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**17<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2014, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*Christina McKelvie (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Hanzala Malik (Glasgow) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (SNP)

\*Roderick Campbell (North East Fife) (SNP)

\*Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP)

\*Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

\*Alex Rowley (Cowdenbeath) (Lab)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Katy Orr

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)



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### European and External Relations Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:30*]

#### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Christina McKelvie):** Good morning and welcome to the 17th meeting in 2014 of the European and External Relations Committee. I make the usual request that mobile phones and any other pieces of electronic equipment are switched off, because they can interfere with the broadcasting system. We have received apologies from Clare Adamson this morning.

Item 1 is a decision on taking agenda item 2 in private. We always take discussions on our work programme in private. Are members content to take item 2 in private?

**Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con):** Is there any particular reason to take it in private?

**The Convener:** We always take deliberations on our work programme in private, because that allows us to look at all the options and have a franker exchange about them.

**Jamie McGrigor:** If the rest of the committee are happy to do that, I will go along with it.

**The Convener:** It is just normal procedure—nothing different. Are we agreed?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Thank you. We will now move into private session.

10:31

*Meeting continued in private until 10:52.*



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