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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: Summary of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, held in Brussels on 9 January 2014

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*Support for visa liberalisation with Moldova. LIBE endorses the decision to invite Snowden to give evidence via interactive video link in the NSA Surveillance Inquiry. First discussion in LIBE on the draft Moraes report.*

The meeting was chaired by Ms Gal (EPP, HU) and Ms in 't Veld (ALDE, NL).

*Item 1 on the agenda*

*In camera*

Coordinators' meeting

*Items 2, 3 and 4 on the agenda*

*Adoption of the agenda, Chair's announcements, adoption of the minutes*

The agenda was adopted with the following change : the vote on the Schlyter report (item 6) was postponed to the next meeting at the request of the rapporteur. LIBE endorsed the coordinators' decision to invite Mr Snowden to participate in the inquiry (via interactive video link), with 36 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. The minutes of the meetings of 8-9 July 2013, 5 September 2013, 4-5 November 2013 and 28 November 2013 were also adopted.

*Items 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the agenda*

**\*\*\* Electronic vote \*\*\***

**Combating Violence Against Women**

**2013/2004(INL)**

**Rapporteur for the opinion: Roberta Angelilli (EPP)**

**PA – PE524.504v01-00**

**AM – PE524.778v01-00**

**Responsible: FEMM – Antonia Parvanova (ADLE)**

**PR – PE522.850v01-00**

**AM – PE524.683v01-00**

**AM – PE524.579v01-00**

**DT – PE516.665v01-00**

The opinion was adopted with 47 votes in favour, 2 against and no abstentions.

**General provisions - Asylum and Migration Fund and Internal Security Fund**

**\*\*\*I 2011/0367(COD)**

**Rapporteur: Lorenzo Fontana (EFD)**

**PR – PE489.460v02-00**

**AM – PE494.863v05-00**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: BUDG – Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)**

**AD – PE492.552v02-00**

**AM – PE494.562v01-00**

The report was adopted with 40 votes in favour, 9 against and no abstentions.

**Internal Security Fund - External borders and visas**

**\*\*\*I 2011/0365(COD)**

**Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP)**

**PR – PE489.446v02-00**

**AM – PE496.290v01-00**

**CM – PE501.980v01-00**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: AFET – Hélène Flautre (Greens/EFA)**

**AD – PE489.432v02-00**

**AM – PE491.259v01-00**

**DEVE – Decision: no opinion**

**BUDG – Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)**

**AD – PE492.555v02-00**

**AM – PE494.565v01-00**

**EMPL – Decision: no opinion**

The report was adopted with 36 votes in favour, 8 against and 4 abstentions.

**Internal Security Fund - Police cooperation, preventing and combating crime and crisis management**

**\*\*\*I 2011/0368(COD) COM(2011)0753 – C7-0445/2011**

**Rapporteur: Salvatore Iacolino (EPP)**

**PR – PE491.240v01-00**

**AM – PE494.833v03-00**

**CM – PE501.981v01-00**

**CM – PE502.026v01-00**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: BUDG – Dominique Riquet (EPP)**

**AD – PE492.554v02-00**

**AM – PE494.564v01-00**

The report was adopted with 39 votes in favour, 8 against and no abstentions.

**Asylum and Migration Fund**

**\*\*\*I 2011/0366(COD)**

**Rapporteur: Sylvie Guillaume (S&D)**

**PR – PE491.289v01-00**

**AM – PE494.640v02-00**

**CM – PE501.991v01-00**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: AFET – Sophocles Sophocleous (S&D)**

**AD – PE487.900v02-00**

**AM – PE491.116v01-00**

**DEVE – Michèle Striffler (EPP)**

**AD – PE489.591v02-00**

**AM – PE492.944v01-00**

**BUDG – Monika Hohlmeier (EPP)**

**AD – PE492.558v02-00**

**AM – PE494.560v02-00**

**EMPL – Decision: no opinion**

The report was adopted with 45 votes in favour, 4 against and no abstentions.

**\*\*\* End of electronic vote \*\*\***

### *Item 11 on the agenda*

#### *Joint debate on visa policy*

**Third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement**

**\*\*\*I 2013/0415(COD)**

**Rapporteur: Tanja Fajon (S&D)**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: AFET –**

The rapporteur expressed strong support for the Commission's proposal regarding visa liberalisation for Moldovan citizens after the successful completion of the visa dialogue. In order to conclude this file as soon as possible, no amendments would be tabled.

During the short debate there was strong support for the Commission's proposal. Ms Zdanoka (LV, Greens/EFA) called for a more consistent policy on visa issues in the framework of the Eastern Partnership as well as in relation to Russia, Ukraine and Kosovo. Ms Lunacek (DE, Greens/EFA) said that the people of Kosovo had the feeling they were treated differently from other Balkan countries.

The Commission representative explained that the Commission would issue a declaration upon adoption of the proposal regarding support for Moldova to move from third generation to fourth generation biometric passports and the continued monitoring of this commitment. He stressed that each visa dialogue was individual and merit-based.

The Greek Presidency explained that a general approach had been reached in the Council on 20 December 2013 and the text had been adopted with no changes. The Commission statement addressed the concerns expressed by some Member States.

The rapporteur concluded that it was important to be consistent and adopt a merit-based approach when deciding on visa waivers.

### *Item 12 and 13 on the agenda*

#### **Prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing**

\*\*\*I 2013/0025(COD)

**Rapporteurs: Krišjānis Kariņš (EPP)**

**Judith Sargentini (Greens/EFA)**

**Responsible: ECON, LIBE –**

**Opinions: DEVE – Bill Newton Dunn (ALDE)**

**IMCO – Decision: no opinion**

**JURI – Antonio López-Istúriz White (EPP)**

**PETI – Decision: no opinion**

## **Information accompanying transfers of funds**

**\*\*\*I 2013/0024(COD)**

**Rapporteurs: Mojca Kleva Kekuš (S&D)**

**Timothy Kirkhope (ECR)**

**Responsible: ECON, LIBE –**

**Opinions: DEVE – Nirj Deva (ECR)**

**IMCO – Decision: no opinion**

**JURI – Tadeusz Zwiefka (EPP)**

**PETI – Decision: no opinion**

After having read the amendments, Mr Kariņš, co-rapporteur, proposed that the debate should focus on the following points: possibly narrowing the scope of the directive so that it would apply only to certain sectors of the gambling industry deemed more risky and would exclude those presenting less risk; issues related to EU-wide risk assessment; and the question of access to registers of beneficial ownership and data protection concerns in general.

Ms Sargentini, co-rapporteur, stressed that the register of beneficial ownership should be publicly accessible to any person wishing to consult it and welcomed the amendments on whistleblowers. She called for greater transparency and clear data protection rules.

During the discussion the following issues were raised : expanding the PEPs list to include economically exposed people, the need to prohibit commercial use of PEPs lists, the need to devise a functional system that would not generate excessive costs, and the need for a risk-based approach and inbuilt flexibility. MEPs were divided on the issue of narrowing the scope to include only some sectors of the gambling industry. There was only limited opposition to publishing registers of beneficial ownership.

The Commission expressed support for public registers, provided that the necessary safeguards were put in place, and said it could consider some national derogations for certain parts of the gambling industry with proven low risk.

In the second part of the debate Mr Simon, on behalf of Ms Kleva, co-rapporteur, spoke about the need to distinguish between account-related transfers and those that are not related to an account. In order not to create additional burdens regarding remittances, the threshold should be kept at EUR 1000. Mr Kirkhope, co-rapporteur, emphasised that it was important to impose more checks on high-risk transfers and expressed support for the Commission's approach.

The Commission representative called for the consistency of the proposal to be maintained and said it should be based on international standards in order not to disrupt the system and create additional costs.

*Vote in LIBE : 22 January 2014*

***Item 14 on the agenda***

**The US NSA surveillance programme, surveillance bodies in various Member States and impact on EU citizens' fundamental rights and on transatlantic cooperation in Justice and Home Affairs**

**2013/2188(INI)**

**Rapporteur: Claude Moraes (S&D)**

**DT – PE524.632v01-00**

**DT – PE524.799v01-00**

**DT – PE523.025v01-00**

**DT – PE524.633v01-00**

**Responsible: LIBE –**

**Opinions: AFET – Decision: no opinion**

**INTA – Decision: no opinion**

**ITRE –**

The rapporteur presented the main elements of the draft report and stressed that he wanted this to be a legacy report providing the newly elected EP with a blueprint for future action.

Recommendations include a proposal to establish a European Digital Habeas Corpus for protecting privacy based on seven actions (adoption of the Data Protection package in 2014, suspension of the Safe Harbour Decision until a full review has been carried out, suspension of the TFTP agreement pending a thorough investigation, protection for whistleblowers, development of an EU strategy for IT independence, the firm establishment of the EP as the watchdog for EU citizens' rights).

In the discussion the report was very well received by the shadow rapporteurs (Mr Voss (EPP), Ms in t' Veld (ALDE), Mr Albrecht (Greens/EFA) and Ms Ernst (GUE/NGL)), although some concerns were expressed by other EPP and ALDE MEPs on the proposed suspension of Safe Harbour and TFTP.

The rapporteur concluded that he expected amendments to be tabled to some elements of the report, but was confident that its main message would remain, given that he had worked closely with the shadow rapporteurs.

*Deadline for tabling amendments : 22 January 2014*

*EP plenary vote : February II or March*

***Next meeting:***

- 13 January 2014, 19.00 – 21.00(Strasbourg)

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