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*Delegation for relations with the United States*

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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 29 September 2011, from 10:15 to 11:15  
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 10:20 on Thursday, 29 September 2011, with Elmar Brok (Chairman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 442.533)

The draft agenda was adopted without changes.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 21 June 2011 (PE 442.527)

The draft minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Communications by the Chairman  
- Feedback on recent meetings  
- Setting up of TLD working groups  
- Calendar 2011-2012

The Chairman announced the following:

***Feedback on recent meetings***

He informed about the recent meetings he had with Congressmen on TLD issues:

Meeting President Buzek with Speaker Boehner and Chairman Brok in April 2011 in Mons; at this meeting Boehner announced the nomination of Cliff Stearns and emphasised that the TLD should concentrate its work on 3 key topics, transport security, in particular aviation; financial markets and services; and agriculture and food safety.

TLD meeting in Budapest in June 2011; at this meeting the creation of working groups on these 3 topics was proposed and endorsed.

TPN conference in Washington July 2011; meeting with Cliff Stearns and Loretta Sanchez on working groups;

The results of the working groups shall be presented and discussed at the next TLD meeting; Cliff Stearns announced that the next TLD meeting shall take place on 2-4 December in Jacksonville, Florida

### ***Setting up of TLD working groups***

The chairman has sent a letter to President Buzek, seeking his endorsement and political backing for the working groups; in order to concentrate efforts on achievable results, he took the decision to launch first working groups on two topics, namely on transport security and financial markets and services, and to set up the third working group on agriculture and food safety soon after (depending on effectiveness and initial results of first two working groups).

Committee chairs of ECON (Sharon Bowles), TRAN (Brian Simpson) and LIBE (Lopez-Aguilar) endorsed the project and promised to nominate Members on the working groups. The US Delegation should also nominate one or two of its Members to each group.

Each working group will draft a short non-paper (max. 3-4 pages) addressing the topics by formulating policy recommendations (or working questions or hypotheses) as a basis for discussion with the EU Congress.

The draft non-papers will be forwarded to TLD Co-Chairman Cliff Stearns, inviting him to pass them on to the relevant House Committee Chairmen or Congressmen, and shall serve as basis for discussion on the next TLD meeting in Jacksonville in December 2011.

### ***Calendar 2011-2012***

The Chairman recalled that the draft calendar has been circulated to the Delegation;

He emphasised that a Bureau meeting to Washington had been included, which is requested for 3-4 November 2011. The objective of the bureau visit will be to prepare the Jacksonville TLD meeting, to have a first look into the state of play of the TLD working groups and possibly to prepare the TEC meeting.

According to latest information (not in the Calendar yet) the next EU-US summit would take place on 28 November 2011. The next TEC meeting is foreseen to take place the day after, 29 November.

He announced that he plans to invite Commissioner De Gucht to the US-Delegation on 17 November to prepare the TEC. This may be combined with a meeting of the TLD Steering Committee.

**4. 71st EP-US Interparliamentary Meeting and TLD, 2-4 December 2011 in Jacksonville, Florida**

State of play and preparation / possible Bureau visit to Washington 3-4 November 2011

The Chairman passed the floor to Members for an open discussion on the TLD working groups, the work programme and the possible topics for the next TLD meetings. Many Members took the floor.

Overall the creation of the TLD working groups was endorsed. Some Members made additional suggestions on the topics or issues to be included in the group's work, such as tax havens, tax avoidance and financial transaction tax; development issues and poverty reduction; overcoming the economic and financial crisis in general terms; ETS and aviation sector; better coordination of harbour policies; postal services and removal of trade barriers; cyber security and raw materials policy; and rating agencies;

There were also concerns raised that if too many topics were included, the working groups could lose focus and miss concrete results. The work of the groups shall be kept topical, specific and aimed at preparing the debate in Jacksonville and delivering concrete results and conclusions. The economic crisis and the eurozone debt crisis were seen as the paramount topic to be put on the next TLD agenda, and in addition foreign policy issues, as it was previously the case.

**5. Any other business**

Mr Bob Pollard, Head of the Economic Section of the US Mission to the EU gave an overview on the state of play on the preparation of the next TEC meeting. The meeting will take place on 29 November in Washington, with an agenda concentrating on technical, regulatory issues. He mentioned 3 pillars for the discussion: e-mobility including standards for electric cars and EV-smart grid interoperability; EC-US roadmap on raw materials (R&D, recycling, waste shipment) and innovation; transatlantic cooperation on nanotechnology. On the question by one member about the inclusion of financial services in the TEC he informed that this will be discussed outside the TEC.

**6. Date and place of next meeting**

Possibly 17 November 2011 at 10h15 in Strasbourg; possibly combined with TLD Steering Committee.

The meeting closed at 11:17.

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