approved the communication in COM(2018) 880/2 for transmission to Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European

Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the European Investment Bank and, for information, to the national parliaments.

**9. PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 539/2001 LISTING THE THIRD COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF VISAS WHEN CROSSING THE EXTERNAL BORDERS AND THOSE WHOSE NATIONALS ARE EXEMPT FROM THAT REQUIREMENT, AS REGARDS THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM THE UNION
(COM(2018) 745 AND /2; RCC(2018) 149)**

The Commission adopted the proposal for a Regulation in COM(2018) 745/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council and the national parliaments.

**10. PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON ADAPTING DIRECTIVE 2012/27/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY [AS AMENDED BY DIRECTIVE 2018/XXX/EU] AND REGULATION (EU) 2018/XXX OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL [GOVERNANCE OF THE ENERGY UNION], BY REASON OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION
(COM(2018) 744 AND /2; RCC(2018) 149)**

The Commission adopted the proposal for a decision in COM(2018) 744/2 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the national parliaments.

**11. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND THE COUNCIL ON PROGRESS IN BULGARIA UNDER THE
COOPERATION AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM
(COM(2018) 850 AND /2; SWD(2018) 550)**

The Commission approved the report in COM(2018) 850/2, for transmission to Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the national parliaments, together with staff working document SWD(2018) 550, the contents of which were noted.

**12. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND THE COUNCIL ON PROGRESS IN ROMANIA UNDER THE
COOPERATION AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM
(COM(2018) 851 AND /2; SWD(2018) 551 AND /2)**

The Commission approved the report in COM(2018) 851/2, for transmission to Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the national parliaments, together with staff working document SWD(2018) 551/2, the contents of which were noted.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

***STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM SETTING OUT THE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNION UNDER
ARTICLE 50 OF THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION***

The PRESIDENT invited Mr BARNIER to inform the College of the latest developments in the negotiations the Commission was conducting on behalf of the Union with the United Kingdom with a view to its withdrawal under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

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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 14.29.