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Meeting of 20 June 2006, from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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Annex: Record of attendance

The meeting opened at 4.25 p.m. with Mrs Rudi Ubeda, chairwoman, in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 376.091)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2006 (PE 372.923)**

The minutes were duly approved.

**3. Chairwoman's announcements**

- The European Summit conclusions adopted on 16 June contained a chapter concerning immigration problems:
  - the European Council welcomed the specific cooperation measures adopted by the Commission, the European Frontiers Agency (Frontex) and certain Member States as a result of the recent situation in the Canaries and the Mediterranean. The Council had called for enhanced efforts on maritime operational cooperation with a view to developing adequate surveillance capacities at the sea borders as well as on the establishment of Rapid Border Intervention teams.
  - The Council likewise underlined the priority of enhancing cooperation on migration with African and neighbouring countries and called for a balanced dialogue on migration with African States, regional organisations and the African Union through a pan-African conference on migration and development.
  - The Council likewise welcomed the Euro-African Ministerial Conference in Rabat, and other conferences with a specific regional focus, as steps towards a regular comprehensive dialogue with African countries as well as the launching of an EU-ACP dialogue on migration (on the basis of Article 13 of the Cotonou Agreement).

- The Council looked forward to the presentation by the Commission at its December 2006 meeting of its report on action following the Hampton Court meeting on immigration and security;
  - Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner and the Algerian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Bedjaoui, met in Brussels on 16 May during the meeting of the first EU-Algeria Association Council. The Council supported the political decision to establish a working programme for implementing various sections of the Association Agreement which had come into force on 1 September 2005. Various fields for cooperation were identified, including administrative reform, developing the economy, movement of persons, education, research, energy and the fight against terrorism;
  - The Libyan Court which should the previous Tuesday have recommenced the proceedings against the Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor accused of having spread the AIDS virus and helped to infect young children in the hospital in Bengasi had postponed its deliberations. The Hearing would be taking place that day, 20 June.
- 4. Exchange of views on the visit to Mauritania by a working party of the delegation from 3 to 5 May 2006**

The Chairwoman welcomed the Mauritanian Ambassador, Mr Ould Khalifa, who thanked the delegation for its visit to Mauritania, and fully endorsed the report and its conclusions. He said that the referendum on the constitution would be held the following Sunday. As regards relations with the EU, he alluded to the difficulties in reaching a fisheries agreement.

The Chairwoman said that an ad hoc delegation would probably travel to Mauritania on 15 November 2006 to observe the parliamentary elections.

- 5. The issue of immigration. *Exchange of views with Mr Peter Bosch, Head of the Immigration and Asylum Unit of the European Commission's DG Justice, Freedom and Security***

Mr Bosch underlined the following:

- the Commission was calling for solidarity amongst Member States, because it was not only the countries of the southern shore of the Mediterranean which were affected by the problems of migration;

- the Commission was working closely with Spain but also with Mauritania, for example, on this issue;
- an action programme would be discussed at Rabat on 10 and 11 July 2006;
- those countries which had introduced refugee camps were solely responsible for this; the Commission could try to introduce common standards.

Mr Sonik, Mr Medina Ortega and Mr Busuttil spoke.

The Mauritanian Ambassador pointed out that Mauritania was merely a transit country and that the refugees trying to reach Spain were not Mauritians.

**6. Activities of the delegation during the second half of 2006**

The calendar for the second half of 2006 was handed out.

**7. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**8. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting would probably take place on 6 September in Strasbourg with a view to preparing for the arrival of a delegation from the Algerian Parliament.

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The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD  
OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI  
PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*)
Anwesend	Luisa Fernanda RUDI UBEDA (P), Simon BUSUTTIL (VP)
Παρόντες	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Deputés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/ Ledamöter:
Present	Bogusław Sonik, Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García
Presentes	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/ναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppleants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Présents	Aldo Patriciello, Armando Veneto, Anna Záborská
Presenti	
Aanwezig	
Läsnä	
Närvarande	
Art. 178,2	
Art. 183,3	Manuel Medina Ortega
Endv. deltog/Weitere Teiln./ Συμμετείχαν επίσης/Also present Participaron igualmente/ Participaient également/ Hanno partecipato altresì/ Andere deelnemers/ Outros participantes/ Muut osallistujat/ Dessutom deltog	
(Dagsorden/Tagesordnung Pkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημεί/Point OJ/Punto OG/Agenda Punt/Ponto OJ/punto orden del día/ Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt):	

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Ondervoorz./Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρόν στις/Present on/Present le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presente el/Läsnä/Närvarande den.

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<p>Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitacion del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do Presidente/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/ På ordförandens inbjudan:</p> <p>Radet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Radet: (*)</p> <p>Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comision/Commissione/Commissie/Comissão/Komissio/ Kommissionen: (*)</p> <p>Peter Bosch</p> <p>Cour des comptes: C.E.S.:</p>		
<p>Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare</p>		<p>S.E. M. Sidi Ould Khalifa, Ambassadeur de Mauritanie M. Ahmed Mahmoud Ould Ethmane, Conseiller Ambassade Mauritanie M. Dib Fawzi, Secrétaire diplomatique Ambassade Algérie</p>
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