Basic information

2004/2111(INS) INS - Institutional procedure	Procedure completed
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Key players

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2603	2004-09-13
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2618	2004-11-19
Heads of State or Government	2620	2004-11-05

Key events

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13/09/2004	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
27/10/2004	Debate in Parliament		
04/11/2004	Non-legislative basic document published	14096/2004	Summary
17/11/2004	Debate in Parliament		
18/11/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0064/2004 T6-0063/2004	
19/11/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/11/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/11/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/2111(INS)
Procedure type	INS - Institutional procedure
Procedure subtype	Institutional matters
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 129
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B6-0151/2004	17/11/2004	
Motion for a resolution		B6-0164/2004	17/11/2004	
Motion for a resolution		B6-0168/2004	17/11/2004	
Motion for a resolution		B6-0187/2004	17/11/2004	
Motion for a resolution		B6-0188/2004	17/11/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T6-0063/2004 OJ C 201 18.08.2005, p. 0091-0113 E	18/11/2004	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T6-0064/2004 OJ C 201 18.08.2005, p. 0092-0115 E	18/11/2004	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary non-legislative basic document	11538/1/2004 OJ L 294 17.09.2004, p. 0030-0031	13/09/2004	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	14096/2004 OJ L 333 09.11.2004, p. 0012-0013	04/11/2004	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Decision 2004/0780
OJ L 344 20.11.2004, p. 0033-0034 Summary

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2004/2111(INS) - 18/11/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects

The European Parliament adopted, by 478 in favour to 84 against with 98 abstentions, the resolution which welcomes the steps taken by President-elect Barroso in presenting his new team but regrets, however, that no significant solution has been found so far on the potential problems concerning conflicts of interest. Parliament expects that the specific commitments made by President-elect Barroso during the plenary sitting in October 2004

regarding the active protection and promotion of fundamental rights, equal opportunities and anti-discrimination by his Commission will be fully applied by the new Commission, and will closely monitor their application. Moreover, MEPs call for the Framework Agreement between the Commission and the European Parliament (which governs bilateral relations between those two institutions) to be reviewed and updated as soon as possible on the basis of the commitments made on behalf of the new Commission by its President-elect, Mr BARROSO.

In the light of those commitments, Parliament calls for the following points to be included in that agreement:

- if Parliament votes to withdraw confidence (subject to political support for such a view, in terms both of substance and of form) in an individual Member of the Commission, the President of the Commission will consider seriously whether he should request that Member to resign; the President shall either require the resignation of that Member or justify his refusal to do so before Parliament;

- in the event of a resignation, the replacement Commissioner shall not appear before Parliament or the Council in an official capacity until his or her nomination has been validated by the normal parliamentary procedure (hearing and vote in plenary);

- if the President reshuffles the portfolios in the Commission during its term of office, the same procedure shall be applied to the Commissioners affected;

- the President of the Commission shall be fully accountable for identifying a conflict of interest which renders a Commissioner unable to perform his or her duties; the President shall likewise be responsible for any subsequent action taken in those circumstances;

- the Union's multi-annual work programme shall be drawn up by the Commission on the basis of close cooperation and coordination with the European Parliament and its bodies;

- ensuring a Commission presence at plenary sittings and meetings of the European Parliament's committees shall be a priority for Commissioners; it is agreed that the Commission shall inform the European Parliament immediately, preferably in plenary sitting, of its decisions, proposals and initiatives;

- in the context of ongoing dialogue with the European Parliament, the President of the Commission and the Vice-President responsible for interinstitutional relations shall establish, and remain in, regular contact with the Conference of Presidents;

- a commitment to follow-up action, if Parliament requests the Commission to submit a legislative proposal pursuant to Article 192 of the Treaty; in any case, the Commission shall regularly inform the European Parliament of the action it intends to take in response to positions adopted by Parliament, particularly if the Commission does not intend to follow them up;

- revision of Regulation 1049/01, with a view to defining better rules on the transparency of legislative preparatory work, comitology and the implementation of EU legislation in Member States, and confidential documents;

- the code of conduct for Commissioners shall be sent to the European Parliament for its opinion, which shall be taken into account;

- the Commission shall take all the necessary steps to ensure that the European Parliament is better informed both about European Union legislation and about international agreements as soon as negotiations are underway.

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2004/2111(INS) - 04/11/2004 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present the draft Council Decision, taken by common accord with the nominee for President of the Commission, adopting the list of other persons whom the Council intends to appoint as Members of the Commission of the European Communities, repealing and replacing Decision 2004/642/EC, Euratom.

CONTENT : following the evaluation of the hearings of the proposed Commissioners and the European Parliament's debate, Mr Barroso, elected President, decided on the 27 October 2004 to withdrawn the proposed Commission. It should be noted that the proposed Commissioners were as follows : Mr Joaquín ALMUNIA AMANN (Spain); Mr Jacques BARROT (France); Mr Joe BORG(Malta); Mr Stavros DIMAS (Greece); Ms Benita FERRERO-WALDNER (Austria); Mr Ján FIGEĽ (Slovakia); Ms Mariann FISCHER BOEL (Denmark); Mr Franco FRATTINI(Italy); Ms Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ (Lithuania); Ms Danuta HÜBNER (Poland); Mr Siim KALLAS (Estonia); Mr Lįszló KOVÁCS (Hungary); Ms Neelie KROES (Netherlands); Mr Markos KYPRIANOU (Cyprus); Mr Peter MANDELSON (United Kingdom); Mr Charlie McCREEVY (Ireland); MrLouis MICHEL (Belgium); Mr Andris PIEBALGS Latvia); Mr Janez POTOČNIK (Slovakia); Ms Viviane REDING (Luxembourg); Mr Olli REHN (Finland); Mr Vladimír ŠPIDLA Czech Republic); Mr Günter VERHEUGEN (Germany); Ms Margot WALLSTRÖM (Sweden).

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2004/2111(INS) - 13/09/2004 - Supplementary non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to adopt the list of persons whom the Council intends to appoint as Members of the Commission of the European Communities.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : the new Commission will be appointed for the period from 1 November 2004 to 31 December 2009. It will consist of one national from each Member State.

The following persons are nominated by common accord with Mr. José Manuel DURAO BARROSO, nominee for the President of the Commission, as members of the Commission for the period from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2009:

Mr. Joaquin ALMUNIA AMANN

Mr. Jacques BARROT

Mr. Joe BORG

Mr. Rocco BUTTIGLIONE

Mr. Stavros DIMAS

Ms Benita FERRERO-WALDNER

Mr. Jan FIGEL'

Ms Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Ms Dalia GRYBAUSKAITE

Ms Danuta HUBNER

Mr. Siim KALLAS

Mr. Laszlo KOVACS

Ms Neelie KROES

Mr. Markos KYPRIANOU

Mr. Peter MANDELSON

Mr. Charlie McCREEVY

Mr. Louis MICHEL

Mr. Janez POTOCNIK

Ms Viviane REDING

Mr. Olli REHN

Mr. Vladimir SPIDLA

Ms Ingrida UDRE

Mr. Gunter VERHEUGEN

Ms Margot WALLSTROM

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ACT : Council Decision 2004/780/EC, Euratom appointing the President and Members of the Commission of the European Communities.

CONTENT : the Council adopted the Decision appointing the Members of the Commission of the European Communities. This Decision shall take effect on 22 November 2004 until 31 October 2009:

Mr José Manuel DURÃO BARROSO as President of the European Commission;

- as members:

Mr Joaquín ALMUNIA AMANN (Spain)

Mr Jacques BARROT (France)

Mr Joe BORG (Malta)

Mr Stavros DIMAS (Greece)

Ms Benita FERRERO-WALDNER (Austria)

Mr Ján FIGEL (Slovakia)

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