



Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand

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**MINUTES
of the meeting of 4 July 2018, 16.00-16.45
Strasbourg**

The meeting opened at 16.00 on Wednesday, 4 July 2018, with Ulrike Müller (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the meetings of 7 February and 30 May 2018

The minutes were adopted.

3. Exchange of views on the Australian policies to fight climate change with Ms Marta Olander, Australia desk officer in DG Clima

Ms Olander started her presentation with a general overview on the current state of the fight against climate change:

-) the 2015 Paris agreement creates a framework ‘only’, which needs implementing provisions which are currently under discussion and should be approved by CoP 24 in Katowice in December of this year;
-) current commitments in the framework of CoP 21 will not allow to keep the rise in temperatures to below 2° Celsius;
-) the EU is currently overcomplying with the 2020 emission targets but will have to reduce emissions by 40% to meet the 2030 target;
-) the EU is cooperating with ‘major economies’ which are currently responsible for 80% of total emissions.

Regarding Australia in particular, Ms Olander made the following points:

-) Based on the review of climate change policies undertaken in 2017 the Australian government has now been submitting proposals for further policy actions;
-) However, the situation is complicated by the fact that the government is short of a clear majority - a fact which might also explain the recent statement by former PM Abbot that Australia should “dump” the Paris Agreement; the Foreign Minister, however, reacted immediately by underlining that Australia feels bound by international treaties it has ratified;
-) in spite of hesitations at the national level, some Australian states and territories have adopted their own targets, with some even aiming at zero emissions;
-) furthermore, the fight against climate change is also strongly supported by important business sectors and many citizens (organisations);
-) the ongoing negotiations for an FTA might - like in the case of Canada - be an opportunity to introduce a chapter on sustainability.

Following the presentation by the Commission, the Australian Ambassador to the EU made in particular the following points:

-) The Paris Agreement is an important treaty ratified by Australia;
-) Australia seeks to be bound by international treaties it has signed;
-) The commitment in Paris was made knowing that it is binding;
-) The targets involved were agreed by the Australia Cabinet, the Parliament and the Party room(s).

As there were not additional questions, the Chair concluded by underlining the importance the topic of climate change will have for the envisaged Delegation visit to Australia.

4. Any other business

There was no other business.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting shall take place on 12 September in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 16.45.

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H.E. Ambassador Justin Brown, Head of the Australian mission to the EU

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