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Single sitting: Wednesday 9 October 2019 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.14 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Mr HAHN	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Ms THYSEN	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Mr NAVRACSICS	Member	Items 6 (in part) to 8
Ms VESTAGER	Member	
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	
Ms GABRIEL	Member	

Absent:

Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member
Mr MOSCOVICI	Member

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

Mr NOCIAR	Chef de cabinet to Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	
Mr CEYSSENS	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Mr DOMBROVSKIS	
Mr SAGREDO	Senior expert in Mr ARIAS CAÑETE's Office	
Mr BAILLY	Chef de cabinet to Mr MOSCOVICI	Items 1 to 6

The following also sat in:

Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service	
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Director-General, DG Communication	
Ms ANDREEVA	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Mr SWIEBODA	European Political Strategy Centre	
Ms GAUER	Deputy Secretary-General	Items 1 to 8 (in part)
Mr LEARDINI	Deputy Secretary-General	
Mr SZOSTAK	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Ms DEJMEK HACK	Director of Coordination and Administration and Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 6
Ms CANENBLEY	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 7
Ms BARA	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 8
Ms SILLAVEE	PRESIDENT's Office	
Ms SZCZEPANSKA	A member of Mr OETTINGER's staff	Item 7
Ms SCHMITT	Chef de cabinet to Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Item 8
Ms KIRALY	Chef de cabinet to Mr NAVRACSICS	Items 1 to 6 (in part)
Mr BARNIER	Chief negotiator and Head of the Article 50 Task Force	Items 1 to 6
Mr HEMMELGARN	Secretariat-General	

Mr CAINZOS

Secretariat-General

Ms BERTAUD

Commission Spokesperson's Service

Secretary: Ms JUHANSONE, Acting Secretary-General, assisted by Mr AYET
PUIGARNAU, Director in the Secretariat-General.

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2019) 2310/FINAL/2; SEC(2019) 2310)

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(2019) 2310)

The Commission considered the Acting Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 7 October 2019.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2305TH AND 2309TH MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION (24 JULY AND 2 OCTOBER 2019)

The Commission held over approval of the minutes of its 2305th and 2309th meetings for a later meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2019) 103)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group (IRG) held on Friday 4 October 2019 (RCC(2019) 103).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

i) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027

(point 1.1 of the IRG record)

- Governance framework for the budgetary instrument for convergence and competitiveness for the euro area (Regulation) – 2019/0161 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2019) 596/3.

4.2. *LEGISLATIVE MATTERS*

ii) Council Dossier

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Fishing opportunities, for 2020, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amendment of Regulation (EU) 2019/124, as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters (Council Regulation) – 2019/0175 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2019) 590/3.

4.3. *RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL*

iii) Programming of Council business

(SI(2019) 597)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2019) 597 on the Council meetings between 10 and 23 October 2019.

iv) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe and the European Community (Council Decision) – 2019/0172 (NLE) / Conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe and the European Community (Council Decision) – 2019/0173 (NLE)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2019) 589.

- International Maritime Organisation – Union submissions concerning (1) places of refuge; (2) proposed amendments to the LSA Code and Resolution MSC.81(70); and (3) a proposal for a new output to review the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2019) 592.

- Draft European Union contribution to the outcome document of the 2021 Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly against Corruption

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2019) 593.

4.4. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

- v) Action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its September 2019 part-session**
(point 5.6.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, document SP(2019) 532 on the action taken on the non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its September 2019 part-session.

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

- vi) Follow-up to opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee – Plenary session of March 2019**
(point 6.3.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved document SC(2019) 33/2 on the follow-up by the Commission to the opinions adopted by the European Economic and Social

Committee during the March 2019 session, for transmission to that Committee.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED

(SEC(2019) 328 ET SEQ)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 30 September and 4 October 2019.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT

(SEC(2019) 329 ET SEQ)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 30 September and 4 October 2019.

5.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS

(SEC(2019) 330 ET SEQ)

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 30 September and 4 October 2019, as archived in Decide.

5.4. SIGNIFICANT WRITTEN PROCEDURES

(SEC(2019) 331 AND /2)

The Commission took note of the significant written procedures for which the time limit expired between 7 and 11 October 2019 and of the finalisation written procedure initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on Monday 7 October 2019.

6. OTHER BUSINESS***LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION***

At the invitation of the PRESIDENT, Mr BARNIER reported on the latest developments in the process of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL – TIME TO DECIDE ON THE UNION'S FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR 2021-2027
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING ON 17-18 OCTOBER 2019
(COM(2019) 456 AND /2; RCC(2019) 105)**

Mr OETTINGER presented to the College the Communication entitled 'Time to decide on the Union's financial framework for 2021-2027', which was being submitted for its approval in view of the European Council meeting on 17-18 October. It invited the EU Heads of State or Government to set political guidelines and to give fresh impetus to the interinstitutional negotiations in order to reach a fair, balanced and modernised agreement on a Multiannual Financial Framework for the period from 2021 to 2027.

Mr OETTINGER emphasised the political choices that the EU leaders would have to make during their discussions to enable the negotiations to be concluded before the end of 2019, as they had undertaken to do in June 2019, pointing out the difficulties caused at the beginning of the Commission's term of office by the late adoption of the current Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.

The forthcoming preparatory meetings of the Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER) and of the General Affairs Council on 15 October would aim to

facilitate agreement on the next Multiannual Financial Framework on the basis of a technical document drawn up by the Finnish Presidency of the Council.

However, he noted the growing resistance of certain Member States to the budgetary cuts proposed under certain headings of the next financial framework, particular those of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and cohesion policy. The aim of these reductions was to modernise the EU budget by dedicating more resources to its new strategic priorities in sectors such as education, the digital economy or migration management. He was also surprised that some Member States were advocating an overall allocation equivalent to 1% of the Gross National Income (GNI) of the EU-27 for the next financial framework, which would necessarily call into question the achievement of the EU's strategic priorities in the coming years. He believed that the Member States should be confronted with the actual figures. He reminded the meeting that the Commission had proposed an overall budgetary allocation of 1.114% of European Gross National Income and stressed that this was realistic and reasonable compared with the 1.16% applied in the current financial framework for EU-27 including the European Development Fund, or the 1.3% proposed by the European Parliament.

Mr OETTINGER pointed out that if the EU budget were reduced further, it would become difficult for the Union to deliver on its priorities and provide the much needed support to its farmers, students, researchers and hundreds of thousands of other beneficiaries. It was therefore important for the leaders to agree to establish a realistic budget commensurate with the tasks to be achieved.

The Commission adopted the communication in COM(2019) 456/2 for transmission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council, and, for information, to the national parliaments.

8. OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

***RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MIGRATION AND RELATIONS WITH
TURKEY***

The Commission discussed the recent developments in migration and in the situation concerning Turkey.

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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 11.32.