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Single sitting: Wednesday 5 December 2018 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.12 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair. Item 12 was chaired by Mr TIMMERMANS.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	Items 1 to 11
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	Items 1 to 11
Mr HAHN	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	Items 1 to 12 (in part)
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member	Items 1 to 12 (in part)
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	
Ms CREȚU	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	Items 10 (in part) to 12
Ms GABRIEL	Member	

Absent:

Ms MOGHERINI

High Representative /
Vice-President

Mr KATAINEN

Vice-President

Mr MIMICA

Member

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

Mr GRASSI	Chef de cabinet to Ms MOGHERINI
Ms DE BASALDÚA	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr KATAINEN
Mr BEHRNDT	Chef de cabinet to Mr MIMICA

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	
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre	
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Deputy Secretary-General	
Mr SZOSTAK	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr THOLONIAT	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 10 (in part)
Ms DEJMEK HACK	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 10 (in part)
Ms SILLAVEE	PRESIDENT's Office	
Mr SMULDERS	Chef de cabinet to Mr TIMMERMANS	
Mr WYNANDS	Chef de cabinet to Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr KLEINER	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr OETTINGER	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Mr BAILLY	Chef de cabinet to Mr MOSCOVICI	Items 1 to 10 (in part)
Ms VILA NUÑEZ	Secretariat-General	
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service	
Mr BUTI	Director-General, DG Economic and Financial Affairs	Item 10 (in part)

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

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2018) 2275/FINAL; SEC(2018) 2275)

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) 2275)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 3 December 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2272ND, 2273RD AND 2274TH MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION (13, 21 AND 22, AND 28 NOVEMBER 2018)

(PV(2018) 2272; PV(2017) 2272, 2ND PART)

The Commission approved the minutes of its 2272nd meeting, and decided to hold over approval of the minutes of its 2273rd and 2274th meetings until a later meeting.

4. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

4.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2018) 479 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 26 and 30 November 2018.

4.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2018) 480 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 26 and 30 November 2018.

4.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2018) 481 ET SEQ.)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 26 and 30 November 2018, as archived in Decide.

4.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2018) 482 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 3 and 7 December 2018 and of the urgent written procedures and finalisation written procedures initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on Monday 3 December 2018.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

(SEC(2018) 483)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(PERS(2018) 78)

**5.1. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPOINTMENT OF
AD15/16 ADVISER HORS CLASSE**

(PERS(2018) 21 TO /4)

The Commission had before it applications under Article 29(1)(a)(i) and (iii) of the Staff Regulations for the post of Adviser Hors Class for Executive Staff in DG Human Resources and Security (PERS(2018) 72 and /2).

The Commission took note of the opinions of the Consultative Committee on Appointments of 15 and 21 November 2018 (PERS(2018) 72/3 and /4).

The Commission proceeded to consider the applicant's qualifications for the post. On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, it then decided to appoint Mr Hendrik POST to the post.

Furthermore, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided:

- that the post of Adviser Hors Class for Executive Staff would also include, by derogation to point 5.1.3 of the Compilation Document on Senior Officials Policy (SEC(2004) 1352), the role of Permanent Rapporteur to the Consultative Committee on Appointments, and that the 'Talent Management and Diversity – Executive Staff' Directorate would have a functional reporting line to the Adviser Hors Class for Executive Staff;
- to appoint Mr Hendrik POST as acting Director of the 'Talent Management and Diversity – Executive Staff' Directorate, subject to a decision of the College on the publication of or appointment to this post.

These decisions would take effect on 16 December 2018.

5.2. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY/OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENTS – DEPUTISING FOR THE DIRECTOR

Under Article 27 of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- that, if the Director of the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO) was prevented from carrying out his/her duties or if the post was vacant, the duties in question would be carried out by the Head of Unit or equivalent with the highest grade, or in the

event of equal grades, by the Head of Unit or equivalent with the most seniority in the grade or, in the event of equal seniority, the eldest, excepting the Head of the Secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF);

- to repeal the decision of the College of 9 February 2011 on the arrangements for deputising for the Director of the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

5.3. DG FINANCIAL STABILITY, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL MARKETS UNION – LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF MEMBER OF THE SINGLE RESOLUTION BOARD / DIRECTOR OF RESOLUTION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION (PERS(2018) 64 TO /3)

The Commission noted the procedure followed, as set out in point 2 of PERS(2018) 78, and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr DOMBROVSKIS, decided:

- to approve the list of two candidates set out in alphabetical order in point 2 of PERS(2018) 78 for the post of Member of the Single Resolution Board/Director of Resolution Policy Development and Coordination, and to consider this list as the Commission's proposal;
- to ask Mr DOMBROVSKIS to communicate this list to Parliament and to inform the Council of the list;
- to ask Mr DOMBROVSKIS to present to the Commission in good time, following feedback from Parliament, the proposal for the appointment of the Member of the Single Resolution Board/Director of Resolution Policy Development and Coordination for transmission to Parliament for approval.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**5.4. DG COMMUNICATION NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY
– EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE ‘ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND SYSTEMS
FOR EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP’ (ECSEL) JOINT UNDERTAKING, AT
GRADE AD14**

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

- to propose to the Governing Board of the ‘Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership’ Joint Undertaking (ECSEL) to extend the term of office of its Executive Director, Mr Bert DE COLVENAER, in the same grade, for three years starting from 1 January 2019, in accordance with Article 8 of the Statutes annexed to Council Regulation (EU) No 561/2014 establishing the ECSEL Joint Undertaking;
- to ask Ms GABRIEL, the Member of the Commission responsible for Digital Economy and Society, to communicate this decision to the Governing Board of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

**5.5. EUROPEAN POLITICAL STRATEGY CENTRE – APPLICATION OF
ARTICLE 44 OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS**

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided, by way of derogation from Commission Decision C(2004) 1891/2 of 26 May 2004, that Mr Michel SERVOZ, *hors classe* Senior Adviser for Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of European Labour Law at the European Political Strategy Centre, would continue to benefit from Article 44 of the Staff Regulations from 16 March 2019 to 31 August 2019, when he would retire.

This decision would take effect immediately.

5.6. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – LAUNCH OF THE 2018 APPRAISAL EXERCISE FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided:

- to authorise the launch of the 2018 appraisal exercise for senior management in line with the rules applied during the previous exercise;
- to authorise on an exceptional basis a derogation from the last sentence of the rules on postponement by authorising a second postponement of the evaluation report for 2016.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

5.7. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – EXTENSION OF THE 2019-2020 JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS PILOT PROGRAMME

The Commission took note of the information in point 7 of PERS(2018) 78 and, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to instruct the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security to:
 - organise, on a biannual basis and in line with the timetable for the Commission's Blue Book traineeship programme, the selection of 50 junior professionals per year in 2019 and 2020 from four categories of staff working for the European Commission on the closing date of the call for expressions of interest, namely (i) Blue Book trainees, (ii) contract agents in function group IV, (iii) temporary agents and (iv) officials in the administrator (AD) function group;

- appoint the junior professionals selected from among the Blue Book trainees, contract agents and temporary agents as temporary agents, in the AD function group at grade 5, in accordance with Article 2(b) or, if applicable, Article 2(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union;
- allow a derogation from Article 2(c) and Article 3 of Commission Decision C(2013) 9049 of 16 December 2013 on policies for the engagement and use of temporary agents;
- ask the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security to provide the member of the Commission responsible for human resources and security with regular progress reports on the pilot programme.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

5.8. OFFICE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS - BRUSSELS - APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE JURY FOR THE ‘LOI 130’ INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION

The Commission took note of the information in point 8 of PERS(2018) 78, and on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to appoint, pursuant to its Decision of 16 May 2018, Mr Alain HUTCHINSON, the Brussels Commissioner for Europe and International Organisations, as an alternate for Mr Rudi VERVOORT, full member of the jury for the ‘Loi 130’ international architectural competition, as a replacement for Mr Thibaut JOSSART.

This decision would take effect immediately.

5.9. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – LAUNCH OF 2018 PROMOTION EXERCISE FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS

The Commission took note of the decision of Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, concerning the 2018 promotion exercise, which had

been adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Commission Decision of 10 May 2007 on the system of promotion of senior management officials (SEC(2007) 605). This decision provided for the 2018 promotion exercise to be carried out on the basis of the following criteria: the promotion rate would be a maximum of 15 % of eligible officials in senior management posts; it would apply to posts at Director level or equivalent (grades AD14 and AD15) and posts at Director-General level or equivalent (grades AD15 and AD16); the eligibility conditions would have to be met by 1 January 2019 at the latest, the date on which the promotions would come into effect.

5.10. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY - ADJUSTMENT, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2018, OF THE RATE OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE PENSION SCHEME OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER SERVANTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2019, OF THE INTEREST RATE FOR THE ACTUARIAL CALCULATION IN THE UNION'S PENSION SCHEME (SEC(2018) 492; INFO(2018) 80)

The Commission took note of the information in SEC(2018) 492 and INFO(2018) 80.

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (EURO SUMMIT), THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – TOWARDS A STRONGER INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE EURO (COM(2018) 796 TO /4; RCC(2018) 160)

**7. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE EURO IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY
(C(2018) 8111 AND /2; SWD(2018) 483; RCC(2018) 160)**

The Commission:

- approved the Communication in COM(2018) 796/4 for transmission to Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to the national parliaments;
- adopted the recommendation in C(2018) 8111/2 for transmission, for information, to Parliament, the Council and the national parliaments, together with the staff working document distributed as SWD(2018) 483, the contents of which were noted, and decided to notify the addressees.

**8. JOINT COMMUNICATION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS – ACTION PLAN AGAINST DISINFORMATION
(JOIN(2018) 36 TO /3; RCC(2018) 159)**

**9. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATION ‘TACKLING ONLINE DISINFORMATION: A EUROPEAN APPROACH’
(COM(2018) 794 TO /3; RCC(2018) 159)**

The Commission approved the Joint Communication and the Report in JOIN(2018) 36/3 and COM(2018) 794/3 respectively for transmission to Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and

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Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

10. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2018) 162)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 30 November 2018 (RCC(2018) 162).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

10.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

i) Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019

The PRESIDENT invited Mr OETTINGER to report to the College on the positive outcome of the trilogue which had been held on the previous day, 4 December, on the draft general budget of the European Union for 2019.

Mr OETTINGER placed the trilogue in context by recalling that the initial draft budget for 2019 proposed by the Commission had not led to an agreement during the conciliation procedure. At the end of the procedure, the last two items to be negotiated concerned (i) the application of a new provision of the recently adopted Financial Regulation, namely Article 15(3), which allowed, for research programmes only, the reallocation of appropriations not used in the previous year, and (ii) the total volume of the general budget of the Union.

He had asked the College, at its meeting of 28 November, to authorise and empower him to present a second budget proposal on its behalf on

30 November, in accordance with Article 314(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Mr OETTINGER announced that after lengthy discussions, the budgetary trilogue on 4 December had finally allowed a provisional agreement to be reached between the European Parliament and the Council.

He explained that the Council, which had initially been reluctant to apply Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation, had finally accepted a compromise consisting in increasing the overall allocation of the second budget proposal by EUR 190 million, replacing the EUR 100 million allocated to Horizon 2020 under the aforementioned Article 15(3) with money from the remaining flexibilities in the budget, and increasing the funding for Horizon 2020 by EUR 50 million and that for Erasmus by EUR 40 million – two priority programmes for the European Parliament. The negotiators had also agreed that the three institutions would make a joint statement with a view to presenting an amending budget in the course of 2019 aimed at increasing funding for Erasmus and Horizon 2020 by EUR 100 million on the basis of the appropriations that would become available in 2019. Further joint statements had been made on the monitoring of payment appropriations, the Youth Employment Initiative and mainstreaming climate issues in EU spending. The total volume of commitment appropriations in the 2019 budget was finally set at EUR 165.8 billion, leaving for 2019 a margin of EUR 1.3 billion under the ceilings of the current multiannual financial framework. In total, the payment appropriations envelope amounted to EUR 148.2 billion. He added that, under this compromise, for 2019 the Flexibility Instrument was mobilised for EUR 1.2 billion in commitment appropriations under Heading **1a** ‘Competitiveness for growth and jobs’ and Heading **3** ‘Security and citizenship’ of the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework. The Global Margin for Commitments was used for an amount of EUR 1.5 billion for Heading **1a**, already mentioned, for Heading **1b**

‘Economic, social and territorial cohesion’ and for Heading 4 ‘Global Europe’.

Mr OETTINGER concluded his presentation by referring to the remainder of the process. On 5 December the provisional agreement would be presented to the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Member States, which could endorse it on 7 December, while at the European Parliament the Committee on Budgets should endorse it on 10 December and the plenary session should confirm it on 12 or 13 December.

The PRESIDENT welcomed this result and thanked Mr OETTINGER and his teams for their excellent work, which would enable the Union to continue investing in growth and jobs, research and innovation, students and young people, in other words the priorities of the current Commission.

10.2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ii) Trilogues

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- ‘Clean Energy’ package – Risk-preparedness in the electricity sector and repealing Directive 2005/89/EC (Regulation) – ZANONATO Report – 2016/0377 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 670.

- 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) 675 and took note of the compromise text annexed thereto.

- Implementation and functioning of the .eu top level domain name and repeal of Regulation (EC) 733/2002 and Commission Regulation (EC) 874/2004 (Regulation) – FEDERLEY Report – 2018/0110 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 685/2.

- Copyright in the digital single market (Directive) – VOSS Report – 2016/0280 (COD)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 695 and /2.

- Rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes (Regulation) – WÖLKEN Report – 2016/0284 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 697.

- Apportionment of tariff rate quotas included in the WTO schedule of the Union following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union and amendment of Council Regulation (EC) 32/2000 (Regulation) – QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL report – 2018/0158 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 673/3.

- Unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain (Directive) – DE CASTRO report – 2018/0082 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 674.

- 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) 676.

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

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 692.

- Banking Package – Amendment of Directive 2013/36/EU as regards
exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding
companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital
conservation measures (Directive) – SIMON report – 2016/0364 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 701.

iii) European Parliament dossiers – December 2018 part-session

(point 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- Amendment of Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from
the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work
(Directive) – ROLIN report – 2017/0004 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 762 and /2 and took
note of the compromise text attached to SP(2018) 762.

- Complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the
withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union (Regulation) –
MIZZI report – 2018/0220 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2018) 775 and the compromise text annexed
thereto.

Special legislative procedure

- Amendment of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax as regards the temporary application of a generalised reverse charge mechanism in relation to supplies of goods and services above a certain threshold (Directive) – MATO report – 2016/0406 (CNS)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 778.

iv) Council dossiers

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management (Directive) – AIUTO report – 2018/0129 (COD)

The Commission took note of document SI(2018) 662.

- European Border and Coast Guard and repeal of Council Joint Action 98/700/JHA, Regulation (EU) 1052/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation) – METSOLA report – 2018/0330 (COD)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 672.

- Amendment of Directive (EU) 2017/1132 as regards the use of digital tools and processes in company law (Directive) – ZWIEFKA report – 2018/0113 (COD)

The Commission took note of document SI(2018) 679.

- Amendment of Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (Directive) – AGEA report – 2018/0081 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 681.

- European Labour Authority (Regulation) – LENAERS report – 2018/0064 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 682.

- Common system of a digital services tax on revenues resulting from the provision of certain digital services (Council Directive) – TANG report – 2018/0073 (CNS)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 683 and /2.

- Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items (Regulation – recast) – BUCHNER report – 2016/0295 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 686.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 1095/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) and amendment of Regulation (EU) 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs (Regulation) – HÜBNER report – 2017/0136 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 689/2.

- Amendment of Article 22 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the ECB (ECB Recommendation for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council) (ECB/2017/18) – HÜBNER & MATO report – 2017/0810 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 690/2.

10.3. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

v) Programming of Council business

(SI(2018) 699)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 699 on the Council meetings between 9 and 19 December 2018.

vi) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Draft Council Conclusions on an Anti-Money Laundering Action Plan

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 678 and /2.

- Access to social protection for workers and the self-employed (Council Recommendation) – 2018/0059 (NLE)

The Commission took note of document SI(2018) 687.

- International Maritime Organisation (IMO) – Union submissions to the 6th session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE 6) (London, 4 to 8 March 2019) – SWD(2018) 476 and SWD(2018) 477

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 693.

vii) Results of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) and Eurogroup meetings (Brussels, 3 and 4 December 2018)

The PRESIDENT invited Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr MOSCOVICI to present to the College the main results of two important meetings that had been held that week, namely the meeting of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 4 December, preceded by the Eurogroup meeting on 3 December, in its usual format, which had discussed the economic and budgetary situation of the euro area Member States, and in ‘inclusive’ format, with a view to preparing the Euro Summit on 14 December on the basis of a report on the deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union.

10.4. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

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

(SP(2018) 770)

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(2018) 770, drawn up following the November II 2018 part-session of Parliament, the contents of which were noted.

ix) Results of Parliament's November II 2018 part-session

(item 5.8.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission took note of the information on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Brussels on 28 and 29 November 2018, as set out in SP(2018) 777.

10.5. OTHER BUSINESS

x) Compliance of European Union Implementing Partners with the new European Union legal requirements, including on tax avoidance and European Union listed jurisdictions for tax and anti-money laundering purposes and transitional arrangements for the application of the 2018 Financial Regulation

(point 7.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 665/3.

**11. PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION ON THE SIGNING, ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND OF THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY, OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY
(COM(2018) 833)**

**PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY
(COM(2018) 834)**

**COVER LETTER AND NOTE VERBALE ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY
(COM(2018) 841)**

After a brief presentation by the PRESIDENT of the Proposals for Council Decisions on the conclusion and signing of the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, a draft agreement that had already been endorsed by the European Council (Article 50) on 25 November 2018, and on his proposal, the Commission:

- adopted the Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, set out in COM(2018) 833, for transmission to the Council and, for information, to the European Parliament

and the national parliaments, together with the cover letter and note verbale in COM(2018) 841, the contents of which were noted;

- adopted the Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, set out in COM(2018) 834, for transmission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Central Bank, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

12. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS (CONTINUED)

RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

Preparation for Council meeting (General Affairs) (Brussels, 11 December 2018)

(SI(2018) 719)

The Commission reviewed the ongoing infringement proceedings and the Commission's reasoned proposal of 20 December 2017 under Article 7(1) of the Treaty on European Union on respect of the rule of law in Poland, ahead of the third hearing of Poland at the Council meeting (General Affairs) on 11 December 2018.

The Commission took note of this information and approved the line set out in SI(2018) 719.

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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 11.44.

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