EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Strasbourg

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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 environment issues in the EEA"
   EP co-rapporteur: Mrs Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT (PES, D)

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18 April 2005/HO/LE

The meeting opened at 16.20 with Mrs Diana WALLIS, chairperson, in the chair.

Excused: Mrs Catherine STIHLER

1. The draft agenda was adopted.

2. The minutes were approved.

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

The chair presented the preliminary draft programme.

The chair reminded members who had not yet registrated for the JPC meeting in Reykjavik to contact the Secretariat **immediately** to do so (see Practical Information Note distributed to members)

The chair presented the draft JPC agenda.

The report on "Free Movement of Services in the EU - the service directive" had been changed into a Working Document by the co-rapporteurs as it was felt premature to deal with this matter in form of a report at this stage. At the next JPC meeting in Nov. 2005, this matter could be on the agenda following a joint meeting of the IMCO and the JPC prior to the JPC meeting.

On proposal from Mr HØGLUND, Pres. of the EEA JPC, item 7 (draft report on Regionally differentiated social security contributions in Norway) and item 10 (EU safeguard measures against farmed salmon from Norway) had been put on the draft JPC agenda for Reykjavik. The Høglund report would be distributed to members (with a deadline for tabling amendments) as soon as it had been finalised by the rapporteur.

Future work of the JPC: members were invited to propose topics (reports/working documents) for the autumn JPC meeting. The Bureau of the JPC would as its meeting in Reykjavik consider the proposals, which would be presented to the JPC for its approval.
The Chair suggested that the European Constitution and its future perspectives for the EEA could be a topic at the agenda.

The next JPC is scheduled for 22-23 November 2005 in Brussels.

4. **The draft reports were considered**

Co-rapporteur HEDKVIST-PETERSEN informed members that the draft report on the "Annual report on functioning of the EEA Agreement in 2004" had not yet been finalised but would be distributed to members (with a deadline for tabling amendments) as soon as it would be available.

The Working Document on "The free movement of services in the EEA- the service directive" had been distributed to members. Mrs WALLIS introduced the document which was a descriptive report to open up for discussions in the JPC.

Co-rapporteur ROTH-BEHRENDT informed the members that she, unfortunately, would not attend the JPC meeting in Reykjavik due to other obligations as Vice-President of the EP.

Mrs ROTH-BEHRENDT had just received the first draft of the report on the New Environmental Legislation and the EEA from the Icelandic co-rapporteur, Mr THORDARSON, a few hours ago and as she had substantial changes to propose to this draft, there would not be sufficient time to draft a final report by the two co-rapporteurs for the Reykjavik meeting. Nevertheless, she was in favour of keeping this issue on the agenda for Reykjavik but proposed to change the report into a working document by Mr THORDARSON. The new environmental legislation and the EEA could then be reconsidered at the next EEA JPC meeting in November in Brussels in form of a report. The delegation agreed to this proposal and the Secretariat would inform the EFTA side accordingly.

5. The chair informed the delegation that
   - according to information from Vice-President McMILLIAN-SCOTT there was no support for the EEA/EFTA countries to obtain observer status in COSAC.

   - the EP Secretary General had authorised EFTA members of the EEA JPC to obtain EP-badges.

   - a possible joint meeting between the three Foreign Ministers of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway **and** the Foreign Affairs Committee/ SINEEA delegation could take place in autumn 2005/ spring 2006 (after the general elections in Norway September 2005). These kind of meetings should not be an annual event, but be held when appropriate.

   - the chair would send members a briefing on the last meeting of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, which took place in Washington DC on 1 March 2005.

6. The next meeting of the Delegation would be the 24th JPC meeting on 25-26 April in Reykjavik, Iceland.

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The meeting closed at 16.40

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