



Delegation for relations with India

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 5 July 2012, from 10:15 to 11:15
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 10:15 on Thursday, 5 July 2012, with Graham Watson (Chair) in the chair.

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 488.763)**

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. **Adoption of the draft agenda of the meeting of 25 April 2012 (PE 488.764)**

The draft minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. **Chair's announcements**

Sir Graham Watson welcomed two new members of the delegation: Ms Birgit Collin-Langen and Ms Krisztina Morvai.

He noted that talks on the EU-India FTA had taken place on 26 June between Commissioner de Gucht and Indian Commerce Minister Anand Sharma. A joint statement had been issued stating that negotiations were "*making good progress*". A meeting between the chief negotiators was scheduled for September and another ministerial meeting was planned before the end of the year with a view to concluding the negotiations. He looked forward to discussing this with Indian counterparts. He also noted that the conclusions of the previous week's European Council had stated that "*negotiations with India need a new impulse from both sides*".

He informed members that the new Ambassador of India to the EU would be Mr Dinkar Khullar. Until now Mr Khullar had been Ambassador of India in Vienna. He would take up his position in the latter part of July. Sir Graham proposed to invite Mr Khullar to speak to the Delegation at an early date in the autumn.

Sir Graham noted that a group of senior officials from the Rajya Sabha would be spending next week on a study visit in the European Parliament. This was part of a developing programme of exchanges at official level between the Indian Parliament Upper House and the European Parliament.

4. **Review of the EP delegation visit to India 30 April - 4 May 2012**

Sir Graham informed members that the report of the recent delegation visit to India - which had already been circulated to participants - was in the dossier. He would be discussing the visit the following week with Mr. Santosh Jha, Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'affaires a.i at the Indian embassy. Members were invited to give any feedback on the visit.

5. **Future delegation activity**

Sir Graham noted that there was the possibility of a second visit to India in 2012.

A visit to India by the Bureau or a working party had been initially scheduled for earlier in the year. This had not taken place and there was therefore an option of travelling later in 2012 - subject to authorisation from the Conference of Presidents.

The most probable date for the visit was in week 51 (19 - 21 December) - a "turquoise week" when the Indian parliament was due to be holding its winter session. The visit would probably be only to New Delhi.

Mr Newton Dunn argued that it was worth pursuing if there was a real chance of building the relationship with the Indian MPs.

Mr Désir agreed that it would be appropriate to travel, especially in view of the current state of play of negotiations on the EU-India FTA.

Mr Pirker also believed it was a good time to travel in the light of the negotiations on the FTA and the importance of achieving a political breakthrough. It was important to get fully up to date information from the Commission.

Sir Graham referred to his recent meeting with an Indian parliamentarian Mr Tewari who agreed to raise the issue of a formal friendship group in the Indian Parliament for relations with the EP. Another visit to India would be an opportunity to push again for this group to be established.

Sir Graham therefore agreed that the matter of a visit would be taken up with the new Ambassador.

6. **Any other business**

Mr Pirker thanked all for the "excellent" organisation of the recent visit. He was keen to ask about follow-up of subjects that had arisen, such as the visa issue for academics and guidance about the infrastructure in India and other support for potential investors.

Sir Graham stated that DG Trade could be invited to a meeting in September to examine the issue of Mode 4, as well as providing an update on other parts of the FTA.

Ms Mazek Kukovic was grateful for the "perfect" organisation of the visit to India and congratulated Sir Graham on his role as a Chair. She was very happy with the report and wanted to be able to give the information to Slovenian companies which wanted to enter the Indian market.

Sir Graham thanked members for their comments.

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

Sir Graham thanked all those present and noted that members would be informed of time and date of the next meeting which would be in September.

The meeting closed at 10:40.

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Toine Manders, Hubert Pirker

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Palamakumbura, Sanchez (MEP's assistant), Vieira da Cruz (South Asia Democratic Forum)

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