



Delegation for relations with India

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 22 March 2011, from 17:30 to 18:30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 17:30 on Tuesday, 22 March 2011, with Graham Watson (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2011

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. Chair's announcements

Mr Watson welcomed the officials of the Rajya Sabha who were on a study visit to Brussels to learn about the workings of the European Parliament. He also welcomed Mr Nair from the Indian embassy.

4. Report by the Chair on the Bureau visit to New Delhi, 13-14 March 2011

Mr Watson summarised the visit of the Bureau, noting that the report would be available as soon as possible. He stated that during his time in Delhi he had sought the views of the Indian side about a visit to Manipur. It was clear that there was much to commend such a proposal but it was also apparent that a visit was not welcomed at the current time. A visit might be proposed at a later date. He was instead commending an alternative proposal that would include Delhi, Patna and Mumbai.

It had become apparent that the Lok Sabha would not be in session during the delegation's time in Delhi, although it had been due to be in session when the visit was

originally planned. Nevertheless there was the possibility of meeting parliamentarians through FICCI and the Climate Parliament. It was also hoped to meet the Environment Minister, Mr Jairam Ramesh.

Mr Watson informed members that Bihar was the third most populous state in India and had a significant number of EU-funded programmes. Following the visit to Bihar, the delegation would travel to Mumbai where it would have a more business-themed programme. The three main elements of the programme would be as follows: climate change/renewable energies; security and counter terrorism; and the EU-India FTA - the three main topics of the most recent EU-India summit. He was aware of other issues that the delegation wished to raise which could also be incorporated into the programme.

Mr Watson announced that there was the possibility of a visit to Brussels by Speaker Kumar (possibly in the autumn at the head of a delegation including members of the newly established Friendship Group). He had also learned from the Rajya Sabha officials that the EU-India Friendship Group in the Indian Parliament could be set up within the next month. It would therefore be possible for a further meeting to be proposed in the autumn in Brussels or Strasbourg.

5. Preparations for the visit of the full delegation to India

Mr Watson noted that members had received a draft programme for the visit from 11 to 15 April. He stressed that the Lok Sabha was likely to meet for its "winter session" which could coincide with weeks 47 and 48.

Meetings to date had been requested with Minister of State for External Affairs, Ms Preneet Kaur, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh and Renewable Energies Minister Farooq Abdullah. It was also proposed to meet with civil society organisations and the German political foundations.

Bihar was the home state of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, a member of the Rajya Sabha, who had indicated that he could help with a programme for the visit.

Mr Leinen also greeted the Rajya Sabha officials. He regretted that the Lok Sabha would not be in session during the visit. He had a committee meeting in Brussels on Monday 11 April and could not be sure about his participation. He asked about proposals for a Bhopal visit.

Mr Newton Dunn regretted that there were few colleagues present at the meeting. He was particularly keen to meet the Minister who had responsibilities for the EU-India FTA. He noted that there was a very heavy programme and asked whether a visit to see the elections could be incorporated into the programme.

Mr Angourakis also welcomed the visitors. He regretted that the Lok Sabha would not be in session. He drew attention to the proposals made by members during the previous meeting; i.e. a visit to European companies in India and research centres or universities and meetings with trade unions.

Mr Watson stressed that the programme had been designed to reflect the fact that

Tuesday 12 April was a public holiday. He underlined that there was flexibility for the rest of the week and suggestions would be welcomed. He noted that the time in Mumbai would allow meetings with representatives of European businesses and with research institutes. The Strategic Foresight Group, a think tank based in Mumbai, had already promised a meeting. He thought that the caste system and environmental and social projects could also be examined in Bihar. It could also be possible to meet the Chief Minister and members of the Legislative Assembly.

He apologised for the lack of detail on the programme and hoped that members' wishes could be incorporated. The EU Delegation in Delhi already had more detailed proposals that they were currently checking out.

Mr Newton Dunn recalled that the day excursion from Hyderabad during the previous year's visit had been extremely interesting and he would welcome a similar visit, particularly as he was a member of the Development Committee.

Mr Watson confirmed that such a visit was anticipated. He also noted that a small ceremony was envisaged in Mumbai to commemorate the victims of the attacks that took place in November 2008. Participants could return directly to Europe from Mumbai.

He reminded members that they should apply for their visas by Thursday 24 March via the EP Protocol services. Further information would be sent out in the next couple of on the flights and hotels that should be booked. He reminded members that they should be present for the entire programme of the delegation.

He noted that eight members had indicated that they wished to travel at present.

Mr Newton Dunn stressed that members should indeed attend for the duration of the programme. Mr Watson concurred and underlined the importance of sharing impressions of the visit.

6. Any other business

There was no other business

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 6 April at 16h15hrs. Mr Newton Dunn regretted that he could not attend that meeting. Mr Watson stressed that members should send their assistants to collect the dossiers for the visit if they could not come.

The meeting closed at 1800hrs.

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Godeanu. Cavazzini - Bartl - Demeter - Loncier - Hillmann - Zaczek [MEP's assistants]

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