



D-IN_PV(2012)0215

MINUTES

of the meeting of 15 February 2012, from 16:15 to 17:15
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 1615 on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, 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 25 January 2012-02-21

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. Chair's announcements

Sir Graham Watson announced that - although there had been an agreement between the political groups that the Chair of the India and China delegations would swap at the mid point in the Parliament - this had not happened. This was despite the fact that Joseph Daul and Mario Mauro had intervened very strongly with the Chair of the China delegation. Nevertheless, the China Chair had refused to relinquish his post.

Sir Graham Watson welcomed Mr Nair from the India embassy and Mr Pedro Serrano, EEAS Director for South and South East Asia

4. Outcomes of the 12th EU-India Summit on 10 February 2012-02-21

Sir Graham noted that Mr Serrano would update members on the outcomes of the 12th EU-India, which had taken place in the previous week

Sir Graham noted that the joint statement had stated that "negotiations on an ambitious and balanced (FTA) package are now close to completion" and asked about any likely timescale for this. He referred to press reports that Mr Barroso had said that it could be concluded by autumn 2012, while PM Singh had said that it should be finalised "at the very earliest".

He also pointed to the fact that the joint statement had noted a "strong divergence of views" on the Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) and asked whether there were any plans for resolving the issue.

Mr Serrano stated that it was "a good summit with no surprises". There had been "no huge steps" but there had been an important consolidation of the depth and breadth of the EU-India relationship, which PM Singh had described as "an important pillar of the international order".

There were two pillars - the economic pillar and the political and security pillar on which there had been more progress at the summit.

There had been an important exchange of views on the international situation, including the euro crisis which was having an impact on India as the EU was India's most important export market.

There was considerable discussion on the FTA and there was a clear political determination to conclude the negotiations. There would be a ministerial meeting by June to close the outstanding issues and some further work in September to close the political agreement. There would be a subsequent "cleaning up" of the text, with a view to an agreement by the end of 2012 or early 2013. Work need to be done in the areas of tariffs such as cars, wines and spirits. The FTA would establish the largest free trade area in the world.

There was acknowledgement of the possibility of working together on clean energy, which could contribute to economic growth. Other areas included growth and innovation.

There was significant discussion on security issues and a road map for cooperation on this subject was being finalised. For the first time there were references in the joint declaration to cooperation on counter-terrorism, counter-piracy and cyber security. The Indians were interested on the legal work being undertaken on the piracy issue and the need to address the root causes of the Somali crisis.

On regional issues there was discussion of the Maldives crisis and the situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan - in particular the EU's five year engagement plan for cooperating with Pakistan. There was optimism about the situation in Myanmar and the positive changes in the country. The Indian side outlined its cooperation with China. There was discussion of the developments following the Arab Spring and, in particular, the situation in Syria. The EU expressed its grave concern about the situation regarding Iran and stressed the need to bring Iran to the negotiating table.

The Indian side had serious concerns about the EU's Emission Trading System; while the EU had argued that it was an important measure in tackling climate change and

contended that it would have very little impact on Indian carriers. Discussions on this issue would continue.

Mr Serrano referred to the issue of security searches of Sikhs at European airports. He stressed that security could not be compromised but this issue needed to be treated with sensitivity.

People to people contacts were highlighted, including the facilitation of visas and the admission agreements. The EU was also looking forward to the conclusion of the Civil Aviation Agreement,

Sir Graham thanked Mr Serrano. He then welcomed Ms Anthea McIntyre who was a new "post-Lisbon" member of the delegation. He then opened the floor to questions.

Mrs Kolarska Bobinska asked when the FTA would be actually signed. She asked too whether India wanted to be an active player in the region or preferred to concentrate on internal issues.

Mrs Ticaú asked about the ETS and the future prospects for the civil aviation agreement with India. She also asked about progress on data protection and intellectual property.

Mr van Dalen asked whether the introduction of the ETS could block the FTA. He noted that there had been no mention of human rights such as child labour and the situation of the Dalits.

Mr Newton Dunn asked about ACTA and the Indian attitude to the treaty. He also asked whether there was an improved understanding in India about the EU.

Mr Leinen was interested in how the EU was perceived by India - as a political player or simply as a trade area. He noted the three major upcoming conferences on the environment and asked whether they were discussed.

Mr Pirker asked when the FTA would be actually signed. He noted the possibilities for cooperation and asked how concrete these mechanisms were - particularly for cooperation on energy efficiency. He asked when the road map on security would be completed and whether there would then be real cooperation.

Mr Mann noted that India was the eighth most significant trading partner of the EU. He wanted to prepare strategic partnerships at member states levels. He asked too about Indian legislation on intellectual property and data protection. Finally he was interested in India's role in SARC.

Mr Serrano recognised that some things had not been raised in a relatively short meeting and that these would be addressed at expert or Ministerial level. He reiterated that all the problems concerning the FTA were now "on the table". There had been substantial progress on the tariff side. The summit had enabled the leaders to commit themselves again to a conclusion of the agreement and the prospects of this conclusion were now closer than ever.

He stressed that India was a key player in the region, noting that its relations with

Afghanistan had developed significantly in recent years. There was potential for the role of SARC to increase and this should be encouraged.

He noted that there had been an important discussion on ETS. He recognised that other countries had problems with this piece of EU legislation and it was important to explain to them what the EU was trying to achieve. There was no linkage between the ETS and the FTA. The agreement on civil aviation required India to enter into bilateral agreements with all member states and these had not all been concluded.

He referred to the brief discussion on Rio Plus 20 and other climate change events. There were also brief discussions on data protection, cyber security and counter terrorism.

Sir Graham thanked Mr Serrano, underlining that the EU and India had a very wide agenda of issues that they both needed to address. He stressed that the two sides were a community of values and noted that India's human rights needed significant improvement and he looked forward to the EEAS reporting back to the delegation on this issue. Mr Serrano emphasised that these issues were raised with the Indians and he committed to reporting back on this.

5. Programme of delegation activity in 2012-02-21

Sir Graham noted that discussions were underway to prepare the full delegation visit to India that would take place in week 18 (w/c 30 April). Members would visit Delhi and - on the recommendation of the EU Delegation - travel on to Chennai (formerly known as Madras).

A visit to Chennai would enable members to look at the situation of Tamil refugees and learn about the port, which has important links to Europe. It was also possible to look at EU-funded projects, including water management, clean energy and higher education. Chennai was an important industrial hub where EU businesses were active and had some high level investments.

Sir Graham also hoped that there might be a visit by Indian parliamentarians to Europe in the not too distant future.

Mr Leinen was in favour of a visit to Chennai and was not aware of the MEPs having been there before. Sir Graham hoped there might be a second visit to India in 2012. Mr van Dalen wanted to include the "softer" elements in the visit, including the possibility of going to a refugee camp.

6. Any other business

Mr Newton Dunn gave a brief update on the visit of the Development Committee to India in the next week. The aim was to assess the value of EU aid to India and Indian aid to other countries. They would be in Delhi and Jaipur. He promised to report back at a subsequent meeting.

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

Members were informed that the next meeting would take place in Strasbourg on Thursday 15 March at 1000hrs.

The meeting closed at 17:15.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRS/DALYVIŲ SĄRAŠAS/JELENLÉTI ÍV/
REĢISTRU TA' ATTENDENZA/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA OBECNOŠCI/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LISTĂ DE PREZENȚĂ/
PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Бюро/Mesa/Předsednictvo/Formandskabet/Vorstand/Juhatus/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di presidenza/Prezidijs/Biuras/Elnökség/ Prezydium/Birou/Predsednictvo/Predsedstvo/Puheenjohtajisto/Presidiet (*)
Graham Watson, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska
Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Μέλη/Members/Députés/Deputati/Deputāti/Nariai/Képviselők/ Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter
Peter van Dalen, Jo Leinen, Zofija Mazej Kukovič, Bill Newton Dunn, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Anthea McIntyre
Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Supplenti/ Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantys nariai/Póttagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/Namestniki/ Varajäsenet/Suppleanter
Thomas Mann, Hubert Pirker, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Michael Theurer

187 (2)
193 (3)
49 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkės punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt fuq l-aġenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

Наблюдатели/Observadores/Pozorovatelé/Observatører/Beobachter/Vaatlejad/Παρατηρητές/Observers/Observateurs/Osservatori/ Novērotāji/Stebėtojai/Megfigyelők/Osservatori/Waarnemers/Obserwatorzy/Observadores/Observatori/Pozorovatelia/Opazovalci/ Tarkkailijat/Observeur

По покана на председателя/Por invitación del presidente/Na pozvání předsedy/Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung des Vorsitzenden/Esimehe kutsel/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chair(wo)man/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Pēc priekšsēdētāja uzaicinājuma/Pirmininkui pakvietus/Az elnök meghívására/Fuq stedina tal-President/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/Na zaproszenie Przewodniczącego/A convite do Presidente/La invitația președintelui/Na pozwanie predsedu/Na povabilo predsednika/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan
Serrano (EEAS)

Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nõukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)
Комисия/Comisión/Komise/Kommissionen/Kommission/Euroopa Komisjon/Επιτροπή/Commission/Commissione/Komisija/Bizottság/Kummissjoni/Commissie/Komisja/Comissão/Comisie/Komisia/Komissio/Kommissionen (*)
Европейска служба за външна дейност/Evropská služba pro vnější činnost/EU-Udenrigstjenesten/Europäischer Auswärtiger Dienst/Euroopa välisteenistus/Ευρωπαϊκή Υπηρεσία Εξωτερικής Δράσης/European External Action service/Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior/Service européen pour l'action extérieure/Servizio europeo per l'azione esterna/Eiropas Ārējās darbības dienests/Europos išorės veiksmų tarnyba/Európai Külügyi Szolgálat/Servizz Ewropew għall-Azzjoni Esterna/Europese dienst voor extern optreden/Europejska Służba Działań Zewnętrznych/Serviço Europeu para a Acção Externa/Serviciul european pentru acțiune externă/Európska služba pre vonkajšiu činnosť/Evropska služba za zunanje delovanje/Euroopan ulkosuhdehallinto/Europeiska avdelningen för yttre åtgärd (*)
Le Bras
Други институции/Otras instituciones/Ostatní orgány a instituce/Andre institutioner/Andere Organe/Muud institutsioonid/Άλλα θεσμικά όργανα/Other institutions/Autres institutions/Altre istituzioni/Citas iestādes/Kitos institucijos/Más intézmények/Istituzzjonijiet oħra/Andere instellingen/Inne instytucje/Outras Instituições/Alte instituții/Iné inštitúcie/Druge institucije/Muut toimeelimet/Andra institutioner/organ

Други учасници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης Παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti ohra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Iní účastníci/Drugi udeleženci/Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare

Nair (Indian Embassy) - Carter, Bubas, Maicher, Loncier, de Lasterie, Dewes, Szajewska, Prender, Saffar (MEP's assistants) - Cuvellier

Секретариат на политическите групи/Secretaría de los Grupos políticos/Sekretariát politických skupin/Gruppernes sekretariat/Sekretariat der Fraktionen/Fraktsioonide sekretariaat/Γραμματεία των Πολιτικών Ομάδων/Secretariats of political groups/Secrétariat des groupes politiques/Segreteria gruppi politici/Politisko grupu sekretariāts/Fracijų sekretoriai/Képviselőcsoportok titkársága/Sekretarjat gruppi poliitici/Fractiesecretariaten/Sekretariat Grup Politycznych/Secr. dos grupos políticos/Secretariate grupuri politice/Sekretariát politických skupin/Sekretariat političnih skupin/Poliittisten ryhmien sihteeristö/Gruppernas sekretariat

PPE	Bastiaansen
S&D	
ALDE	
ECR	De Jongh
Verts/ALE	Meyer
GUE/NGL	
EFD	
NI	

Кабинет на председателя/Gabinete del Presidente/Kancelář předsedy/Formandens Kabinet/Kabinett des Präsidenten/Presidendi kantselei/Γραφείο Προέδρου/President's Office/Cabinet du Président/Gabinetto del Presidente/Priekšsēdētāja kabinets/Pirmininko kabinetas/Elnöki hivatal/Kabinett tal-President/Kabinet van de Voorzitter/Gabinet Przewodniczącego/Gabinete do Presidente/Cabinet Președinte/Kancelária predsedu/Urad predsednika/Puhemiehen kabinetti/Talmanens kansli

Кабинет на генералния секретар/Gabinete del Secretario General/Kancelář generálního tajemníka/Generalsekretærens Kabinet/Kabinett des Generalsekretärs/Peasekretäri büroo/Γραφείο Γενικού Γραμματέα/Secretary-General's Office/Cabinet du Secrétaire général/Gabinetto del Segretario generale/Ģenerālsekretāra kabinets/Generalinio sekretoriaus kabinetas/Főtitkári hivatal/Kabinett tas-Segretarju Ġenerali/Kabinet van de secretaris-generaal/Gabinet Sekretarza Generalnego/Gabinete do Secretário-Geral/Cabinet Secretar General/Kancelária generálneho tajomníka/Urad generalnega sekretarja/Pääsihteerin kabinetti/Generalsekreterarens kansli

Генерална дирекция/Dirección General/Generální ředitelství/Generaldirektorat/Generaldirektion/Peadirektoraat/Γενική Διεύθυνση/ Directorate-General/Direction générale/Direzione generale/Generāldirektorāts/Generalinis direktoratas/Főigazgatóság/Direttorat Ġenerali/Direktoraten-generaal/Dyrekcja Generalna/Direcção-Geral/Direcții Generale/Generálne riaditeľstvo/Generalni direktorat/ Pääosasto/Generaldirektorat	
DG PRES DG IPOL DG EXPO DG COMM DG PERS DG INLO DG TRAD DG INTE DG FINS DG ITEC	Bierbrauer
Правна служба/Servicio Jurídico/Právní služba/Juridisk Tjeneste/Juristischer Dienst/Öigusteenistus/Νομική Υπηρεσία/Legal Service/ Service juridique/Servizio giuridico/Juridiskais dienests/Teisės tarnyba/Jogi szolgálat/Servizz legali/Juridische Dienst/Wydział prawny/ Serviço Jurídico/Serviciu Juridic/Právny servis/Pravna služba/Oikeudellinen yksikkö/Rättstjänsten	
Секретариат на комисията/Secretaría de la comisión/Sekretariát výboru/Udvalgssekretariatet/Ausschusssekretariat/Komisjoni sekretariaat/Γραμματεία επιτροπής/Committee secretariat/Secrétariat de la commission/Segreteria della commissione/Komitejas sekretariāts/Komiteto sekretoriatas/A bizottság titkársága/Sekretarjat tal-kumitat/Commissiesecretariaat/Sekretariat komisji/ Secretariado da comissão/Secretariat comisie/Sekretariat odbora/Valiokunnan sihteeristö/Utskottssekretariatet	
Boden	
Сътрудник/Asistente/Asistent/Assistent/Assistenz/Βοηθός/Assistant/Assistente/Palīgs/Padējējas/Asszisztens/Asystent/Pomočnik/ Avustaja/Assistenten	
Mollet	

- * (P) = Председател/Presidente/Předseda/Formand/Vorsitzender/Esimees/Πρόεδρος/Chair(wo)man/Président/Priekšsēdētājs/Pirmininkas/
Elnök/President/Voorzitter/Przewodniczący/Preşedinte/Predseda/Predsednik/Puheenjohtaja/Ordförande
- (VP) = Заместник-председател/Vicepresidente/Místopředseda/Næstformand/Stellvertretender Vorsitzender/Aseesimees/Αντιπρόεδρος/
Vice-Chair(wo)man/Vice-Président/Priekšsēdētāja vietnieks/Pirmininko pavaduotojas/Alelnök/Víci President/Ondervoorzitter/
Wiceprzewodniczący/Vice-Presidente/Vicepreşedinte/Podpredseda/Podpredsednik/Varapuheenjohtaja/Vice ordförande
- (M) = Член/Miembro/Člen/Medlem/Mitglied/Parlamendiliige/Μέλος/Member/Membre/Membro/Deputāts/Narys/Képviselő/
Memburu/Lid/Członek/Membro/Membro/Člen/Poslanec/Jäsen/Ledamot
- (F) = Длъжностно лице/Funcionario/Úředník/Tjenestemand/Beamter/Ametnik/Υπάλληλος/Official/Fonctionnaire/Funzionario/
Ierēdnis/Pareigūnas/Tisztviselő/Ufficial/Ambtenaar/Urzędnik/Funcionário/Funcionar/Úradník/Uradnik/Virkamies/Tjänsteman