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*Delegation for relations with the United States*

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**MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 11 March 2010, from 10:15 to 11:15  
STRASBOURG

The meeting opened at 10:20 on Thursday, 11 March 2010, with Baroness Ludford (Vice-Chair), followed by Elmar Brok (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 432.684)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of 21 January 2010 (PE 432.681)  
Adoption of the draft minutes of 28 January 2010 (PE 432.682)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- on 9 March the Department of Homeland Security of the US designated Greece as a member of the Visa Waiver Program;
- on 25 March from 9.00 - 10.00 a special meeting of the INTA Committee and US Delegation with US Trade Representative Ambassador Ron Kirk was to take place;
- Mr. Yanez Barnuevo, Chair of the Conference of Delegation Chairs, had asked each Delegation to designate a Member to be responsible for gender mainstreaming in delegation activities as outlined in the EP Resolution of 13 March 2003. It was proposed that this responsibility would be taken up by Vice Chair Ms. Tzavela, who agreed after the meeting.

4. 68th Interparliamentary Meeting in Madrid, 3-6 June  
- Preparations

The Chair drew the attention of Members to the fact that the CoP would discuss that same morning whether Madrid could be agreed as the meeting venue for the 68th IPM from 3-6 June. He and several Members underlined the importance to hold the meeting in Madrid, referring to a long tradition to meet in the country that holds the Presidency and noting that this would probably also increase participation on the US side.

5. Bureau visit to Washington, 3-5 March  
- Debriefing

Chairman Brok gave a short debriefing of the visit to Washington. He mentioned that:

- Representative Shelley Berkley had informed the EP delegation that in cooperation with the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee and the House Speaker an upgrading was underway to give the TLD more formal status in the House. Members welcomed this information.
- The EP delegation agreed with Shelley Berkley and with Members of the House EU Caucus that staff exchanges, in particular on concrete issues and involving committee staff, was an important tool to enhance exchange between the EP and the House.
- The EP delegation had given first suggestions to the Americans for the 68th IPM agenda. These suggestions include a mix of working groups and sessions for all participants.
- Insofar as the TEC was concerned, the American side took a more passive stance than the EU, waiting for new developments. Members suggested that the EP could try to give more impetus to the TEC process and should invite Commissioner De Gucht to the 68th IPM.
- It was equally suggested that the High Representative Baroness Ashton would be invited to the 68th IPM:

6. Consequence of Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (TFTP or SWIFT) vote

Rapporteur Ms. Hennis-Plasschaert and LIBE Chair Mr. Lopez-Aguilar gave a short introduction on the state of play of the TFTP file after the negative vote of Parliament on 11 February 2010. They underlined the importance for the EP of the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity. They announced that a delegation of the LIBE Committee would visit Washington by the end of April to discuss further developments.

The Chairman concluded that there seemed to be broad agreement to work on a new EU agreement and not on bilateral agreements. He also noted that it was important to let the US know which points were vital for the EP to be included in a new negotiating mandate and agreement, and invited the LIBE committee to highlight the key areas of difference.

7. Any other business

There was no other business to be discussed.

8. Date and place of next meeting:

Thursday 22 April, 10.15 in Strasbourg, possibly attended by Commissioner De Gucht.

The meeting closed at 11:23.

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