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MINUTES
of the meeting of 8 June 2011, from 15.00 to 16.00
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 15.05 on Wednesday, 8 June 2011, with Crescenzo Rivellini (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without modifications.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 31 March and 6 April 2011

The minutes of the meetings of 31 March and 6 April 2011 were approved (the list of participants of the minutes of 6 April were modified (MEP Mr Martin)).

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair:

- announced that the Delegation will meet with a high level delegation of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China on 20 September 2011 in Brussels from 14.00 to 15.00;
- informed that on invitation from L'Oreal to visit their laboratories on the occasion of the next visit to China had been received;

4. Exchange of views with Mr Viorel Isticioaia-Budura, EEAS Managing Director for Asia, on the recent developments in the relations with China and the visit by the President of the European Council to China

The Chair:

welcomed Mr Isticioaia-Budura, thanked him for participating at the meeting and gave him the floor.

Mr Viorel Isticioaia-Budura, Director for Asia and Pacific:

- expressed his satisfaction for being present at this meeting at the invitation of the delegation and remained at the disposal of MEPs for questions and welcomed their political guidance;
- informed on the very meaningful meetings at high political level during the first half year of 2011 for the EU/China relations. pointed out the official visit to China of President of the Council, Mr Van Rompuy and the 2nd Strategic Dialogue held by HR/VP Lady Ashton with her counterpart State Councillor Dai Bingguo in Budapest where the contacts with the leadership at the Political level including Ministry of Foreign Affairs were strengthened and mechanisms created; not to forget the different meetings between MEPs and their counterparts from the Chinese People's National Congress and between members of various political groups both in Europe and in China that contributed deepen links and to identify the recognition of substance and modalities to advance the strategic partnership and to shape a more realistic and pragmatic agenda for the next EU/China Summit due to take place at the end of this year;
- pointed out the EP resolutions and recommendations notably those concerning the rule of law and human rights had been taken forward;
- indicated that both sides felt that expectations had not been properly met during the 13th EU-China Summit. During his meetings with President Hu and Premier Wen, President Van Rompuy had reaffirmed the political attention given to the relationship and four priority areas for further future cooperation were identified by leaders from both sides:
 - 1) Political relations: both sides confirmed the importance of the strategic nature of the relations;
 - 2) Economic relations: long-term economic and trade commitments being of increasing importance in view of the possibility of China becoming in 2012 the EU's first partner and the EU being currently China's first trading partner, it is expected that to try to answer expectations of the business communities in both the EU and China and provide solutions to existing common problems such as unemployment, environmental protection, sustainable energy, climate change...;
 - 3) a decision to establish a mechanism, people-to-people exchanges, that would expand exchanges at the level of direct cultural and social exchanges, a sort of third pillar of the EU/China relations; contacts should be expanded beyond young people to include other generations and reach out to sectors such as tourism and services, remembered that this kind of suggestion, direct contact people to people direct agenda was suggested to him by the Chair Mr Rivellini and welcomed the attention of MEPS and the involvement of their constituencies;
 - 4) called for more strategic cooperation; political leaders of both sides stated that there was room for the strategic relationship to go beyond the bilateral relations into world wide topics such as the G20 discussions, international financial governance, financial institutions, climate change, nuclear safety,

maritime navigation. The EU wanting China to be more internationally engaged within the UN;

- informed of the meeting of HR/VP Lady Ashton with Asian Foreign Ministers including the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, where she expressed gratitude for the support for the EU observership at the UN as well as for China's engagement within the ATALANTA anti-piracy operation. Expressed his hope to the EU joining the East Asia summit, including discussions on regional integration in Asia;
- concluded by indicating the importance of the political contacts by the European Parliament, President Van Rompuy, President Barroso and HR/VP Ashton that passed encouraging messages to China to continue reforms on the increasing power of the role of China not only in their domestic area but also at regional and international level;
- and pointed out that the EU 's contribution to regional and global security would be the way the EU would be able to build a strategic relationship, beyond bilateral relations and thus it would also be seen as a success from other countries in Asia.

Mr Watson raised the questions on (1) recent Human Rights crackdowns, and the EU/China Human Rights Dialogue; (2) cooperation in the security and military fields (ATALANTA); (3) cooperation on cyber-crime.

Mrs Trüpel raised also the issue of Human Rights and the question of social and economic consequences of economic imbalances (real estate bubble, ...).

Mr Viorel Isticioaia-Budura addressed the questions on human rights dialogue and the present situation of organised dissent in China as well as on China's domestic repressive situation on freedom of expression; on the Chinese military cooperation in security and military fields, the support for Pakistan, as well as the joint cooperation on cyber-crime; and the economic sustainability at the present economic situation of the Chinese society and the possibility of a bubble in the real state market.

Mr Weber took the floor on the Chinese transition to the rule of law and democracy, indicating that this is a long process and that there have been progress and backward steps. He also mentioned the recent visit of the Bureau to Hong Kong and the reform of the electoral system of the Legislative Council.

Mrs Lichtenberger commented on the reshaping of the EU/China dialogue and cooperation and the question of the language used.

Mrs Hohlmeier took the floor on the Chinese and EU different approaches to human rights.

Mr Viorel Isticioaia-Budura made a brief comment on the last presentations stating that the measures taken against dissidents were linked to the transition period and reflected infighting between factions. He added that China had gained more international exposure especially in 2008 and that had made Chinese leadership more sensitive to criticism from abroad. He added that the tense situation in China might last for a while. The Managing Director posed the question whether the EU had sufficiently robust modalities to deal with the situation. Finally, Mr Isticioaia-Budura noted that the Chinese middle class could be an increasingly decisive player that, besides gaining more economic power, could be a new factor by playing a more active role in political reform, thus becoming a legitimate and credible partner as regards rule

of law and governance issues; those that enjoy economic benefits could help the system become more open.

5. Report on the mission of the bureau to Beijing and Hong Kong (16-18 May 2011)

The Chair ruled that, due to the lack of time, the report on the Bureau visit to Beijing and Hong Kong would be circulated in writing to the Members.

6. Preparation for the 31st EU/China IPM (Brussels, 14-16 June 2011)

The Chair informed that the draft agenda and programme had been distributed and asked the participants to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible should they have any comments.

Mrs Ivanova commented on the message that the Co-Chair Mr Zha had asked to convey to the Delegation Members in that they would like a more in depth presentations and not only question the Chinese counterparts on the different points on the agenda.

Mr Martin made a brief comment on the list of participants of the Chinese delegation.

Mr Watson made a brief comment on the Chinese programme of the visit.

The Chair informed on the draft agenda and the invitation he had extended to the Members of the Foreign Affairs and the International Trade Committee as well as to the members of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and invited the Members to inform the Secretariat should they wish to take the floor on any specific point on the agenda.

7. Miscellaneous

None.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for the 31st EU/China IPM 14-15 June 2011, in Brussels

The meeting closed at 16.10.

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Werner Langen; Olga Sehnalová; Michael Theurer

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Mr Viorel Isticioaia-Budura, EEAS Managing Director for Asia

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