

**Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights,  
Justice and Home Affairs  
- Secretariat -**

**CHAIRMAN'S NOTE  
For the Extraordinary Committee Meeting on**

**Tuesday 16 January 2001**  
**5.30pm - 7.00pm**

**WIC 200, Strasbourg**

**Updated: 16 January 2001 at 3.45pm**

## **1) ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA**

## **2) CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In the presence of the Council and Commission**

- 3) The European Council's common strategy on Ukraine**  
**T06784 - ( COS002116 - C5-208/00 - C5-0208/00)**  
**Draftsman: Anna TERRON I CUSI**  
**Adoption of draft opinion**  
**Deadline for tabling amendments: 18/12/00**  
**Responsible: AFET**  
**Opinion: ITRE**

The next point on the agenda is a Common Strategy of the European Union on Ukraine, adopted by the European Council in Helsinki on 11 December 1999.

The strategic partnership between the European Union and Ukraine, based on shared values and common interests, is a vital factor enhancing peace, stability and prosperity in Europe. The freedom, independence and stability of the Ukraine ranks among the greatest achievements in the new Europe ridding it of old dividing lines. Geography as well as size, the resources of its population as well as its location along the North-South and East-West axes gives Ukraine a unique position in Europe and makes it a determinant regional actor.

The common strategy lays down the following principal objectives:

- a) Support for the democratic and economic transition process in the Ukraine
- b) Ensuring stability and security and meeting common challenges on the European continent
- c) Support for strengthened cooperation between the European Union and Ukraine within the context of European Union enlargement

By adopting its Common Strategy, the EU has clearly demonstrated the importance it attaches to developing its relations with the Ukraine.

## Discussion

In our meeting on 4 December Mrs Anna Terrón I Cusí prepared a draft opinion which has been translated into all languages. A deadline for amendments was set for 18 December 2000.

The committee "au fond" (responsible) is AFET (Foreign Affairs) and the rapporteur is Mr Paavo Väyrynen.

The committee on Foreign Affairs wants to adopt in committee in its meeting on 23 January 2001.

- Mrs Terrón would you please explain to us the content of your opinion?

Then, Members may take the floor.

## Vote

Mrs Terrón I Cusí's draft opinion contains 14 conclusions.

The deadline for amendments was fixed for 18 December 2000. At that time 5 amendments were received: Mrs Terrón I Cusí has introduced 3 amendments and 2 from Alima Boumediene-Thiery.

- The voting list was distributed on 21 December 2000.

We will now proceed to the vote of the draft opinion taking into account the 14 conclusions by the rapporteur as well as the 5 amendments.

### **4) Rules of Procedure: amendment concerning the publication of Members' financial interests on the Internet**

**T07034 - ( REG002256 )**

**Draftsman: William Francis NEWTON DUNN**

**Adoption of draft opinion**

**Deadline for tabling amendments: 14/12/00**

**Responsible: AFCO**

No amendments were received on this draft opinion, but we still need to vote on the conclusions. Therefore, unless there are any comments from the draftsman or other members I suggest we proceed directly to the vote.

**5) Special Report by Ombudsman: Code of Good Administrative Behaviour**

**T06958 - ( COS002212 - C5-438/00 - C5-0438/00 )**

**Draftsman: Michael CASHMAN**

**Adoption of draft opinion**

**Deadline for tabling amendments: 12/12/00**

**Responsible: PETI**

**Opinion: JURI**

Again, no amendments were received on this draft opinion, but we still need to vote on the conclusions. Therefore, again unless there are any comments, I suggest we proceed directly to the vote.

**6) Combating clandestine immigration: financial penalties imposed on carriers (French initiative)**

**T06993 - ( CNS000822 - 10701/00 - C5-0470/00 )**

**Rapporteur: Timothy KIRKHOPE**

**Adoption of draft report**

**Deadline for tabling amendments: 8/01/01**

Exchange of views in the presence of the Swedish presidency

**Background**

The aim of this proposal for a directive (French initiative) is to approximate financial penalties on carriers who fail to meet their obligation to check that third country nationals are in possession of the necessary travel documents.

This proposal is part of a policy to combat illegal immigration at European level.

A first exchange of views took part on 22 November 2000. The rapporteur prepared a draft report due to be adopted today and a deadline for amendments was fixed for 8 January 2001.

However, due to substantial changes to the initial text which has been introduced by the Council, the EP is now being reconsulted; and consequently the adoption of Mr Kirkhope's draft report has had to be postponed.

### **Discussion**

○ The representative of the Swedish Presidency will be asked to comment on the main changes introduced in the initial text presented last September by the French Presidency on which Mr Kirkhope's draft report was based.

This presentation will then be followed by an exchange of views.

### **Calendar**

A new deadline for amendments has been set for Thursday 25 January at 6.00pm in view of adoption of the draft report at the meeting of 5/6 February.

○ **7) Public access to environmental information (replacing Directive 90/313/EEC)**

**T06893 - ( COD000169 - COM (00) 0400 )**

**- ( COD000169 - COM (00) 0402 - C5-0352/00 )**

**Draftsman: Baroness Sarah LUDFORD**

**Adoption of draft opinion**

**Deadline for tabling amendments: 12/12/00**

**Responsible: ENVI**

**Opinion: ITRE, PETI**

Amendments were received from the PPE and PSE groups and we should proceed to the vote. I will first give the floor to Baroness Ludford to make any comments and then we will proceed to the vote.

**8) Discharge 1999: EC general budget**

**T06850 - ( DEC002155 - C5-617/00 - C5-0617/00)  
- ( DEC002155 - SEC(00)0537 - C5-0310/00)  
- ( DEC002155 - SEC(00)0538 - C5-0311/00)  
- ( DEC002155 - SEC(00)1624 - C5-0313/00)**

**Draftsman: Gérard DEPREZ**

**Responsible: CONT**

**Opinion: AFET, ITRE, EMPL, ENVI, RETT, CULT, DEVE,  
FEMM .... TOUT**

**Discussion**

- The rapporteur Mr Deprez has prepared a draft opinion which comprises of 7 conclusions. The rapporteur will comment on the content of his opinion. This will be followed by an exchange of views

**Calendar**

A deadline for amendments has been set for Thursday 26 January at 6.00pm in view of adoption of the draft opinion for the meeting on 5/6 February, in time for the adoption by the Budgetary Control Committee of its report on 26/27 February.

**9) European Parliament, Council and Commission documents:  
public's right of access**

○ **T06673 - ( COD000032 - COM (00) 0030 - C5-0057/00 -  
A5-0318/00**

**Rapporteur: Michael CASHMAN**

**Statement by rapporteur**

As you are aware, at the plenary session in November 2000 the Parliament voted on the amendments of the Cashman report but not the legislative resolution. At the plenary session yesterday, I made a statement requesting more time for negotiations on this dossier. I would now like to give the floor to Michael Cashman to inform the committee of the likely timetable for negotiations and new amendments which may be presented at a future committee meeting.

**10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING IN BRUSSELS**

Tuesday 23 January 2001, from 3.00pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 24 January 2001, from 9.00am-12.30pm and 3.00pm-6.30pm

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