



Delegation for relations with the United States

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Meeting

Thursday 13 July 2023, from 10:30 to 11:30

Strasbourg

Room: WEISS S4.5

The meeting opened at 10.30, with Radosław Sikorski (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

PE 741.192

The agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meetings of

10 May 2023

PE 741.190

14 June 2023

PE 741.191

The draft minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Communications by the Chair

The Chair informed Members of the results of the 86th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD), which took place in Stockholm on 16 and 17 June 2023, in a positive and cooperative atmosphere. During the working sessions, there was broad agreement on transatlantic support to Ukraine, on the importance of effective sanctions on Russia, on NATO enlargement and on further

improving EU-NATO cooperation. On issues such as relations with China and trade and technology, there was a focus on where Congress and Parliament can further work together. The Chair paid tribute to the new US Co-Chair of the TLD, Representative Nathan Moran (Texas, Republican), who led a large bipartisan delegation. He also thanked the Parliament Members who participated and highlighted the excellent cooperation with the Swedish Parliament – the Riksdag.

4. Exchange of views with Dr Heather Grabbe, Senior Adviser to the Open Society Foundations and Non-Resident Fellow at Bruegel, on transatlantic cooperation on climate mitigation and the clean transition

Dr Grabbe focused on the potential for transatlantic cooperation on the green transition, for lessening tensions with China and for forging green industrial policy, which can have real effect on global decarbonisation. She presented research with the aim of identifying how to de-risk from China, while avoiding its retaliation and managing to decarbonise the economy at the same time.

She explained that, beyond the huge dependence on the extraction and refining of critical minerals, European dependence on China was also in intellectual property and manufacturing in this area. This made reshoring production less feasible. Even where Europe did have the edge in wind technology, its wind industry depends on China for most of the permanent magnets used in turbines. Even if the EU had smoother relations with China, and its supply chains were secure, the problem is that China does not have the capacity to produce all that is needed to decarbonise the global economy, especially since the demand for decarbonisation goods is predicted to grow immensely, not to mention the needs for Chinese domestic decarbonisation ambitions.

The speaker argued that Europe cannot only de-risk by reshoring. Even though we would like to boost our industry, it will be hard and expensive, especially where China has the technological lead and since we also risk its retaliation. Moreover, there are also unintended risks such as pandemics, disruptions because of climate related disasters such as draughts and floods in China.

The way past this problem is therefore to forge a new coalition led by the US and the EU to build an alliance for global decarbonisation, which might also benefit China - which is being hit by climate change already and is very interested in its mitigation. This would involve aligning countries' incentives, promoting more extraction and refining close to extraction areas e.g. with the help of Australia and Canada. Other countries, such as India, could also help in terms of innovation and sharing of manufacturing costs based on coordinated specialisation and comparative advantage. Such a decarbonisation partnership would make more sense and be more effective than depending on China or trying to reshore.

Questions by Members focussed on the private sector and the ability to influence it; on the real effects of the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA); on the dangers of China setting standards in this field; and on how to involve Africa in these efforts.

In her answers, Dr Grabbe said that companies would be interested in coordination because they have bottlenecks and are really worried by the disruption in supply chains e.g. in the wind industry. This would give them security of supply and larger markets. They are also interested in de-risking geopolitical competition, but need clear signals on

what kind of industrial policy will be followed.

Regarding the impact of the IRA, the triple logic in Congress was one of boosting manufacturing jobs, reducing dependence on China and decarbonising. It still remains to be seen what the results will be and what the balance between these three aims will be. The aim should be to foster investment in efficient solar panels and batteries, and reducing use of critical raw materials to have decarbonised goods.

On standards, there was not as much vulnerability as for example in 5G because it is less about infrastructure of grids and interconnectors and more about charging points etc. It would be good that Chinese standards would be interoperable with European ones.

On Africa, the challenge is not only the transition, but to simply give access to energy and lift people out of poverty using solar or wind. Our financing efforts should be blended so that funding moves them away from coal and other fossil fuels, helps build their industry and helps Africa move up the value chain.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to take place during the September 2023 Plenary session in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 11:30.

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