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Annex I: Record of attendance

18 October 2004

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The meeting opened at 15.05, with Mrs Juknevicienne, chairman of the delegation, in the chair.

The chairman welcomed H.E. Mr Zhigalov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and H.E. Mrs Onon, Ambassador of the Republic of Mongolia.

She reminded members that the length of the meeting was limited to one hour and that interpretation was available in all the languages spoken by the members of the delegation except Czech.

Finally, she announced that she had been informed by Mrs Bourzai, second vice-chairman, that for health reasons she would not be able to take part in the delegation's activities over the following few weeks.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 346.584)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2004 (PE 346.575) (constituent meeting)

The minutes, available in German, English and French, were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

The chairman announced that she had met with the Kazakhstani Ambassador and that on 12 October she intended to take part in an exchange of views – in the presence of a Vice-President of Parliament – with Mr Vakhidov, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, who would be in Brussels for the signing of the partnership and cooperation agreement between Tajikistan and the EU.

4. Internal organisation of the delegation

4.1. Selection of working languages

The chairman reminded members of the main provisions of the Code of Conduct on Multilingualism, adopted by the Bureau on 19 April 2004, laying down the priorities to be observed in cases where language resources are not sufficient to provide all the facilities requested.

Under the Code of Conduct, delegations would be able to request translations of original documents into two other official languages.

At the delegation's places of work, interpretation would be available in the active and passive languages provided for in the delegation's language profile. Outside the delegation's places of work, interpretation would be provided for up to five languages. Only the Bureau could authorise interpreting in more than five languages.

In addition, no more than 12 official meetings could take place at the same time.

When applying these provisions, it would have to be borne in mind that many of the meeting rooms only had three or four interpreting booths.

In the light of these provisions and taking into account the delegation's language profile, the chairman announced that, with regard to translation, she would not suggest that Lithuanian be a working language, proposing German, English and French instead.

After contributions from Mr Maat, Mr Cirino Pomicino and Mrs Hassi, the delegation agreed to the chairman's proposal.

4.2. Delegation's draft programme of activities for 2005

The chairman announced that at its first meeting on 22 September 2004, the Conference of Delegation Chairmen (CDC) had elected Mr Obiols i Germà as its chairman.

During that meeting, the CDC had approved the programme of the delegations' activities for the end of 2004, which would be submitted to the AFET and DEVE Committees for opinions, and then to the Conference of Presidents for approval.

The same procedure would apply for the 2005 programme, which the CDC would consider on 27 October.

The chairman suggested the following programme for the delegation in 2005:

- Sixth meeting of the EU–Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee in Uzbekistan;
- Fifth meetings of the EU–Kazakhstan and EU–Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees during the same week in the countries concerned;
- Second EP–Tajikistan interparliamentary meeting in Brussels or Strasbourg.

Mr Cirino Pomicino thought that the secretariat should provide members with dossiers on the different countries (Commission reports, reports on TACIS, EIB and World Bank reports, hearings involving public undertakings or private businesses established in the countries concerned).

Mr Maat mentioned the TACIS programme and emphasised the importance of holding meetings with NGOs.

After agreeing to the requests, the delegation approved the draft programme.

5. **Exchange of views, in the presence of the Commission and the Kazakhstani Ambassador, on the parliamentary elections held in Kazakhstan on 19 September 2004 and the political situation in the country**

Kazakhstan's ambassador to Belgium, Mr Zhigalov, stressed the importance his country attached to its relations with the European Parliament.

He pointed out that, in the past, a close relationship had been established with Parliament's Delegation for Central Asia, and that he hoped this would continue and develop further.

Several international observers had attended the 19 September elections, which had been more transparent than before thanks to a new electoral law.

Many sources had reported that the elections had taken place in a democratic atmosphere. The new parliament would begin its work at the end of 2004.

Mr Vardakis, representing the Commission, outlined the statements made by the EU presidency following the elections. The EU was of the opinion that although the positive points were to be emphasised, some drawbacks remained, particularly with regard to certain opposition leaders whose activities had been hindered. The EU thought that political reform was the key to building a politically and economically stable Kazakhstan.

Mr Staes pointed out that the OSCE had voiced reservations about the conduct of the elections, and that these were to be taken more seriously than positive remarks made by two MEPs who had been the guests of the Kazakh authorities.

After contributions from Mr Maat and Ambassador Zhigalov, the chairman thanked all those who had taken part and expressed the hope that the elections would mark the beginning of a new stage in the democratisation of Kazakhstan.

6. **Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 17 November 2004 at 15.00 (expected duration: 1 hour).

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The meeting closed at 16.05.

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