EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND, ICELAND, AND NORWAY AND TO THE EEA JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

16 March 2005
in
BRUSSELS

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- ***"The Annual Report on the functioning of the EEA Agreement in 2004"***
EP co-rapporteur: Mrs Ewa HEDKVIST PETERSEN (PES, S)

- ***"Free Movement of Services in the EEA*** (the Service Directive), including the legislation process in the EP"
EP co-rapporteur: Mrs Diana WALLIS (ALDE, UK)

- ***"Upcoming legislation on evironment issues in the EEA"***
EP co-rapporteur: Mrs Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT (PES, D)

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17 March 2005
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The meeting opened at 11.30 with Mrs Diana WALLIS, chairperson, in the chair.

Excused: Mrs Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT

1.
The draft agenda was adopted.

2.
The minutes had been distributed to the members and were approved.

With a view to the 24th meeting of the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee on 25-26 April 2005 in Reykjavik, Iceland

3.

The chair presented the preliminary draft programme.

The chair reminded the members to book rooms at Nordica Hotel and that the deadline was 30 March 2005. First working session will take place on Monday 25 April.

The chair presented the draft JPC agenda.

Mr Høglund, President of the JPC has suggested to deal with "regional differentiated social security contributions in Norway" at the JPC meeting.

Members were reminded of the voting rules:

Quorum:
The Committee shall not vote on draft resolutions unless at least ¼ of the members of each delegation is present.

Final vote:
Draft resolutions, when put to the final vote in their entirety shall be considered adopted if they recieve the support of 2/3 of the votes cast.
(amendments and individual pragraphs will be adopted by simple majority of members present)

Rule 1 is stating that the JPC shall consists of two delegations (from EP and Parliaments of the EFTA States respectively) of equal number.
However, the EP has established its new delegation with 17 members, without consulting the EFTA side, while the EFTA side has 12 members as was the number in the past.
Until this question has been clarified, a pragmatic solution could be that the EP side would vote with 12 members. The quorum would then be maintained with 3 members from each side and it would not give the EP side an advantage in the voting.

4. The draft reports were considered

The draft report on The Annual Report on the functioning of the EEA Agreement in 2004 had not yet been issued by the Joint Committee.

Co-rapporteur Mrs HEDKVIST PETERSEN invited members to make contributions to the draft report.

Co-rapporteur Mrs ROTH-BEHRENDT was excused and the draft report had not yet been finalised.
Mrs HEDKVIST PETERSEN suggested that the climate change in the Arctic should be dealt with in the draft report on Upcoming legislation on evironment issues in the EEA.

The draft report on Free Movement of Services in the EEA, including the legislation process in the EP had not yet been finalised.

5.

The Chair gave a short briefing on the SCPAR meeting, held in Washington on 1-2 March 2005, and suggested the work on the Arctic to be introduced to the Foreign Affairs Committee. She would make a short briefing note on this matter for members' information.

The Chair also informed that Mr HØGLUND, Chairman of the Committee of Members of Parliaments of the EFTA Countries, has raised the question of whereby parliamentarians of the four EFTA countries could be present as observers at COSAC meetings. The matter was dicussed at the
COSAC Chairpersons' meeting on 9 Feb 2005 but was concluded that the COSAC is a forum for the 25 EU countries and that if the Rules of Procedure were changes for the EFTA, it would be difficult not to open the doors to other countries with privileged partnership with the EU.

6.

The next meeting of the Delegation is scheduled to take place in Strasbourg on Wednesday 13 April 2005 at 16.15-17.15.

The meeting closed at 12.00

G/ANLAGE/ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ/ANNEX/
ANNEXE/ALLEGATO/BIJLAGE/ANEXO/BILAGA

DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*)
	WALLIS (P) , HEDKVIST PETERSEN (VP)
Anwesend	Members/membres:
	JANOWSKI, VANHECKE
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Present	HUDACKY, KLINZ
Presentes	
Présents	
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Aanwezig	
Läsnä	
Närvarande	

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Art. 162.6 Endv. Deltog/Weitere Teiln./ Συμμετείχαν επίσης/Also present Participaron igualmente/ Participaient également/ Hanno partecipato altresiτ/ Andere deelnemers/ Outros participantes/ Muut osallistujat/ Dessutom deltog	
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Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρών στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presente el/Läsnä/Närvarande den.

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Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do presidente/Puhemiehen kutsusta/
På ordförandens inbjudan:

Radet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)
YOLDI
Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Commissão/Komissio/
Kommissionen: (*)
GHIDI

Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare		
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