

*Delegation for relations with the United States*

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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 21 January 2010, from 10.15 to 11.15  
STRASBOURG

The meeting opened at 10.22 on Thursday, 21 January 2010, with Elmar Brok in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 432.678)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of 26 November 2009 (PE 432.675)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman informed MEPs that the EP Liaison Office in Washington had opened with three EP officials posted there. The EP Office is temporarily located in the premises of the EU Delegation to the US. Both the EP and the EU Delegation will be moving shortly and the EP will soon have its own offices in the same building as the Union Delegation.

Mr Lambrinidis, as Vice-President responsible for Transatlantic Relations, asked for any reflections Members may have on the remit of the office in Washington.

Mr Brok informed MEPs that an extraordinary meeting with the recently-appointed US Representative to the EU - Mr William Kennard - would take place on Thursday 28 January in Brussels.

Ms Morvai, Swoboda and Sir Robert Atkins referred to the refusal of the Israeli authorities to allow the official EP Delegation for Relations with the PLC into Gaza and the letter sent by Mrs Berkley and other Congress Representatives on the EP delegation visit to Iran. Mrs Morvai commented that there should not be "double standards" in US reactions to EP delegation visits to Iran and Gaza.

Sir Robert Atkins proposed a short discussion, at the Madrid TLD meeting, on how best to give each other advice on issues and tactics.

The Chairman, answering a question from Mr Swoboda, informed MEPs that the secretariat would circulate for remarks and comments a proposal for a draft document to be discussed within the TLD Steering Committee on the reinforcement of TLD. Members of the Joint Working Group created at the 67th IPM would travel to the US in March and take these ideas with them to be discussed with US counterparts.

#### 4. 68th Interparliamentary Meeting - Authorisation and preparation of the programme

Authorisation has been requested from the Conference of Presidents to hold the 68th TLD meeting in Madrid, Spain from 3-6 June 2010. In order to have meetings with members of Government, the Chairman prefers such meetings to take place in capital cities.

The following Members participated in the debate: Lichtenberger, Swoboda, Ludford, Kreissl-Dörfler, Scholz, Sean Kelly, Millán Mon, Lambrinidis, Alan Kelly, Badia, and Elles.

The following were presented as possible items for the agenda : foreign policy priorities (North Africa, Mediterranean, Somalia, Afpak); air transport (open skies); trade; financial services; security; civil liberties; upholding of rule-of-law; coordination and planning of disaster relief; climate change - follow-up to Copenhagen summit and preparation of Mexico Conference; Lisbon six-months on - has it been effective?; the US perception of the EU after Lisbon; communications policy and internet governance (Google, data protection and standards) Icann; conclusions of the WG on the reform of the TLD.

Mrs Badia I Cutchet took the floor.

#### 5. Presentation of the Commission study on "Non-Tariff Measures to EU-US Trade and Investment".

Mr Bertin Martins, Deputy Chief Economist, DG Trade, Commission of the EC was invited to present the study requested in 2007 by the Budgets Committee of the EP on the effect of Non-Tariff measures on EU-US trade.

Copies of the full survey had been distributed to MEPs in December 2009. More than 600 companies (mainly large scale enterprises) had been contacted for the survey which gave statistics on the scale of restrictiveness of non tariff measures to the EU and to the US. Cross-cutting issues and areas where action could be taken were identified, which forecast that, if measures were applied, would lead to an income benefit to the EU and a trade benefit for the US.

MM. Elles, Skinner and Ms Morvai raised questions on follow-up to the survey, and possible benefits or disadvantages for SMEs.

Mr Brok confirmed that a more detailed debate could take place at a later date with the participation of Mr O'Sullivan (Director General, DG TRAD).

6. Any other business

Members agreed to the proposal by Mr Fleckenstein, Chairman of the Delegation for Relations with Russia, for a joint D-US and D-RU meeting to discuss security strategy and policy.

The draft calendar of meetings for 2010 was adopted.

7. Date and place of the next meeting:

- Thursday 28 January 2010 from 08h45 to 09h45 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 11.23

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Robert Atkins, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Marielle Gallo, Matthias Groote, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Alan Kelly, Seán Kelly, Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, Stavros Lambrinidis, Francisco José Millán Mon, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Krisztina Morvai, Paulo Rangel, Helmut Scholz, Peter Skinner, Hannes Swoboda, Catherine Trautmann, Rafał Kazimierz Trzaskowski, Marita Ulvskog
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Raffaele Baldassarre, James Elles, Ana Gomes, Karin Kadenbach, Eva Lichtenberger, Clemente Mastella, Amalia Sartori, Søren Bo Søndergaard, Peter Šťastný, Helga Trüpel

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Bertin Martens (DG Trade)

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