



Delegation for relations with the United States

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 27 September 2017, 13.00-14.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 13.00 on Wednesday, 27 September 2017, with Christian Ehler (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 567.245)

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 12 July 2017 (PE 567.244)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Communications by the Chair

None.

4. **Exchange of views with Adam Shub, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., US Mission to the EU, and Julie Fisher, US Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO on “Transatlantic security cooperation – the US perspective”**

In his intervention, Mr Adam Shub noted that US policy comes, not only from the President, but also from Congress, and added that the States, industry and think tanks are involved in its formulation. He said that as the US, European democracies are also struggling with populism and disenchanted voters. The only certainty in dealing with the current multiple security challenges was that the US and Europe would best face them by keeping close together.

In this sense, Mr Shub said that the Transatlantic Legislators’ Dialogue (TLD) is an important forum and stressed Congress’ role particularly in defining American foreign policy. He mentioned that, so far this year, there had already been six Congressional delegations visiting Brussels, which showed their strong interest in the partnership.

He identified data security as being at the heart of current security concerns (cyber security, disinformation campaigns, counter-terrorism, and critical infrastructure). In terms of defence, he said that the US had always encouraged Europe to spend more on defence and was looking forward to Permanent Structured Cooperation, the European Defence Fund and an enhanced role for the European Defence Agency. Nevertheless, these efforts needed to be translated into concrete results.

The Chargé d'Affaires said that in the Western Balkans, NATO and the EU had been forces for positive change, and that cooperation should continue, particularly to counter the influence of other geopolitical actors. He highlighted the fruitful EU-US cooperation in Africa, citing in particular the counter-terrorism work in the Sahel. On Korea, his advice was to look beyond the war of words between the leaders, and to seek to find a peaceful path to stop the unlawful and aggressive DPRK behaviour, though it did seem extremely hard to return to the negotiating table. He welcomed the EU's autonomous sanctions on North Korea, and noted that the US has an unwavering security commitment to South Korea and Japan.

On Turkey, Mr Shub said that the US had repeatedly, and on the record, voiced its concerns on the emergency laws, the attacks on the freedom of the press and the rule of law, but noted at the same time that Turkey is an important NATO Member, with a huge role in Syria, Iraq and Kurdistan. On the latest package of Russia sanctions and the possibility that these affect European companies, Mr Shub said that there was some legal scrubbing going on until October 2017, which would clarify some of the language used. On Iran, he said the JCPOA was not the whole story, and that the policies of Iran in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon were going against what we expected the JCPOA to encourage.

In her introduction, Ms Julie Fisher said that the new US Ambassador to NATO, Ms Kay Bailey Hutchison, was looking forward to engaging with the European Parliament. She said that during her previous posting in Brussels five years ago, EU-NATO cooperation had been minimal, while today the level of cooperation was incomparably deeper and broader, and that working together was now the norm rather than the exception.

The current successful cooperation was not inevitable and took tremendous efforts from both organisations and the Member States to make it happen. The EU and NATO needed each other for all our security challenges to be addressed holistically. Since the declaration at the Warsaw summit in 2016, a lot of joint projects were underway (cyber security, maritime coordination, situational awareness, hybrid threats, strategic communication, joint exercises and building capacity in three pilot projects in Tunisia, Moldova and Bosnia), but more could and should be done.

Burden sharing on security was an issue important, not only for the US government but for the American people as well. The halt in the decline of defence budgets in Europe was good news, and now the focus should be on progress towards the 2% of GDP target, which would not be achieved overnight. Ms Fisher said that the increase should not solely be in absolute numbers, stressing that 20% of the 2% should be spent on capability development and modernisation.

On the NATO-Russia Council, Ms Fisher said that this last met in the summer at Ambassador level, and there were military-to-military contacts aimed at reducing risk, especially in the current 'exercise season'. However, things were not and would not be business as usual until steps are taken by Russia on the situation in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine.

Members' questions focussed on President Trump, Turkey, the crisis in North Korea, NATO accession for FYROM, NATO –Russia relations and Iran.

There was also a discussion on the question of agreeing common standards in cyber issues and how this work had stalled in the last few years, also because of the freezing of TTIP, which had been a vehicle for regulatory dialogue and industry involvement. The Chinese practice of developing and pushing their own standards to third countries was worrying for both the EU and the US.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next D-US meeting will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 15.00. It will be a joint meeting with the ENVI committee on climate change, where we will have an exchange of views with the Governor of California, Mr Jerry Brown.

The meeting closed at 14.15.

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