



Delegation for relations with Canada

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MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday 18 April 2023, 16:00-17:00

Strasbourg

Room: DE MADARIAGA S1

The meeting opened at 16:05 with Javier Moreno Sánchez, the Vice-Chair, presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 741.179)

The draft agenda was approved in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of 14 March 2023 (PE 741.180)

The draft minutes were adopted.

3. Communications by the Chair

4. Exchange of views with Dr Patrick Leblond, *associate professor and holder of the Canadian National-Paul M. Tellier Chair on Business and Public Policy at the University of Ottawa*, on CETA and EU-Canada cooperation on the policy stance towards China

Prof Leblond was invited to deliver remarks on the lessons learned after 5 years of CETA implementation and explain how we can increase the impact of CETA, also in domains other than tariff reduction. He was also invited to comment on EU-Canada cooperation vis-à-vis China.

Prof Leblond said that the best way to promote ratification is to show that CETA works and that all the concerns in the EU and in Canada that CETA would be undermining existing standards are overblown. He said CETA has been a great success, but wondered whether such impact was rather due to the third generation elements of the agreement. These do not concern tariff reduction, but, amongst others, regulatory cooperation, harmonisation, mutual recognition of professional qualifications, labour mobility and public procurement. He observed that the implementation of these parts of the agreement take more time and the impact of these measures is more difficult to measure.

Regarding EU-Canada cooperation vis-à-vis China, Prof Leblond called for more EU-Canada cooperation for the future. and pointed to the value of the EU and Canada sharing more information on Chinese foreign investment screening.

Prof Leblond stressed that, despite the very different trading positions of the EU and Canada (75% of Canada's exports go to the US and mainly involve minerals and agriculture), there would be strong benefits from trilateral cooperation between the EU, Canada and the US and even from Canada joining the EU-US Trade and Technology Council. He also underlined the importance of the EU-Canada digital partnership (concerning cooperation on 6G, quantum and AI).

Members asked questions about how CETA would weather the current geopolitical storms. In reply, Dr Leblond stressed that the EU and Canada should not develop separate policies but work together. Without CETA and SPA, the EU and Canada would be much worse off.

Prof Leblond also stressed that the federal Canadian government structure had not undermined implementation of CETA as provincial and local authorities work hard to comply with CETA rules. SMEs need assistance to overcome the barriers to trade. The EU and Canada should take note of our respective regulatory dimensions when designing new policies.

5. Any other business

6. Date of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Delegation for relations with Canada would be held during the May plenary session in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 17:00

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