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PLENARY

The moment we have all been waiting for is finally here: the plenary session. It may sound scary, but when you are as well prepared as these committees are, you have nothing to worry about.

The plenary session, or General Assembly (GA), is the moment when all the work the committees have done is presented to everyone attending and challenged by other delegates. The students are seated by delegation, in alphabetical order. On the other side stands the Presidency, which controls the flow and structure of the meeting.

The first committee is called to the stand. The delegate who was elected the day before reads the entire resolution aloud to the attendees. Afterwards, the delegate responsible for the opening speech takes the floor.

Then come the amendments. The day before, during the lobbying session, we saw delegates going around, persuading their fellow delegates to sign their amendments—the changes they want to make to other resolutions. Once the lobbying session is over, the Presidency collects the amendments and decides privately which ones will be discussed during the plenary session. When the time comes, the selected amendments are announced, and their proponents deliver speeches explaining why the members should vote in favour of them. The committee whose resolution is being challenged then has the opportunity to speak against the amendment, after which the voting begins.

Once all the amendments have been dealt with, the open debate begins. Delegates can ask questions to the committee, allowing them to clarify their positions and defend their proposals. The struggle for the committee is not done. The presidency opens the floor to all delegates to deliver a speech against the resolution as a whole.

Afterwards, the delegate who was voted is now able to deliver his closing speech. The rest of the delegates are now allowed to vote in favor, against, or abstain from the resolution.

TRAN

The TRAN Committee opened with a little unexpected comedy when the USA began reading the clauses, only to forget to turn on the microphone. A silent start, but definitely not a silent committee!

Austria then took over with the opening speech, discussing maritime security, the need to enhance it, and the solutions proposed by the TRAN Committee. A round of factual questions followed, giving delegates the opportunity to clarify the topic before the amendment drama began.The amendment was introduced, questions were asked, and Germany stepped up to defend Operative Clause (OC) 3. However, the vote delivered a result of 33 in favour and 44 against, setting the stage for an open debate.Things got even more intense when the Netherlands warned that adopting the clause would mean we would be starting a war!

Meanwhile, budget questions raised another important concern: apparently, the MEP had unlimited funds. Financial planning? Never heard of it.

And, of course, no TRAN session would be complete without an unforgettable quote. During the anti-amendment speech, one delegate delivered the legendary words: “Like Michael Jackson said…” Who knew the King of Pop would make an appearance in a maritime security debate? Finally, Hellas took the floor for the closing speech, wrapping up the committee’s journey through maritime security, amendments, budget discussions, and some truly memorable moments.

After all the arguments, questions, and dramatic speeches, TRAN sadly did not pass.

From microphone malfunctions to unlimited budgets and Michael Jackson references, TRAN proved that even the most serious policy debates can produce unforgettable moments.

SEDE

In the GA of SEDE there were no textual changes. After the delegation of Germany read the 23 OC's out loud, the delegation of the USA delivered the opening speech. After the factual questions, we got to know what the amendment against this delegation was. The delegate of Austria, who debated this week in EMPL, wanted to submit an amendment against OC 15. This OC explains that there will be yearly stress tests in companies. The delegate thinks that if you do them yearly, the companies would know when to prepare for the test. If you would do them randomly, which is what the delegate wants, you would force the companies to keep a high standard every day. The delegate of Germany, upon this, lets the delegate of Austria know that the word 'yearly' can also mean that they are done every year, and that does not mean it would be on the same date every year. The delegate of Austria thinks that they would have rephrased that if that was the case. A delegate of the USA from the public notes that if you would not do these tests yearly, you would not be able to make correct and precise statistics about these tests. In the speech against the amendment, Montenegro states that they voted in the committee meetings on whether they should be randomized, and this was rejected in the meetings. The delegate also states, as Germany also did, that yearly does not mean that every time they do the tests it would be the same date. After the voting, we found out that the amendment is rejected and the OC stays as it is.
In the open debate there were many questions. There were some inaccuracies on OC 14, because of that the Belgian delegate of SEDE clarified that OC 14 is also used to make sure that countries that will see this resolution, such as Russia, won't think that the EU is planning an attack on that country; it is a clarification. A delegate from the USA would like to know how total independence for domestic security, that is mentioned in OC 1, would factor in for example the NATO. The delegate of Montenegro reminds the delegate of the USA that the OC is better for the EU safety, as that is what this week was about. Following the open debate, we move on to a speech from a delegate from Hellas. This speech was a speech against the whole resolution. The delegate thinks that there are some serious concerns regarding this resolution. The delegate states that simply creating more institutions does not mean that you create more security. As a conclusion of this GA, we heard the closing speech from the delegate of Montenegro. The delegate talks about a really impactful cyberattack that happened in Europe once; this attack resulted in letting people into the airport by hand and many more other problems. With mentioning this attack, the delegate wants to show how important their resolution is. The delegate says that this is a new problem, so that we should also find new solutions. He states that this resolution is really important in its improbability, not possibility. With 33 votes in favour, 28 votes against and 14 people abstaining, this resolution passed happily after listening to more statements than questions, receiving compliments as a debate question and reading of a speech.

ITRE

The General Assembly of ITRE started without textual changes but with the delegate of Austria, who read the OCs out loud for us. After the floor was thanked for the president, the delegate of the USA gave an opening speech. The delegate asked us to imagine what would happen if suddenly the lights went out, because that is the reality of some countries in the world. His speech was a call for action. While thanking the president for the floor, the factual questions went on. The delegate of Spain, who was a part of the TRAN committee, had prepared an amendment. The delegate said that what the committee prioritizes in OC 3 would cost an insane amount of money and that it is therefore unrealistic. Cyprus asks if they are aware of the fact that Cyprus is the 10th country with the highest annual sunshine hours; the delegate of Spain is aware of that. The delegate of Austria ends this conversation by saying that their plan would always be expensive and that they already have Cyprus, which also has the resources they need, so why not use it? The delegate of Bulgaria presents his speech against the amendment. He said that Cyprus is not connected to the EU energy grid and that it is important that Cyprus is connected to it. The delegate emphasizes that all investments cost money. With 19 votes in favour and 54 votes against, the amendment did not pass. In the open debate, a delegate of the Netherlands notes that OC 6 and 11 are a contradiction. The delegate of Montenegro answers that OC 6 and 11 are complementary, not contradictory, because OC 11 increases investment and OC 6 bans extremely high investments. OC 6 sets a limit on OC 11. Spain asks how the system in OC 8 would keep helping to insure without sun or wind. The delegate of Cyprus clarified, answering this question, that these batteries have enough storage to provide for the days without those natural energy sources. The speech against the resolution was given by a delegate of Cyprus. The delegate thinks that the resolution requires sustainable and realistic OCs, OCs that are payable. The delegate of Montenegro ended the GA with an inspirational closing speech. He referred to the great scientist Albert Einstein. "The measure of intelligence is the ability to change," he quotes. He says that that quote is how it is going on in the world right now. He says that their revolution solves the problem of Cyprus not being connected to the EU energy grid. To end his speech he quotes: "If Einstein was right, then let Europe lead the change." After calling the resolution a revolution by accident, and with 41 votes in favour, 21 votes against and 11 people abstaining, this resolution got approved

LIBE

It was Tuesday, October 13, when everyone met at Zante's civic center for the 8th MED MEP's Plenary Session. The floor was first given to the delegate of the United States of America, who had the honor of presenting the whole and final resolution to the members of the Model European Parliament. It wasn't long until the delegate of Montenegro took the floor and delivered his opening speech focusing on the positive parts of the resolution. Despite that, the factual questions were a lot. The presidency allowed 5 questions, all of which were answered by the committee with ease. The presidency, of course, allowed one amendment, which was made by the delegate of fhveh who wished to strike one of the clauses. With 33 votes in favor and 40 against, the amendment did not pass. Later on, the focus moved to the open debate questions, which were counted at around 12. The speech against the resolution was by the delegation of Germany, who managed, with their speech, to persuade the members to vote against the whole resolution. In the end, with 28 votes in favor, 35 against, and 9 abstentions, the resolution did not pass. Despite that, the committee presidents and managers were in favor of the resolution, as quoted: The committee presidents wholeheartedly approve of this resolution, because we want to be free to migrate to Zakynthos for another MEP session, funded by our trusted NACHO, where we can seek asylum from all responsibilities for a week!

EMPL

On Tuesday, October 13, the delegates gathered at Zante's Civic Center for the 8th MED MEP's Plenary Session, ready to present, discuss, and vote on the resolution. The session began with the delegation of Cyprus, which took the floor to present the final version of the resolution before the members of the Model European Parliament. Following the presentation, the delegate of Malta delivered the opening speech, introducing the main ideas behind the resolution and setting the stage for the debate.

The presidency then opened the floor to factual questions, allowing the delegates to clarify any uncertainties regarding the resolution. After the questions had been addressed, the presidency gave the floor to the delegation of Hellas, which proposed an amendment aimed at changing one of the clauses. However, despite the arguments presented in its favor, the amendment did not pass.

The debate continued with the delegation of Montenegro taking the floor to deliver the speech against the amendment, defending the original wording of the resolution and explaining why the proposed changes should not be accepted. The delegates then moved on to the final stage of the session, where the delegation of Bulgaria delivered the closing speech, summarizing the main points discussed and encouraging the members to vote in favor of the resolution.

After the voting procedure, the resolution successfully passed, marking a positive outcome for the EMPL committee!

ENVI

The ENVI Committee proved that environmental politics is anything but boring! From emotional appeals to unexpected contradictions, the session had everything a successful MEP debate needs.

The committee began with Louisa from Austria reading the clauses, followed by Belgium opening the session with her speech. Soon, innocent questions about how babies are made brought a rather unexpected emotional dimension to the debate, while factual questions ensured that delegates stayed focused on the issues at hand.

Then came Spain with its amendment speech, presenting a proposed change and facing open questions from delegates eager to understand why the amendment deserved to pass. However, things got interesting when Spain defended the amendment in a way that seemed to contradict its earlier position. A plot twist nobody saw coming!

The amendment vote resulted in 36–30, but the debate was far from over. During the open debate, Montenegro took the floor with a loud and passionate speech against the resolution, making sure the opposition was heard by everyone in the room.

As the session approached its conclusion, the Netherlands took charge of the closing speech, bringing together the entire ENVI story: the arguments, the amendments, the disagreements, and the unforgettable moments.
With 34 votes in favor, 30 against and 10 upstations the resolution of the ENVI committee passes.
From emotional appeals to amendment drama and passionate opposition, ENVI delivered a session full of surprises. One thing is certain: this committee was never short of opinions, arguments, or entertainment!


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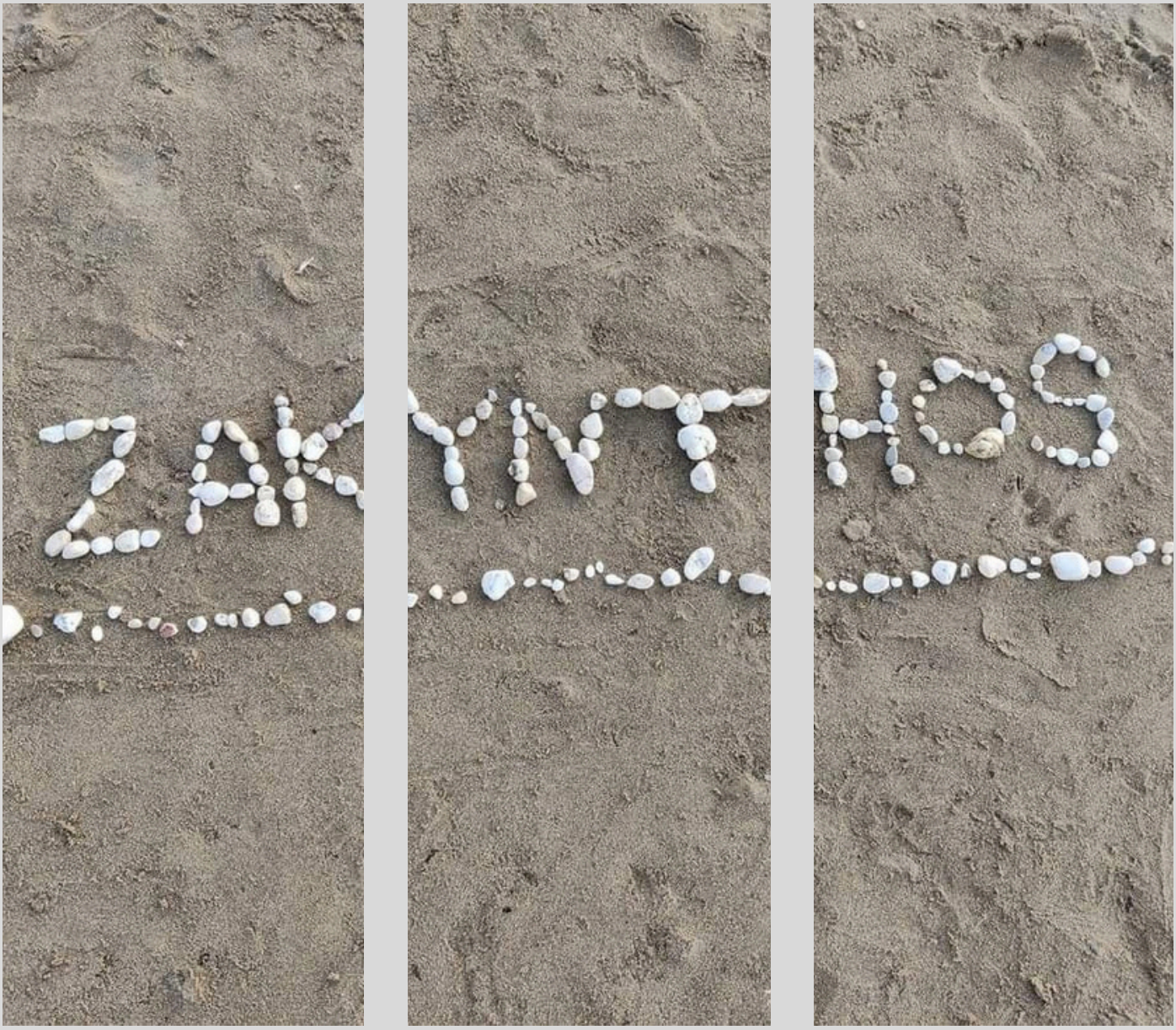

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