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The meeting opened at 17.30 with Mr Jonathan Evans in the Chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

PE 356.261

The draft agenda was adopted, with the modification that item 3 (Communications by the Chairman) would be taken after item 4 (Briefing by Commissioner Mandelson)

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting on 25 January 2005

PE 356.188

The draft minutes were adopted without modifications.

3. Briefing by Commissioner Peter Mandelson on EU/US trade relations

Commissioner Mandelson focused, in his introduction, on two subjects:

A) Preparations for the EU/US bilateral Summit of 20 June.

A series of meetings had taken place in preparation for the Summit, in particular with Mr Portman, the new USTR; the atmosphere had been quite positive.

The Summit was being prepared in the right tone, which followed from President Bush's visit in February. The main aim was to give a new image of the Transatlantic relationship.

The Commission Communication, in preparation to the Summit, would propose concluding an agreement which would not propose a Free-trade Area, but focus on regulatory cooperation, services, aviation, trade and security. This would not be a "grand new institutional treaty" (which would require 69 Senate votes for satisfaction), but would aim at setting an ambitious agenda where progress was feasible.

The first reactions from the US side were rather hesitant, and the Commission would "keep pressing".

The Commission would also press for a stronger legislative dialogue, in particular since the interest for EU affairs within Congress was not yet adequate.

B) Bilateral disputes.

The Commissioner gave the state of play with regard to the Byrd amendment, FSC, Boeing/Airbus.

He stressed that trade disputes only involved some 2 or 3 % of total trade, and should not hide the fact that the overall trade and investment relationship was solid and developed positively.

Following questions by the Chairman, E. Mann, Crowley, Graf Lambsdorff, Ilves, Elles, Fatuzzo, Coveney, Commissioner Mandelson also answered on:

- possible participation of TLD Parliamentarians to the Summit: this was desirable, and should be organised adequately, by creating a stable framework for contacts and exchanges. Furthermore, it was essential, in particular, to have legislators' views on proposals involving regulatory cooperation,
- while agreements with the US should not be ruled out (as in the competition area), it was advisable to keep a "low profile" and a "practical approach",

- while it was possible to make a good case for lifting the China arms embargo, perhaps we should pay more attention to the concerns of China's neighbours,
- on textile imports from China, it was wrong to present them as an invasion. China had paid a price for WTO accession and should be allowed to reap some of the benefits,
- the EU and US did not have a common strategy in order to "divide and rule" the South.

4. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman indicated that all Members who had asked to take part in the next EP/US IPM would be able to travel. A draft programme would be circulated as soon as possible.

5. Any other business

Mr Barón Crespo protested over the fact that written documentation was available only in English, French and German.

The Chairman indicated that, on the basis of the implementing rules on activities of Delegations, these three languages had been chosen for written documentation at the moment of the constitution of the Delegation.

6. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Delegation will take place on Wednesday 8 June 2005 at 16.15 – 17.15 in Strasbourg.

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