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*Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee*

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Meeting of 12 April 2012, from 10.00 to 11.15

Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.00 on Thursday, 12 April 2012, with the Chair, María Muñiz De Urquiza, in the chair.

**1. Election of the new delegation Chair**

The Chair said that at the beginning of the parliamentary term the Spanish and Portuguese delegations from the S&D Group had decided to co-chair the Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee. The Chair announced that the Secretariat had received the candidacy of António Fernando Correia de Campos from the S&D Group. However, in view of the fact that there was only one candidate, the Chair declared Mr Correia de Campos elected by acclamation and gave him the chair. The new Chair thanked those present for electing him and praised María Muñiz de Urquiza for her efforts, which had resulted in closer relations between Chile and the European Union during her time as chair. He also welcomed to the meeting the Chilean Ambassador to the EU, Carlos Appelgren Balbontín.

**2. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 446.807v01-00)**

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2012 (PE 446.806v01-00)**

The minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2012 were approved.

**4. Chair's announcements**

The Chair said that a copy of the letter from Frank Barrett, Secretary-General of the ECR Group, to President Schulz announcing the appointment of Charles Tannock (replacing Emma McClarkin) as a full member of the Delegation to the EU-Chile JPC had been included in the meeting papers. The Chair also said that the President of the S&D Group, Hannes Swoboda, had announced the

appointment of María Irigoyen Pérez as a full member of the Delegation to the EU-Chile JPC, replacing María Muñiz de Urquiza.

#### **5. Exchange of views with Carlos Appelgren Balbontín, Chilean Ambassador to the EU, on EU-Chile relations and the latest developments in Chilean foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific region**

Speaking personally and on behalf of the Government and National Congress of Chile, Carlos Appelgren thanked the outgoing Chair for her contribution to the Delegation to the EU-Chile JPC. He also congratulated António Correia de Campos on his election to delegation Chair and wished him great success in his new role.

With regard to EU-Chile relations, Carlos Appelgren said that Chile saw the EU as a benchmark in terms of culture, political inspiration and development and that the EU-Chile Association Agreement had become the most advanced association model that Chile had with a group of countries. In that context, bilateral relations between Chile and the EU were nothing short of excellent and it was important to continue building on and strengthening their relationship even more, making the most of the broad scope of areas covered under the Association Agreement to ensure that relations between them kept pace with changes in the global economy. He described in detail the joint activities held in 2011 and the plans for 2012, which included the 10th meeting of the EU-Chile Association Committee, preparation of the agenda for the Fifth EU-Chile Summit and preparations for the upcoming EU-LAC Summit of Heads of State and Government, which would take place in Santiago, Chile, in January 2013.

The Ambassador concluded by talking about Chile's relations with the Asia-Pacific, which was the world's most dynamic region in terms of economic growth and demographics. The region was home to half of the global population and accounted for almost 30% of global GDP. The volume and size of the economies and trade represented in APEC for example accounted for 60% of global GDP. With a 6 400 km long Pacific coastline, Chile was in a privileged position geographically and could not neglect the opportunities that that afforded.

Chile's foreign policy of 'open regionalism' aimed to establish relations with all the world's geographic areas and to reflect a Latin American perspective. The policy was a response to Chile's desire to strengthen ties with States in the Asia-Pacific region. Expanding and strengthening relations with Asian nations had become a state policy in Chile and fell within the country's more general aim to be a global actor in discussions of topics of world importance and to pursue bilateral political links and trade, as evidenced by Chile's membership of APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation).

Asia was currently Chile's main export market, to the extent that Chile exported more to the region than to the United States, Europe and the Mercosur countries combined. According to the figures on foreign trade published by the Central Bank at the end of 2011, Asia was the destination for 48% of Chilean exports (the equivalent of USD 19 billion) while the other three groups jointly accounted for 41% (that is, USD 17 billion).

Thanks to the country's active focus on trade, positive interest from Asian countries and Chile's involvement in regional forums, particularly APEC, it now had a wide range of trade agreements with East Asia and the Oceania region. Significant growth in Chile's public service sector in recent decades and other aspects of the country's institutional structure provided a guarantee to its partners and were a key component of the country's development process.

By way of conclusion, he said that Chile's desire to forge links with the Asia and Oceania region was based on the conviction that mutual understanding was essential to ensuring a fruitful relationship

focussed on long-term objectives. The establishment of high-level relations with countries whose historical experience, development and cultures could make a valuable contribution was important in order to have a full picture of global issues and developments in areas of common interest. They also provided scope for mutually beneficial exchanges through joint development projects.

The Chair thanked the Ambassador for his contribution.

María Irigoyen spoke.

#### **6. Report by José María Zufiaur, member of the EESC, on the current state of and future outlook for relations between civil societies in the EU and Chile, within the framework of the EU-Chile Association Agreement**

José María Zufiaur thanked the outgoing Chair, María Muñoz de Urquiza, for her work on civil society issues and wished the new Chair great success in his role.

He also said that Parliament had submitted a request on 5 July 2011 asking the EESC to draft an opinion on 'The role of civil society in EU-Chile relations'. The EESC section specialising in external relations had organised a study visit to Chile in September 2011 and had approved the opinion on 24 January 2012. The opinion had then been approved at the EESC plenary session on 22 February 2012, by 138 votes to nil with 7 abstentions.

Parliament had submitted its request in view of the fact that the participation instrument envisaged in Article 10 of the EU-Chile Association Agreement (signed in 2002) had not been established. The article provided for a Joint Consultative Committee comprising members of civil society from the EESC and Chile; however, it had not come about owing to the lack of a corresponding institution in Chile. He was hopeful that a body representing Chilean civil society could eventually be created. With that aim in view, the EESC would organise a seminar bringing together key representatives of Chilean civil society, with support from the Chilean Government and the EU. The seminar would be held alongside the Seventh EU-LAC Organised Civil Society Forum (in Santiago, Chile, in December 2012). He called on the Chilean Government and the European Parliament to support the seminar, the main aim of which would be to establish a Chilean civil society consultative body that could serve as a counterpart to the EESC in accordance with Article 10 of the EU-Chile Association Agreement.

The following spoke: the Chair, António Correia de Campos, and the Chilean Ambassador to the EU, Carlos Appelgren.

#### **7. Date and place of next meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the delegation would take place in Brussels on Thursday, 28 June 2012, from 10.00 to 11.15.

The meeting closed at 11.00.

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