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MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF 16 JANUARY 2012

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IN THE CHAIR: Jerzy BUZEK

*President***1. Resumption of the session**

The sitting opened at 18.05.

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2. Statements by the President

The President made the following statements.

He spoke of the death of the French journalist Gilles Jacquier, who had been killed in shelling at Homs (Syria) on 11 January, and said that over one hundred journalists had been killed in 2011 while doing their job.

He spoke of the shipwreck of the cruise liner Costa Concordia off the Italian coast on 13 January, which had claimed at least six victims, and offered his condolences to the victims' families.

He paid homage to the former MEP Manuel Fraga Iribarne, who had died on 15 January, and offered his condolences to his family.

Lastly, he paid homage to the memory of Václav Havel, who had died on 18 December 2011.

Parliament observed a minute's silence.

3. Composition of Parliament

The Spanish authorities had given notice that José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil had been appointed a member of the Spanish Government with effect from 21 December 2011.

As this office was incompatible with that of a Member of the European Parliament under Article 7(1) of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, Parliament had established the vacancy of his seat, under Rule 4(1) and (4), with effect from 21 December 2011, and had informed the Member State concerned.

The competent Spanish authorities had given notice that Íñigo Méndez de Vigo had been appointed a member of the Spanish Parliament with effect from 23 December 2011.

As this office was incompatible with that of a Member of the European Parliament under Article 7(1) of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, Parliament had established the vacancy of his seat, under Rule 4(1) and (4), with effect from 23 December 2011, and had informed the Member State concerned.

The Spanish authorities had given notice of the election of Maria Auxiliadora Correa Zamora to replace José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil as Member of Parliament with effect from 13 January 2012.

The Spanish authorities had given notice of the election of Juan Naranjo Escobar to replace Íñigo Méndez de Vigo as Member of Parliament with effect from 13 January 2012.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as their credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that they had previously made a written declaration stating that they did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Maria Auxiliadora Correa Zamora and Juan Naranjo Escobar would take their seats in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

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Ilda Figueiredo had given notice in writing of her resignation as a Member of Parliament, with effect from 18 January 2012.

Michail Tremopoulos had given notice in writing of his resignation as a Member of Parliament, with effect from 2 February 2012.

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Elizabeth Lynne had given notice in writing of her resignation as a Member of Parliament, with effect from 4 February 2012.

Under Rule 4(1), Parliament had established the vacancy of their seats as from those dates, and had informed the Member States concerned.

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Following the entry into force of the Protocol amending Protocol 36 on transitional provisions concerning the composition of the European Parliament until the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term, the Netherlands authorities had appointed Daniël van der Stoep to fill the additional seat allocated to the Netherlands with effect from 15 December 2011.

The Spanish authorities had given notice of the election of Ana Miranda to replace Oriol Junqueras Vies as Member of Parliament with effect from 1 January 2012.

The French authorities had given notice of the election of Younous Omarjee to replace Elie Hoarau as Member of Parliament with effect from 4 January 2012.

Under Rule 3(2), until such time as their credentials had been verified or a ruling had been given on any dispute, and provided that they had previously made a written declaration stating that they did not hold any office incompatible with that of Member of the European Parliament, Daniël van der Stoep, Ana Miranda and Younous Omarjee would take their seats in Parliament and on its bodies and would enjoy all the rights attaching thereto.

4. Oral questions and written declarations (submission)

The following documents had been submitted by Members:

1) oral questions (Rule 115)

- (O-000239/2011) by Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, on behalf of the PPE Group, Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos, on behalf of the S&D Group, and James Nicholson, on behalf of the ECR Group, to the Commission: Imbalances in the food supply chain (B7-0675/2011);
- (O-000302/2011) by Bairbre de Brún, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, to the Commission: Transparency and fairness in the food supply chain (B7-0676/2011);
- (O-000001/2012) by Rolandas Paksas and Juozas Imbrasas, on behalf of the EFD Group, to the Commission: Imbalances in the food supply chain (B7-0021/2012).

2) written declarations for inclusion in the register (Rule 123)

- Dominique Vlasto, Sonia Alfano, Raül Romeva i Rueda and Marc Tarabella, on a European programme to clean up rivers and coastal areas contaminated by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (0001/2012);
- Sabine Lösing, Sonia Alfano, Ana Gomes and Rui Tavares, on the use of drones for targeted killings (0002/2012);
- Gabriele Albertini, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Niccolò Rinaldi and David-Maria Sassoli, on support for the establishment of a European Day of Remembrance for the Righteous (0003/2012).

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5. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) from committees: reports

- *Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the position of the European Union in relation to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on pedestrian safety and to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning Light Emitting Diode (LED) light sources (13895/2011 - C7-0302/2011 - 2011/0188(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (A7-0004/2012)
- *Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the accession of the European Union to Regulation No 29 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the protection of the occupants of the cab of a commercial vehicle (13894/2011 - C7-0303/2011 - 2011/0191(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (A7-0005/2012)
- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organisation providing a framework for enhanced cooperation, and laying down procedural arrangements related thereto (09138/2011 - C7-0163/2011 - 2011/0050(NLE)) - TRAN Committee - Rapporteur: Brian Simpson (A7-0391/2011)
- Report on amendment of Rule 48 (2) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on own-initiative reports (2011/2168(REG)) - AFCO Committee - Rapporteur: Stanimir Ilchev (A7-0399/2011)
- Report on the farm input supply chain: structure and implications (2011/2114(INI)) - AGRI Committee - Rapporteur: José Bové (A7-0421/2011)
- Report on women's situation in war (2011/2198(INI)) - FEMM Committee - Rapporteur: Norica Nicolai (A7-0429/2011)
- Report on a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its citizens (2011/2148(INI)) - ITRE Committee - Rapporteur: Aldo Patriciello (A7-0431/2011)
- ***I Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) (COM(2011)0516 - C7-0226/2011 - 2011/0223(COD)) - LIBE Committee - Rapporteur: Louis Michel (A7-0441/2011)
- Report on EU development cooperation in support of the objective of universal energy access by 2030 (2011/2112(INI)) - DEVE Committee - Rapporteur: Norbert Neuser (A7-0442/2011)
- ***Recommendation on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on certain aspects of air services (13238/2011 - C7-0242/2011 - 2010/0132(NLE)) - TRAN Committee - Rapporteur: Brian Simpson (A7-0448/2011)
- ***Recommendation on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs (09737/2011 - C7-0202/2011 - 2011/0090(NLE)) - INTA Committee - Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (A7-0450/2011)

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2) *from Members: motions for resolutions (Rule 120)*

— Sandra Kalniete and Vytautas Landsbergis. Motion for a resolution on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Soviet Union (B7-0733/2011)

referred to responsible: AFET
 opinion: LIBE

6. Petitions

The following petitions, which had been entered in the register on the dates shown below, had been forwarded to the committee responsible under Rule 201(6):

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Manfred Sachse (2 signatures) (No 1301/2011); Jean MORTES (No 1302/2011); Ioannis Chatzisarvas (No 1303/2011); Leszek Surowiec (No 1304/2011); Christopher Hargreaves (No 1305/2011); Stanisław Nienaltowski (No 1306/2011); Rudolf Walke (No 1307/2011); Przemysław Kosowski (No 1308/2011); Dieter Krapp (No 1309/2011); Silke Scheutzw (No 1310/2011); Brigitte Michels (No 1311/2011); Kazimierz Zwolicki (Krajowy Związek Plantatorów Tytoniu) (No 1312/2011); Zbigniew Durkalec (21 signatures) (No 1313/2011); Jean-Marie Taga Fosso (No 1314/2011); Wojciech Zaglewski (Komitet Obywatelski ds Praworządności i Walki z Korupcją) (No 1315/2011); Stanisław Habdas (Komitet Obywatelski ds Praworządności i Walki z Korupcją) (No 1316/2011); Lesław Hardziej (Społeczny Komitet Obrony Bezrobotnych) (6 signatures) (No 1317/2011); Muller Halina Nalewajk (No 1318/2011); Peter Haase (Deutsches Institut für antibiotika-, gentechnik- und giftfreie krebspräventive Selbstversorgung) (No 1319/2011); Zygmunt Cakala (No 1320/2011); Massimo Pradella (Organisation internationale pour la protection des animaux) (112 683 signatures) (No 1321/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1322/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1323/2011); Izsák-Bács Jeremias (Magyarországi Anabaptista Misszió, Magyar Keresztény Mennonita Egyház) (No 1324/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1325/2011); Moritz Diehl (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering (ESAT-SCD) (60 signatures) (No 1326/2011); Trevor Mayes (No 1327/2011); Eduardo José Rodríguez Trujillo (No 1328/2011); Vasil Kadrinov (132 signatures) (No 1329/2011); Agyeman Badu (Ghana Nationals Association, Pordenone Branch) (No 1330/2011); Giovanni Passerini (Circolo Legambiente 'IL PLATANO') (2 signatures) (No 1331/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1332/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1333/2011); Bogusław Berliński (No 1334/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1335/2011); Rudolf Karlberger (No 1336/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1337/2011); Katja Braas (No 1338/2011); Martin Jais (No 1339/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1340/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1341/2011); Rosemarie Hennecke-Gramatzki (Colectivo Ornitológico Cigüeña Negra) (No 1342/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1343/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1344/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1345/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1346/2011); Anselma Guillermina Gómez Angulo (No 1347/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1348/2011); Alexandru Măgurean (177 signatures) (No 1349/2011); Thomas Bartl (No 1350/2011); Christian Frener (No 1351/2011); Georg Pichler (No 1352/2011); Dimitar Dimitrov (No 1353/2011); Günter Dillkrath (No 1354/2011); Stefan Juranek (No 1355/2011); Markus Tilli (No 1356/2011); Klaus Jäger (No 1357/2011); Annemarie Grosshans (No 1358/2011); Andreas Piechotta (No 1359/2011); (Name withheld) (No 1360/2011); Roswitha Jost (No 1361/2011); Jürgen Bauschmann (PRO Schneeberg) (No 1362/2011); Karin Waringo (No 1363/2011); Maria Megna (Comitato 'Cittadini contro l'Amianto') (No 1364/2011); Jiří Focht (ZA Rozvoj Kružberka) (2 signatures) (No 1365/2011).

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Simon Schutz (Amnesty International Maastricht Students - Group 560) (101 signatures) (No 1366/2011); Giorgios Toussas (Komunistiko Komma Elladas) (No 1367/2011); Klaus Krapoll (No 1368/2011); Manfred Gehl (No 1369/2011); Anna Martišková (45 signatures) (No 1370/2011); Béla György (No 1371/2011).

7. Action taken on Parliament's positions and resolutions

The Commission communication on the action taken on the positions and resolutions adopted by Parliament during the September I and September II part-sessions was available on the Séance en direct site.

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8. Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of President

The President notified Parliament that he had received, in accordance with the Rules, the nominations of the following Members: Nirj Deva, Martin Schulz and Diana Wallis.

9. Agenda of the next sitting

The agenda of the next day's sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 477.709/PDO)).

10. Closure of the sitting

The sitting closed at 18.15.

Klaus Welle
Secretary-General

Martin Schulz
President

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The following signed:

Albertini, Albrecht, Alfonsi, Alvaro, Alves, Andreasen, Angelilli, Angourakis, Antonescu, Arlacchi, Arsenis, Atkins, Audy, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Bach, Badia i Cutchet, Baldassarre, Balz, Balzani, Bartolozzi, Batten, Bearder, Belder, Belet, Bélier, Benarab-Attou, Bendtsen, Bennahmias, Berès, Berlinguer, Besset, Bilbao Barandica, Bizzotto, Blinkevičiūtė, Böge, Bokros, Bonsignore, Borghezio, Boştinaru, Bové, Bowles, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Bratkowski, Brepoels, Brons, Brzobohatá, Bullmann, Bütikofer, Buzek, Cabrnoc, Cadec, Callanan, van de Camp, Cancian, Caronna, Casini, Caspary, Castex, Cavada, Češková, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Childers, Chountis, Claeys, Cochet, Coelho, Cofferati, Colman, Comi, Corazza Bildt, Cornelissen, Correa Zamora, Correia De Campos, Silvia Costa, Cozzolino, Cramer, Creţu, Creutzmann, Crocetta, Cutaş, Cymański, Czarnecki, van Dalen, Dăncilă, Danellis, Danjean, Daul, David, Davies, De Angelis, De Castro, De Keyser, Delli, Delvaux, De Rossa, De Sarnez, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dodds, Domenici, Donskis, Duff, Durant, Dušek, Ehler, Ehrenhauser, El Khadraoui, Enciu, Engel, Eppink, Ertug, Evans, Fajon, Falbr, Färm, Feio, Ferber, Fernandes, Elisa Ferreira, Fidanza, Figueiredo, Fisas Ayxela, Fjellner, Flašíková Beňová, Flautre, Fleckenstein, Foster, Fox, Gahler, Gál, Gallagher, Garcés Ramón, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gauzès, Gebhardt, Geier, Gerbrandy, Geringer de Oedenberg, Giannakou, Girling, Glante, Goebbels, Goerens, Göncz, Gräßle, Grelier, Grèze, Griffin, Gróbarczyk, Groote, Grosch, Grossetête, Gualtieri, Guerrero Salom, Guillaume, Gurmai, Gustafsson, Gyürk, Hadjigeorgiou, Häfner, Fiona Hall, Händel, Hankiss, Harbour, Harkin, Hartong, Hassi, Haug, Häusling, Hedh, Helmer, Hénin, Herczog, Herranz García, Hibner, Higgins, Nadja Hirsch, Hoang Ngoc, Hökmark, Hortefeux, Danuta Maria Hübner, Iacolino, Ibrisagic, Irigoyen Pérez, Iturgaiz Angulo, Ivan, Jaakonsaari, Jäätteenmäki, Jadot, Jahr, Jazłowiecka, Jędrzejewska, Jeggler, Jensen, Johansson, Jordan Cizelj, Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kadenbach, Kalfin, Kalinowski, Kamall, Kamiński, Kammerevert, Karas, Kasoulides, Kastler, Kelam, Kiil-Nielsen, Kirilov, Klaß, Kleva, Klute, Koch, Koch-Mehrin, Koppa, Kósa, Köstinger, Koumoutsakos, Kovatchev, Kowal, Krahmer, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kuhn, Kukan, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambsdorff, Lange, Langen, La Via, Lechner, Le Hyaric, Leichtfried, Lepage, Liberadzki, Lichtenberger, Lisek, Lochbihler, Løkkegaard, López Aguilar, Ludford, Ludvigsson, Lulling, McCarthy, McGuinness, McIntyre, McMillan-Scott, Madlener, Malinov, Mann, Marcinkiewicz, Marinescu, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martínez Martínez, Masip Hidalgo, Mastella, Matera, Mathieu, Matula, Mauro, Mavronikolas, Mayer, Mazej Kukovič, Meissner, Merkies, Louis Michel, Milana, Miranda, Mirsky, Mitchell, Mölzer, Moraes, Moreira, Morin-Chartier, Morvai, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Nedelcheva, Neuser, Neveďalová, Newton Dunn, Neynsky, Nicholson, Niculescu, Niebler, Nilsson, van Nistelrooij, Obermayr, Obiols, Olbrycht, Olejniczak, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortiz Vilella, Ouzký, Oviir, Pack, Padar, Paliadeli, Pallone, Panayotov, Panzeri, Papadopoulou, Papanikolaou, Papastamkos, Paşcu, Paška, Patrão Neves, Paulsen, Perello Rodriguez, Peterle, Pirillo, Pittella, Plumb, Poc, Podimata, Posselt, Poupakis, Preda, Prendergast, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Provera, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rangel, Rapkay, Rapti, Regner, Reimers, Repo, Ries, Riquet, Roatta, Roithová, Romeva i Rueda, Rosbach, Rossi, Roth-Behrendt, Rouček, Saïfi, Salatto, Salavrakos, Sánchez Presedo, Sanchez-Schmid, Sârbu, Sartori, Saryusz-Wolski, Sassoli, Olle Schmidt, Schnellhardt, Schnieber-Jastram, Scholz, Schöpflin, Schroedter, Martin Schulz, Werner Schulz, Schwab, Scurria, Sedó i Alabart, Seiber, Sehnalová, Serracchiani, Severin, Siekierski, Silvestris, Simon, Simpson, Sippel, Siwiec, Skrzydlewska, Skylakakis, Sógor, Søndergaard, Sosa Wagner, Speroni, Stadler, Staes, Stassen, Stavrakakis, Steinruck, Stihler, van der Stoep, Stolojan, Strejček, Surján, Susta, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tănăsescu, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Tatarella, Tavares, Taylor, Teixeira, Terho, Thein, Theocharous, Thyssen, Ţicău, Toia, Tőkés, Trautmann, Trematerra, Tremosa i Balcells, Triantaphyllides, Trzaskowski, Tsoukalas, Turunen, Tzavela, Uggias, Ulmer, Ulvskog, Ungureanu, Vadim Tudor, Vajgl, Válean, Van Brempt, Vanhecke, Vaughan, Vergnaud, Vlasák, Vlasto, Wallis, Watson, Manfred Weber, Renate Weber, Weiler, Weisgerber, Werthmann, Westlund, Westphal, Wieland, Wikström, Willmott, Wils, Hermann Winkler, Wortmann-Kool, Yannakoudakis, Záborská, Zahradil, Zala, Zalba Bidegain, Zalewski, Zanicchi, Zanoni, Zeller, Zemke, Zijlstra, Zimmer, Zver, Zwiefka