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The Secretary of the EU Delegation for the relations with Chile is pleased to present you a compilation of the Joint Declarations which were reached within the seven meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee EU-Chile during the European Parliament's legislation term 2004-2009.

The aim of this document is to remember the obtained achievements by the Joint Parliamentary Committee during the last five years in the light of the finalization of the current legislation term. For this reason and for the sake of posterity, some selected photos taken at the meetings between European and Chilean colleagues have been added.

*Brussels, Belgium, April 2009*



The Chairman of the European Delegation, Giusto Catania (MEP) and the President of the Republic of Chile, Michelle Bachelet



The Chairman of the European Delegation, Giusto Catania and the Chairman of the Chilean Delegation, Pablo Lorenzini

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## **DECLARATION INAUGURATING THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL BETWEEN THE CHILEAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

In Valparaíso, Chile, the Parliamentary Delegations of the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament, led by Senator Gabriel Valdés Subercaseaux and Edgardo Riveros Marín, MP, chairman and vice-chairman of the Chilean Parliamentary Delegation, and Rolf Linkohr, MEP, and Fernando Fernández Marín, MEP, chairman and vice-chairman of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the countries of South America and Mercosur, meeting on 27 and 28 October 2003, to inaugurate the Parliamentary Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the Republic of Chile and the European Community and its Member States:

Reiterate their commitment to the principles of representative democracy as the sole form of government which can guarantee the rule of law, respect for human rights and individual freedoms;

Reaffirm their wish to support the efforts of the European Union and the Republic of Chile to develop special relations between their societies, so as to strengthen sustainable development processes;

State their conviction that an economic system based on solidarity can guarantee equality of opportunities for all their citizens;

Highlight the resolute support given by both the European Parliament and the Chilean National Congress to the progressive strengthening of the solid links that bind the Republic of Chile and the European Union and developing activities of mutual benefit in the most varied spheres of bilateral relations, particularly since the signing of the framework cooperation agreement known as the 'Rome Agreement' of 1990, and consolidated by the 'Florence Agreement' of 1996, whose ultimate goal was to prepare for a political and economic association between the parties, which was achieved with the Agreement signed in Brussels in 2002;

Note that on 1 February 2003 the 'Agreement establishing an association agreement between the Republic of Chile on the one part and the European Union and its Member States on the other' provisionally came into force, Article 9 whereof lays down that both parties institute the Parliamentary Association Committee between the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament, so that it will provide a forum for the members of both parliaments in matters concerning the application of the Agreement, and with powers to seek relevant information from the Association Council, the highest political body of the Agreement; and to adopt decisions and recommendations to the Association Council, the European Parliament or the Chilean National Congress, and declare, without prejudice thereto, the need for those

European national parliaments which have not yet ratified the Association Agreement between the Republic of Chile, the European Community and its Member States, to do so as soon as possible, so that the Agreement may come fully and finally into force;

Aware of the appropriateness of adopting measures to render the institutional provisions of the 2002 Brussels Agreement as effective as possible, particularly as regards scientific and technical cooperation between Chile and the European Union, and above all the need to lay down specific guidelines and deadlines within the proposed schedule of work for 2004, to deal with specific projects between the two parties within the framework of the 6th Scientific and Technical Cooperation Programme, and

Agreeing on the need to establish mechanisms for exchanging information on the activities of both parties in the sphere of scientific and technical cooperation as referred to above,

**Resolve:**

to declare the Parliamentary Association Committee between the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament duly inaugurated, and that it will be governed by the rules of procedure to be adopted by the delegations of both Parliaments, in keeping with the provisions of the Association Agreement signed in Brussels in 2002.

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H. Rolf Linkohr  
Delegation chairman

H. Fernando Fernández Martín  
Delegation vice-chairman

Chilean National Congress Delegation

H. Gabriel Valdés Subercaseaux  
Delegation chairman

H. Edgardo Riveros Marín  
Delegation vice-chairman





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## **SECOND MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**

25 January 2005

Brussels, Belgium

### **JOINT DECLARATION**

1. The parliamentary delegations of the European Parliament and Chilean National Congress meeting as the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, co-chaired by the Member of the European Parliament André Brie and Senator Roberto Muñoz respectively, welcome the holding of the second meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee in the aim of strengthening interparliamentary relations, as provided for under Article 9 of the Association Agreement between the Republic of Chile and the European Community and its Member States signed in Brussels.
2. They reiterate their satisfaction at the creation of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in Valparaíso in November 2003 and consider the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, with the changes resulting from the most recent EU enlargement, adopted.
3. The parties reaffirm their desire to support the efforts of the EU and Chile in maintaining special relations in the areas of politics, trade and cooperation. With this in mind, they consider the proposals for cooperation in education policy discussed at the second meeting of the EU-Chile Association Committee, held in Santiago de Chile from 16 to 17 December, to be a valuable contribution.
4. The parliamentarians voice their satisfaction at the recent conclusion of the negotiations between the European Commission and Chile regarding air traffic.
5. The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee have identified some new areas in which it will be possible to develop a strategic partnership on international issues such as reforming the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.
6. They voice their concern at the possible application of safeguard measures to imports of both Chilean salmon and wheat flour produced in the EU. They call on governments, therefore, to spare no effort to avert this danger.
7. Both parties agree to call on their respective governments to evaluate the impact, both positive and negative, of the Association Agreement in order to be able to look at the chapters where the application of the agreement could

be improved. Civil society representatives will be invited to the discussion of the evaluation's findings.

8. Both delegations voice their satisfaction with the outcome of the recent Summit of Presidents in Cuzco on 8 December 2004, at which the South American Community of Nations was formed and measures to integrate infrastructure and facilitate the free movement of persons were introduced.
9. The delegations welcome the holding in June of the Seventeenth EU-LAC Interparliamentary Conference in Lima. This provides the key context for interparliamentary relations between the two continents. Chilean and European parliamentarians agree to hold an informal meeting during the Conference proceedings.
10. Finally, both parties agree to hold a third meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in Santiago de Chile in October this year.

European Parliament Delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

André BRIE  
Chairman

László SURJÁN  
Vice-Chairman

Christa KLASS  
Vice-Chairman

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Congress to the EU-Chile Joint  
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## THIRD MEETING OF THE EU-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Santiago de Chile - Valparaíso (Chile)

3-7 October 2005

### JOINT DECLARATION

Meeting in Santiago de Chile on 6 October 2005, the Parliamentary Delegations of the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the Chilean Congress-European Union Joint Parliamentary Committee, headed respectively by Senator Gabriel Valdés, Chairman of the Chilean Delegation and André Brie, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation have agreed the following:

1. to consolidate the political, social and cooperation bonds between the Republic of Chile and the European Union;
2. to reaffirm free trade as a tool for achieving development of the peoples, and in this respect oppose any measure which, either directly or indirectly, impedes trade flows between the two sides;
3. both Delegations undertake to consider and propose solutions for resolving any differences that may arise as a result of the adoption of measures that create barriers to trade. They furthermore undertake to prevent the introduction of unnecessary and unjustified obstacles to trade and where appropriate to refer these to their relevant authorities;
4. to place emphasis on the importance of fostering cooperation in all areas. Propose in this respect that their respective authorities draw up a concrete programme that defines specific areas and programmes to be developed.

To this end, the European Delegation undertakes to provide full information on the work which it falls to the European Parliament to conduct on these matters;

5. reiterate their undertaking on respect for the environment. Both sides urge their respective authorities to exchange information enabling the improvement of Chilean institutional structures in this field;
6. both Delegations pledge to continue the allocation of budgetary resources for cooperation projects between the European Union and Chile;

7. both sides undertake to hold, during their next meeting, a seminar to assess the benefits that the Agreement has brought for small- and medium-sized companies and its impact on those regions with a higher unemployment rates or which export manpower;
8. similarly, they will promote access by civil society to the information relating to implementation of the Agreement;
9. the European side undertakes to take into account the Chilean side's observations regarding the REACH system. The European side will also keep its Chilean counterpart informed on development in the adoption of the REACH Directive. Moreover, both sides propose to take forward the issue of the recognition of tests and certifications performed outside the European Union on the chemical substances falling within the scope of REACH;
10. both Delegations consider that, with the purpose of providing information to the members of the Association Council, arrangements should be made for the Chairmen of the European Union-National Congress of Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee to attend the meetings of that Council;
11. both sides urge their respective authorities to conclude an air treaty enshrining a genuine opening of the skies, without any restrictions or regulations which impede the development of air traffic.

GABRIEL VALDÉS  
 Chairman  
 Chilean Delegation

ANDRÉ BRIE  
 Chairman  
 European Delegation





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## FOURTH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

13 June 2006

Strasbourg

The delegations from the European Parliament and the Chilean National Congress to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, led by their chairmen, Mr André BRIE and Jorge TARUD DACCARETT, having concluded the Fourth Interparliamentary Meeting, have agreed on the following

### JOINT DECLARATION

1. The European and Chilean delegations express their satisfaction at the fact that the pattern of two annual meetings provided for in the rules governing the operation of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee has been respected, particularly bearing in mind that 2006 has been an election year in Chile.
2. The Chilean parliamentarians informed the Members of the European Parliament on recent developments in regional integration processes, whilst the European parliamentarians reported on the stage reached in European integration.
3. The Joint Parliamentary Committee recognises the good state of bi-regional relations, particularly in the light of the outcome of the Fourth Summit of EU-LAC Heads of State and Government. They also express their satisfaction that, on behalf of the Presidents of the integration parliaments, the EP President put forward the proposal to create a Euro-Latin American parliamentary assembly.
4. The delegations agree to continue to assess the results of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. They also express their interest in stimulating small and medium-sized industry, extending to it the benefits which the agreement might offer, including the transfer of technology and investment. This will make it possible, through these undertakings which have a great potential in terms of job creation, to ensure that the benefits of the Agreement reach the citizens.
5. Both delegations express their conviction that the inclusion of meetings with civil society before and after meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee improves knowledge of the situation on both sides and provides an insight into their point of view in relation to the topics which are to appear on the bilateral agenda.

6. The delegations encourage governments to continue developing political dialogue in new areas such as employment and social policies, as announced in the Joint Declaration of the Second EU-Chile Association Council and as laid down in Article 52 of the Association Agreement.
7. The European and Chilean parliamentarians welcome the holding of the bilateral meeting at the end of May, whose purpose of studying the arrangements for greater trade liberalisation is a step towards achieving the successful and mutually beneficial application of the Agreement.
8. They likewise reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and the European Commission to support the creation of a programme of grants for Chilean students in Europe and European students in Chile within the framework of the new bilateral cooperation programme and with the aim of improving knowledge of the situation on both sides.
9. Both parties, who held a mutually beneficial exchange of views on the REACH initiative during the meeting, reiterate the importance of continuing the debate in October 2006, during the next interparliamentary meeting in Chile, once the Council has sent its proposal to the European Parliament for its second reading in September 2006.
10. The delegations considered the progress of the WTO rounds and agreed that this assessment would figure on the agenda for meetings. They also suggest that it be included as a topic on the agenda for the first meeting of the Euro-Latin American Assembly.
11. Climate change, whose consequences have become dramatically apparent in recent months in various parts of the globe in the form of tsunamis, hurricanes and droughts, is at the centre of concern for parliamentarians in both regions, who are aware that the first step towards mitigating this change involves ratifying and complying with the Kyoto Protocol and other international agreements on the environment.
12. Both delegations expressed their interest in fostering cooperation through common projects, and for this purpose they undertake to promote information mechanisms on possible areas or projects for cooperation. In this regard, they propose to their respective authorities that they draw up a concrete programme defining specific areas and programmes to be developed.
13. Both delegations undertake to send this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, renewing the desire that the chairmen of the European Union-National Congress of Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee might attend future meetings of that Council.

The delegations agree that the Fifth Meeting of the European Union-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee will be held in Chile in October 2007.

Signed in Strasbourg, France, on 13 June 2006.

European Parliament delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

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## FIFTH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

4 - 5 October 2006

Valparaíso, Chile

The delegations from the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, led by their chairmen, Jorge TARUD DACCARETT and Andre BRIE, having concluded the Fifth Interparliamentary Meeting, have agreed on the following

### DRAFT JOINT DECLARATION

1. The European and Chilean delegations express their satisfaction at the fact that the pattern of two annual meetings provided for in the rules governing the operation of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee has been respected.
2. Both delegations have informed their counterparts of the political developments that have taken place in recent months in Chile and in Europe.
3. The Joint Parliamentary Committee again recognises the good state of bi-regional relations, and expresses particular satisfaction at the progress made towards establishing the Euro-Latin America Parliamentary Assembly and hopes that it will soon be up and running.
4. The delegations express their commitment to continuing to assess the results of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. They ask that negotiators on both sides inform the Joint Parliamentary Committee as soon as possible on progress in the discussions on the future development of the Agreement. They further ask for the Joint Parliamentary Committee to be involved in this process. They also express their interest in stimulating small- and medium-sized industry, extending to it the benefits which the Agreement might offer, including the transfer of technology and investment, and in the swift strengthening of the Agreement in areas relevant to both parties that bolster job creation and economic growth and ultimately ensure that the benefits of the Agreement reach the citizens.
5. The delegations again call on governments, as at previous meetings of the Joint Committee, to continue developing political dialogue in areas such as employment, social policies and scientific and technological cooperation, as is laid down in Article 52 of the Association Agreement.

6. Both delegations, recalling the spirit of the Agreement and in particular Article 1 thereof, undertake to exchange experiences in areas such as migration. They also agree that the following items should be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee: the WTO rounds and social dialogue.
7. The delegations reiterate their commitment with regard to respect for the environment and call for a stepping-up of exchanges of experiences in the area of the evaluation of the environmental impact of projects.
8. They likewise reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and the European Commission to support the creation of a programme of grants for Chilean students in Europe and European students in Chile within the framework of the new bilateral cooperation programme and with the aim of improving knowledge of the situation on both sides.
9. Both parties held a mutually beneficial exchange of views on the REACH directive during the meeting. The European delegation informed the Chilean parliamentarians on the stage which that directive had currently reached at second reading. The European side took account of the observations made by the Chilean delegation in this regard.

The parties called for both the European Commission and the Chilean authorities to keep the Joint Parliamentary Committee regularly informed of any legislative proposals that could affect the Agreement.

10. Both sides repeated their concern over global climate change, whose consequences had in recent months been felt in various parts of the planet, identifying this as a major issue for parliamentarians in both regions, who are aware that a major step would be taken were various nations to ratify and comply with the Kyoto Protocol and with other international agreements on the environment.
11. Both delegations again expressed their interest in fostering cooperation through common projects, and for this purpose have undertaken to promote information mechanisms on possible areas or projects for cooperation. In this regard, they propose to their respective authorities that they draw up a concrete programme defining specific areas and programmes to be developed, especially in relation to small and medium-sized enterprises scientific and technological cooperation.
12. The parties agree to call on the Association Council to urge the European Union institutions to increase cooperation efforts in respect of Haiti in order to assist the consolidation of democracy in that country.
13. They likewise suggest that arrangements should be sought that satisfy both parties with regard to problems arising from quotas, in particular those that affect agricultural products, and intellectual property documents.
14. Both delegations undertake to send this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, renewing the desire that the chairmen of the European Union-National Congress of Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee might attend future meetings of that Council.

The delegations agree that the Sixth Meeting of the European Union-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee will be held in Brussels in March 2007.

Signed in Valparaíso, Chile, on 5 October 2006.

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## SIXTH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILEAN JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

27 March 2007

Brussels, Belgium

The Sixth Interparliamentary Meeting having concluded its deliberations, the Delegations from the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the EU/Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), headed by their Co-chairs, Mr Roberto MUÑOZ BARRA and Mr André BRIE, agreed on the following

### JOINT DECLARATION

1. The Chilean and European Delegations voice their satisfaction at the fact that the two annual meetings provided for in the Rules of Procedure governing the work of the EU/Chilean Joint Parliamentary Committee have taken place as planned.
2. The Chilean Delegation welcomes Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the EU and undertakes to recommend to the Chilean Congress that it ratify the protocol to the Association Agreement taking account of this new EU enlargement.
3. The delegations informed each other about the political events of the last few months in Chile and in Europe, and voiced their concern at the rise in insecurity both at world and individual level.
4. The JPC welcomes the establishment of a new forum for bi-regional interparliamentary dialogue, namely the Euro-Latin American Assembly, EUROLAT. The European Delegation to the JPC undertakes to support the necessary steps to ensure that the Chilean Delegation to the JPC, which will attend the EUROLAT meetings, will comprise three members. Both parties voiced their confidence that EUROLAT's programme of activities for 2007 would be swiftly adopted.
5. Both delegations, aware that the Agreement has yet to achieve its full potential as far as SMEs are concerned, request their respective executives and, in particular, the Commission, that as was the case in the 2002-2006 Framework Programme, the cooperation chapter include action on promoting information to SMEs and developing their ability to undertake innovation and increase competitiveness.
6. Both delegations, aware that bilateral relations are currently excellent, welcomed the proposal by the President of the Commission, Mr Duarao BARROSO, that a regional forum devoted to social cohesion and the fight

against inequality be called in Santiago de Chile, to precede the V Summit of EU/LAC Heads of State and Government.

7. Both delegations reiterate their commitment to a clean environment, and to that end undertake to report to each other on the issue.
8. The European Delegation put to the Chilean Delegation the proposal discussed at the IV Meeting of the EU/Mexico JPC, on the possible holding of a joint meeting of both Committees. The delegations agreed that the Bureau of both JPCs would draw up a joint proposal to this effect.
9. The delegations are committed to continuing to evaluate the results of the EU/Chile Association Agreement. Both delegations thank the German Presidency of the Council of the Union and the Commission representatives for the information provided during the meeting. They likewise request that the JPC be involved in the evaluation process.
10. Both delegations, mindful of the spirit of the Agreement and particularly Article 1 thereof, undertake to continue to exchange experiences on issues like immigration. They further agree that the following subjects, *inter alia*, be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the EU/Chile JPC: agricultural issues, environment, technical innovation and cooperation.
11. Both delegations furthermore reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and the Commission to continue with the programme of student grants within the framework of the new programming of bilateral cooperation, with a view to improving awareness of their respective realities. They particularly support the scheme to establish a 'Erasmus World' office in Chile.
12. The European Delegation informed the Chilean Delegation of the adoption of the REACH Directive, and both delegations welcome the fact that dialogue and exchange of information has led to improved understanding, both of the Directive and of the problems which it could cause to Chilean operators.

Both parties request the Commission and the Chilean Authorities to provide the JPC with regular information about draft legislation which could affect the Agreement.
13. The JPC reiterated the need to take initiatives to alleviate the impact which climate change is already beginning to have. The Chilean Delegation welcomed the expectations aroused amongst European citizens by the recent Brussels EU Summit on 8 and 9 March 2007, which had focussed on this issue as a priority. Both delegations requested that the issue be included on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Association Council.
14. The delegations further voiced their desire for a reform of the JPC's Rules of Procedure, so as to allow the institutionalisation of Bureau meetings to prepare the plenary sittings.
15. Both delegations reiterate they need also to promote the greatest possible trade in agricultural products, and suggested, in particular, that the Association Agreement Committee should study the possibility of a new, liberalised quota for beef exports.

16. Both delegations again voiced their interest in encouraging cooperation by means of joint projects, to support the initiatives of President BACHELET's government to fight poverty and social inequality. To this end, they undertake to support the priorities set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.
17. Both parties voice the hope that the Doha Round of the WTO negotiations can be concluded by the middle of this year, in the conviction that an agreement could have positive consequences for the development of international trade.
18. Both delegations voice their commitment to strengthening the institutional operation of the parliaments by means of exchanges, meetings and other mechanisms to be agreed on.
19. Both delegations undertake to forward this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, reiterating their wish that the chairman of the EU/Chile JPC attend the Council's future meetings, particularly that to be held in the second half of this year under the Portuguese Presidency.

The delegations agree that the VII Meeting of the European Union/Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee shall take place in Chile from 1 to 5 October 2007.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2007.

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EU/Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

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## VIITH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION/CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

3 October 2007

Valparaíso, Chile

Having concluded the proceedings of the VIIth Parliamentary Meeting, the Delegations of the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), led by their Co-chairs, Roberto Muñoz Barra and Giusto Catania, have agreed the following

### JOINT DECLARATION

1. The Chilean and European delegations express their satisfaction that the two annual meetings provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee have taken place as planned.
2. The Chilean delegation welcomes the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU and undertakes to recommend to the members of the legislature that they ratify the protocol to the Association Agreement that takes account of this new EU enlargement.
3. The Joint Parliamentary Committee welcomes the creation of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, EUROLAT, a new forum for bi-regional interparliamentary dialogue. The European delegation to the JPC undertakes to support the measures necessary to ensure that the Chilean delegation to the JPC, which will attend EUROLAT meetings, comprises three members. Both parties are confident that the programme of activities of EUROLAT for 2007 will be duly carried out.
4. Aware that the Agreement has not yet reached its full potential for the benefit of small and medium-scale enterprises, both delegations call upon the executives and in particular the European Commission to ensure that the section on co-operation includes measures to promote the provision of information and capacity-building in order to increase SMEs' innovation and competitiveness, as did the 2002-2006 framework programme.
5. Mindful of the research work carried out by the State of Chile in the Antarctic, both parties undertake to promote, with their respective executives, the signing of specific cooperation agreements allowing a new base to be established and to operate in the Antarctic to augment scientific research in the region on the effects that climate change is having there and in the rest of

the world.

6. Both delegations reiterate their commitment to a clean and sustainable environment. The position of Chile, as a natural gateway to the world's greatest stock of fresh water, Antarctica, must give rise to greater co-operation. The delegations agree to exchange information on this issue.
7. The JPC reiterates the need for initiatives to be taken to alleviate the effects that climate change is having. The Chilean delegation welcomes the expectations raised among European citizens by the recent EU Summit in Brussels on 8 and 9 March 2007, which gave priority to this issue. Both delegations call for its inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of the Association Council.
8. The EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee is pleased with the success of the EU/LAC forum on social cohesion and the fight against inequality held in Santiago de Chile from 23 to 25 September 2007, which was proposed by the President of the European Commission, Manuel Durão Barroso, and agreed by the President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet.
9. The European delegation submitted to the Chilean delegation the proposal discussed at the IVth meeting of the EU/Mexico JPC on the possibility of organising joint meetings of both Committees. Both delegations agreed that the bureaux of the JPCs should draw up a joint proposal to that end in November.
10. The delegations undertake to continue to assess the results of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. Both delegations thank the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the representatives of the European Commission and the Government of Chile for the information provided during the meeting. They also call for the JPC to be involved in the assessment process.
11. Mindful of the spirit of the Agreement, and particularly Article 1, both delegations undertake to continue to exchange experiences on issues such as migration. They further agree that the agenda of the next meeting of the EU-Chile JPC should include, *inter alia*, the following issues: agriculture, the environment, technological innovation and cooperation, Ecuador's proposed moratorium on oil and the state of application of the EU-Chile Association Agreement.
12. They also reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and to the European Commission that the programme of student grants under the new bilateral cooperation programme be continued with a view to raising mutual awareness of their respective situations. They particularly support the scheme to establish an Erasmus Mundus office in Chile.
13. The parties call upon both the European Commission and the Chilean authorities to provide regular information to the JPC on draft legislation which may affect the Agreement.
14. Both delegations reiterate the need in addition to promote the greatest possible trade in agricultural products. Both parties suggest in particular that the Association Council of the Agreement should study ways to expand the

export of such products.

15. Both parties again express their interest in promoting cooperation by means of joint projects which support Chilean Government initiatives to combat poverty and social inequality.
16. Both parties express their concern regarding the uncertainty surrounding the international financial situation and the negotiations within the framework of the WTO, and state their firm belief that an agreement could have a positive impact on the development of international trade.
17. Both parties express their commitment to strengthening the institutional function of parliaments by means of exchanges, meetings and other mechanisms to be agreed.
18. Both parties welcome the presence of the representatives of the executives of Chile and the European Union and express the wish for that presence to be confirmed in future meetings.
19. Both delegations undertake to forward this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, reiterating their wish for the Chairs of the EU-Chilean National Congress JPC to attend future meetings of the Council.

The delegations agree that the VIIIth Meeting of the EU/Chile JPC shall take place in the European Union from 26 to 29 May 2008.

Done at Valparaíso, 3 October 2007.

European Parliament delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

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Vice-Chair

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## VIII MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

27 May 2008

Brussels, Belgium

The National Congress of Chile and European Parliament delegations to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), led by their co-chairmen Mr Pablo Lorenzini and Mr Giusto Catania, upon conclusion of the work of the VIII Interparliamentary Meeting agree the following

### JOINT DECLARATION

1. The European and Chilean delegations welcome the fact that since the creation of the JPC the number of meetings each year has increased, with meetings of the bureaux of the two delegations and meetings held within the framework of the Euro-Latin American Assembly (EuroLat) in addition to the two JPC meetings.
2. The European and Chilean delegations are generally pleased with the application and the results of the Association Agreement, which has allowed the volume of trade to more than double between 2003 and 2008. Nonetheless, they emphasise that there is still much to be done in real terms in order to encourage diversification of their markets and that the various mechanisms which enable small and medium-sized enterprises to enjoy the benefits of the Agreement need to be strengthened.
3. The European and Chilean delegations recommend that the substance and the opportunities which the Association Agreement between the European Union and Chile offers both parties should be made properly known.
4. The members of the JPC welcome the recent adoption of the European Parliament resolution calling for the number of EuroLat members to be increased to 150: 75 for the European delegation and 75 for the Latin American delegation. They hope that this increase in the number of permanent members will take account of the importance of the Mexican and Chilean JPCs, which are currently under-represented in the Assembly.
5. The European and Chilean delegations are pleased with the results of the recent EuroLat meeting held in Lima from 29 April to 1 May, at which a final resolution was adopted containing the contribution made by the legislators from the two regions to the Fifth LAC-EU Summit of Heads of State or Government, which was held in Lima on 16 May.

6. Both delegations welcome the results of the dialogue between the EU Troika and the Chilean Government and the results of the various bilateral meetings held between members of the Chilean Government and the EU Member States in connection with that Summit.
7. The European delegation wishes to express to the Chilean delegation its satisfaction with the country's ratification of ILO Convention 169.
8. Both delegations are pleased with the budget funding for cooperation which will enable, *inter alia*, projects such as the 'Araucaria viva' project to continue.
9. In the light of the future development of the Agreement, they firmly believe that the future-developments clause will enable the new challenges facing the societies in both countries - notably in the area of climate change and renewable energy sources - to be tackled at bilateral level. That clause will in the future also have to encompass topics relating to investment, the provision of services and smoother access for farm products on the basis of the terms laid down in the Association Agreement's future-developments clause.
10. Both delegations agree to pursue their discussions on topics relating to intellectual property (especially in the fields of pharmaceutical products, books and records) and the question of designation of origin.
11. Moreover, with a view to the future development of the Agreement, greater cooperation in the area of scientific knowledge is of particular importance.
12. Both delegations reiterate their commitment to a clean and sustainable environment. They also renew their commitment to emphasising within international forums the cross-sector nature of environmental protection and they agree to exchange information on this topic.
13. Both parties condemn terrorism in all its forms - no matter where it occurs - and they reiterate their desire to combat it within the framework of international law.
14. The European delegation notes the concern expressed by the Chilean delegation in respect of cases where Chilean citizens have been prevented from entering EU territory. Both parties agree to consider the matter at their next meeting.
15. The Chilean delegation congratulates the European Union and welcomes the progress made so far in the various procedures for ratification of the Lisbon Treaty - an instrument which will strengthen the European Parliament's powers as a co-legislator and increase the European Union's capacity for action.
16. Furthermore, the European and Chilean delegations agree to take part in the seminar to be held when the Fifth Anniversary of the entry into force of the EU-Chile Partnership Agreement is celebrated by means of an event to be organised by the Chilean Government.
17. Both delegations agree that the next meetings of the Bureau will be held in July and September 2008.
18. Both delegations agree that the next meetings of the JPC will be held in November 2008 and March 2009.

19. The delegations express their commitment to continue evaluating the results of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. Both delegations thank the Slovene Presidency of the EU Council, the European Commission representatives and the representative of the Chilean Ministry of Defence for the information provided during the meeting. They also call for the Joint Parliamentary Committee to be involved in the evaluation process.
20. Furthermore, they reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and the European Commission that the programme of grants for students under the new bilateral cooperation programme should be continued with a view to improving mutual knowledge and awareness. In particular, they support the project to create an 'Erasmus Mundus' office in Chile.
21. Both delegations agree to send this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, reiterating their wish that the chairmen of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee should attend the future meetings of the Council.

Signed in Brussels on 27 May 2008.

European Parliament Delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

Giusto Catania  
Chairman

National Congress of Chile Delegation to  
the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary  
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## NINTH MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, 12 November 2008**

**Valparaíso, Chile**

The delegations of the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), headed by the Co-Chairs, Mr Pablo LORENZINI and Mr Giusto CATANIA, having concluded the work of the ninth interparliamentary meeting, agree the following

### **JOINT DECLARATION**

1. The Chilean and European delegations express their satisfaction at the fact that the two annual meetings scheduled have been held, thereby continuing to consolidate this interparliamentary forum for exchanging experience and channelling the legislative contributions to the Association Agreement between Chile and the European Union.
2. The Chilean and European delegations express their general satisfaction at the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the 'Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile', whose implementation has produced significant results in both increasing the volume of trade and strengthening the political dialogue and cooperation initiatives.
3. Both delegations express their satisfaction and thanks for the opportunity offered at the meeting of the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee, held in Mexico on 28 and 29 October 2008, to hold a trilateral dialogue between the respective bureaux on issues on the international agenda and issues of common interest.
4. Both delegations recommend that initiatives aimed at disseminating the content of the Association Agreement should be stepped up, placing the emphasis on the opportunities offered for citizens, business and institutions on both sides.
5. The members of the JPC are aware that, nevertheless, much progress still needs to be made in achieving the objectives and potential of the agreement, in particular by strengthening the mechanisms to enable small and medium-sized enterprises to reap its benefits.

6. The European delegation welcomes the decisive action taken by Chile, as holder of the temporary Presidency of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), to ward off the political crisis in Bolivia through dialogue and negotiation with regional backing. It expresses its hope that this regional initiative will make it possible to resolve the crisis on the basis of respect for the country's democratic institutions and territorial integrity, and declares its willingness to collaborate in this task.
7. Both parties express their commitment to strengthening trade and cooperation relations between Chile and the European Union, especially at a time when the global economy has been shaken by the current crisis on the financial markets.
8. The Chilean and European delegations recall that, against a background of rising prices for hydrocarbons, raw materials and agricultural products, it is necessary to redouble efforts to reach an agreement in the Doha Round that is satisfactory for all parties and that will result in progress being made towards a fairer and more equitable multilateral trade system that will contribute to balanced development between countries and regions.
9. Both delegations express their concern at the fact that this increase in prices for primary products, and its repercussions in terms of a world food crisis, may be having an impact on the poverty affecting the most vulnerable social groups in both regions, which in turn will make it more difficult to achieve the Millennium Development Goals on reducing poverty and social inequity.
10. The European delegation notes the Chilean delegation's concern at the implications of the introduction of the Return Directive approved by the European Parliament and awaiting final approval by the Council of Ministers of the European Union.
11. Both delegations agree that the principle of shared responsibility is the basis on which the implications of international migration can be fully understood, which should result in an ordered management of flows of people in order to generate mutual benefits for Chile and the European Union, and also for migrant people and their families.
12. The European and Chilean delegations reiterate the importance of education as a tool for growth and sustainable development, given its key role in the formation of human capital, in which the wealth of countries lies. The Chilean delegation appreciates the education cooperation programmes of EU member countries, in particular in the formation of outstanding human capital, and highlights how important it is that this highly skilled human capital should return to the country.
13. Both delegations take the view that recent years have seen a convergence between science and technology policies in the European Union and Chile, which are geared to developing a knowledge-based society and economy. To this end, investment in research and development, as well as innovation, is vital in order to improve productivity and national competitiveness, as well as to improve quality of life and levels of social development in the various countries.
14. The Chilean delegation particularly appreciates the fact that the Association Agreement has enabled Chilean researchers to gain free access to cooperation

programmes and instruments drawn up by the European Union as part of the framework programmes for research, technological development and demonstration activities, whilst more generally facilitating international links between the Chilean scientific and technological community and its European counterpart.

15. Both delegations again welcome the recent ratification by the Chilean Congress of ILO Convention No 169 on indigenous peoples.  
The European delegation records its gratitude to the Chilean side for having organised a visit to Temuco in order to gain first-hand knowledge of the issues in relation to native peoples, and in particular the Mapuche population.
16. The European and Chilean delegations propose that particular attention be paid to mining and fishing practices with a view to safeguarding the sustainability of production processes, above all with regard to such salient aspects as the extraction of natural resources.
17. Both delegations congratulate their Executive Bureau for the additional efforts made during the current year, in particular in instigating new initiatives, which are ratified at the present Committee meeting.
18. In the light of the above, the European and Chilean delegations agree to add to the programme of activities for future Committee meetings a space for cultural and artistic exchanges in which European and Chilean writers and artists can be introduced.
19. Both delegations note the need to create territorial links between regions or municipalities in Europe and regions and municipalities in Chile within the framework of the Association Agreement, and they therefore agree to promote this type of links at the various meetings held by the Committee.
20. Both delegations express their commitment to continue to strengthen the institutional function of parliaments, through professional exchanges, meetings and other mechanisms, and to consolidate the interparliamentary forum within the framework of this Association Agreement. Likewise, they welcome the initiative to organise internships for officials in both parliaments, such as those that commenced in September 2008.
21. Both parties express their gratitude to the Government of Chile for organising the seminar held to mark the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Association Agreement between Chile and the European Union.
22. Likewise, both delegations express their thanks for the participation and statements made by ministers and secretaries of state in the Government of Chile throughout the ninth meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).
23. Both delegations undertake to send this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, and reiterate their desire that the Chairs of the European Union-Chilean National Congress Joint Parliamentary Committee should attend the future meetings of that Council.

The delegations agree that the tenth meeting of the European Union-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee will be held in the European Union in March 2009.

Signed in Valparaíso, 12 November 2008.

Delegation of the European Parliament  
to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary  
Committee

Delegation of the Chilean National  
Congress to the EU-Chile Joint  
Parliamentary Committee

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## X MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 25 March 2009**

**Strasbourg, France**

The Delegations from the Chilean National Congress and the European Parliament to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), led by their co-chairs, Mr Jaime GAZMURI MÚJICA and Mr Giusto CATANIA, upon conclusion of the work of the X Interparliamentary Meeting, have agreed the following

### **JOINT DECLARATION**

1. The Chilean and European delegations welcome the fact that the two annual meetings provided for in the Rules of Procedure governing the work of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee have been duly held, consolidating the interparliamentary dimension provided for in the Association Agreement between Chile and the European Union.
2. The Chilean and European delegations welcome the deepening of relations between Chile and the European Union achieved by the Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Chile. Both sides view this 'Global Agreement' as the most innovative and ambitious agreement signed by the two parties to date.
3. Both parties believe that the European Union and Chile have benefited from the Global Agreement in the five years since it came into force, and in all three spheres it covered (political dialogue, cooperation and trade). Generally speaking, the Agreement's mechanisms function well, and have made a major contribution to strengthening bilateral relations. Indeed, both delegations agree that the Global Agreement, an instrument which is both dynamic and efficient, has become the main channel for our relations. Nonetheless, both parties acknowledge that the potential offered by the Agreement could be even better exploited.
4. Both delegations have had the opportunity, during the seminar held in Santiago de Chile on 12 November 2008 on the occasion of the fifth anniversary celebrations of the Agreement's coming into force, to review the progress made with regard to the application of the Agreement. The European delegation again expresses its thanks to the Chilean Delegation and the Chilean Government for organising extremely useful event.

5. Both delegations recall that the X Meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee marks the end of the mandate of the JPC as currently composed. The delegations which will be set up following the European Parliament elections and the Chilean elections will lay the foundations for a new stage in the process, reaping the benefits of the exchange of experiences and the legislative contributions to the Agreement made to date.
6. Both parties also voice their conviction that with regard to the future of the Agreement, and in the terms envisaged, the evolutive clause will make it possible to tackle issues still outstanding and fresh challenges in both Latin America and Europe.
7. Both delegations note the low visibility of the Global Agreement and the opportunities it offers to both public and private players, and therefore recommend that action to publicise the contents of the Agreement in the media be stepped up, highlighting its clear potential benefits.
8. The Chilean and European delegations underline and reiterate their commitment to a clean, sustainable environment. The European delegation reported on the December 2008 adoption of the packet of measures on energy and climate change, which reflects Europe's commitment in the face of one of the greatest challenges of the present day. Both delegations also welcomed the bilateral dialogue on energy and environmental issues held on 28 January 2009 between the Chilean Government and the Commission, which also highlighted Chile's potential in terms of clean and renewable energy production. Both delegations agree that they share the same objectives, and underline the need for coordinated positions in international fora, and in respect of the December 2009 Copenhagen Summit.
9. Both parties have reviewed the current situation in Latin America and Europe, particularly in the light of the worldwide financial and economic crisis and its consequences for both regions, and exchanged views on their respective specific measures and perspectives with regard to the forthcoming G-20 Summit in London. Both delegations also voice their wish for agreement to be reached in the negotiations on the Doha Round of the WTO, to promote trade flows and consolidate multilateral trade rules.
10. Both parties again welcome the strength of bilateral trade flows, which rose to 23.8 thousand million dollars in 2008 (a rise of 7.2% compared with 2007). Both parties call for the liberalisation of trade in goods to continue, and support the planned dialogue in the area of reviewing trade and services.
11. The European delegation stated its wish to see the European Investment Bank being able to set up and operate in Chile, as it already does in over 120 countries, including the whole of Latin America. The Chilean delegation noted the possible benefits for Chile, but pointing out, nonetheless, that it was a matter for Chilean law and had yet to be resolved.
12. With regard to political dialogue, both delegations welcomed the results of the various bilateral meetings and the maturity of the bilateral relationship.
13. The European delegation, for its part, reported on the state of negotiations with the Andean Community, Mercosur and Central America, which reflect Europe's major commitment to Latin America.

14. The European delegation notes the Chilean Government's proposal to establish a Development Partnership with the European Union, an initiative put forward by President Bachelet at the EU-Chile Summit in Lima, with the objective of encouraging economic growth and social cohesion in Latin America. Both delegations agree to consider the progress made on this proposal at a forthcoming meeting of the JPC.
15. Both parties condemn all forms of terrorism, no matter where it occurs, and reiterate their resolve to combat it within the framework of international law.
16. The Chilean Delegation reported on the progress made with regard to processing the adoption of the digital television standard in Chile. The European Delegation reiterated the economic and technological advantages of the European standard, and recalled that adopting the European offer would mark a significant step forward in the bilateral relationship.
17. Both delegations call on the Chilean Government and the Commission to inform the members of the JPC of the progress of the Bilateral Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, and particularly of the initiatives planned in order better to exploit the possibilities offered by the Agreement.
18. Both delegations agree to hold a meeting of the Bureau within the framework of the EUROLAT Assembly meeting to be held in Madrid in the week of 6-9 April 2009.
19. Both delegations voice their commitment to continuing to assess the progress of the EU-Chile Association Agreement, and thanked the Czech Presidency of the Council of the Union, the Chilean Ambassador to the European Union, and the representatives of the Commission for the information they had provided during the X Meeting.
20. Both delegations reiterate their desire to make provision for cultural and artistic exchanges within the framework of the programme of activities of future meetings of the JPC.
21. Both delegations undertake to forward this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, and reiterate their wish for the chairs of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee to attend future meetings of the Association Council.

The delegations agree that the XI Meeting of the European Union-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee shall be held in Chile in October 2009.

Done at Strasbourg, 25 March 2009.

European Parliament Delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

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