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*Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand*

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**MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 30 May 2018, 16.15-17.15  
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 16.15 on Wednesday, 30 May 2018, with Ulrike Müller (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2018**

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Exchange of views with H.E. Justin Brown, (new) Head of the Mission of Australia to the EU, on the state of the bilateral relationship**

The Chair announced that on 22 May, the Council had approved the mandates for negotiations on free trade agreement(s) with Australia and New Zealand. She also informed the delegation that Commissioner Malmström will be travelling to both countries in June to also send a strong political signal. In this regard, the Chair also referred to the letter which she had signed together with the INTA rapporteurs for Australia and New Zealand, asking the Council and the Commission to speed up internal procedures to start the negotiations on these FTAs as soon as possible. In order to ensure public support for these FTAs it was important that the Commission be as open and transparent as possible to avoid discussions like in the past. She also emphasized the importance of consumer protection issues for public opinion(s) and underlined the willingness of the Delegation to contribute to a successful outcome of the FTA negotiations. She also stressed the importance of bilateral cooperation on issues like the Southern Pacific, climate change (COP 21), e-commerce and counter terrorism.

Justin Brown, the (new) Australian Ambassador to the EU made the following points: The conclusion of a bilateral FTA has been a long running objective for Australia. It is very important to negotiate in an effective manner to make this FTA ambitious and balanced to better reap the potential benefits for both partners. Australia also hopes that the conclusion of an FTA with the EU can contribute to a strengthening of the existing global rules-based system. All the sectors including agriculture and the related topics should be on the table for negotiation. The Ambassador also insisted that Australia is already exporting large number of natural resources to Asia and therefore, his country is not just looking to redirect the large volume of agriculture products to Europe. The Ambassador also underlined that Australia is committed to open dialogue with all EU institutions, including the European Parliament and with civil society.

The EU and Australia already have cooperative mechanisms in many areas like security, foreign policies and share the same perspective on issues like Iran and Russia. On climate change, he declared that Australia - in line with the Paris climate change agreement - is committed to cut its emission between 26 and 28 %. This target shall be reached through changes in the electricity and energy markets. Australia will also invest considerable amounts of money to stop the bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef. Furthermore, Australia is also going to invest in the protection of the blue economy.

As a matter of principle, Australia believes in transparency with all stakeholders, investors and interest groups and is always ready to engage with the EU.

#### **4. Any other business**

There was no other business.

#### **5. Date and Place of next meeting**

Date and place of the next meeting will be announced in electronic form in due time.

The meeting closed at 17.00.

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