



Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand

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of the meeting of 14 March 2018, 16.15-17.15

Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 16.20 on Wednesday, 14 March 2018, with Ulrike Müller (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Report and exchange of views on the outcome of the 22nd EU-New Zealand Inter-parliamentary Meeting (Wellington and Auckland, 13-15 February 2018)

The Chair gave a comprehensive overview of the recent official visit to New Zealand, which took place on 13 to 15 February 2018. In first place, she thanked the Ambassador of New Zealand, who was following the meeting from Brussels via video-conference, for the excellent organisation and the hospitality shown to the European Parliament delegation. The Chair underlined that the EU and New Zealand share fundamental values and cooperate closely on a number of important issues of global character. Issues such as climate change and the support for rules-based and fair international trade were high on the agenda. As regards agriculture, the Chair shared her impressions on a number of issues, including animal welfare and standards for halal products.

Last but not least, the Chair regretted the fact that Council had not yet been in a position to adopt the negotiating mandate for the envisaged EU-New Zealand FTA, and noted in this respect that a possible trade agreement with New Zealand should be examined on its own merits and not linked to other questions.

In the subsequent exchange of views, Ms Jacqueline Foster, Vice-Chair of the delegation, inquired about animal welfare standards in New Zealand, and underlined also the fact that the EU and New Zealand are very strong allies. She also noted that, despite Brexit, the UK would remain a very close partner of the European Union, and of course, New Zealand.

The Chair then invited Mr Michael Wood, MP from New Zealand, to take the floor. He thanked the European Parliament delegation for a very timely visit, and reported on the efforts of New Zealand to improve its carbon print and its medium-term objective to move towards carbon neutrality.

To conclude, the Chair pointed out that she would be reporting to the International Trade Committee and the Agriculture Committee.

3. Any other business

The Chair informed Members about the wish of interlocutors in New Zealand to explore the possibilities for advancing the next inter-parliamentary meeting, scheduled in 2019, to autumn 2018, which would require requesting authorisation from the Conference of Presidents.

4. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on 18 April in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 17.15.

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David Taylor, Ambassador (New Zealand), Michael Wood, MP (New Zealand), Stephanie Roy, Policy Advisor (New Zealand Embassy), Marine Thizon, Policy Advisor (Australian Embassy)

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