



*Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand
Delegation for relations with Japan
Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula*

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MINUTES

of the joint meeting DANZ-DJP-DKOR

of 22 April 2021, 13.30-15.00

Brussels

The meeting opened at 13.35 on Thursday 22 April 2021, with MEP Ulrike Müller (Chair) presiding, together with MEP Eric Andrieu, MEP Susana Solís (Co-Chairs).

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 3 delegations according to the agenda

The minutes were deemed adopted as the Secretariat did not receive any comments within three days following this meeting.

3. Communications by the Chair

No communication.

4. Exchange of views on a EU Indo-Pacific Strategy with:

- **Ambassador Jasper Wieck
Federal Foreign Office of Germany**
- **George Cunningham**

Strategic Adviser, EU Alternate Senior Official for Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Strategic Communications, EEAS Asia & Pacific Department

Ambassador Jasper Wieck recalled the process that gave birth to the Indo-Pacific strategy by Germany that was adopted last September. The centre of gravity is shifting globally to the Indo-Pacific due to the economic growth. Political power mirror that.

China is the key player and raises concerns in many countries of the region.

Geopolitical competition between US-China might lead to challenges, a new bipolarity or even a cold war. Thus there's a need to act now to avoid this situation. Such situation would also bring up costs. A strategy has been therefore created to spell out what Germany wishes and it is set on three main pillars:

- inclusiveness: despite differences with China, China is EU largest trade partner. It is fundamental for climate, development, trade. It is our interest in having China on board.

- diversification: we have to invest in like-minded countries (Australia, NZ, Japan, South Korea). E.g. the 2+2 level meeting is an expression of our security partnership upgrade. RoK is an excellent partner, an example to follow for pandemic. Synergies are already in place or will be foster soon with other countries such as India, Indonesia, South Asia. It is not about coalition building but about sharing.

- rules based multilateralism: it is the best remedy against unipolar or bipolar approach, ASEAN plays a central role in this. Germany is ready to support other regional organisations and US authority, e.g. regarding North Korea sanctions.

Germany has limited means alone, thus acting together with EU and European partners is key. Belt and road initiative has not sustainable goals nor meets international standards; a joint European approach is highly needed.

Re security, he mentioned maritime footprint to defend ruled based system and quoted the actions conducted in the Horn of Africa as an example. France, Netherlands and Germany are the initiators of this strategy.

George Cunningham presented the strategy (see attached slides) and reinstated on how important the region is. For the socio-econ recovery of Europe, we are number one investors. He recalled the challenges and vulnerabilities of the relations between EU and the Region in question. Human rights was mentioned as a focal point.

In parallel to many other States. EU made up its own strategy published few days ago based on democracy, human rights and European values. It is focused on inclusivity, it is pragmatic and flexible and multi-faceted.

Multilateral fora with like-minded Countries are key to strengthened cooperation.

Security is at the core of the strategy as well as defence, for which a special section is dedicated. Strategy call to engage with China in different areas.

He recalled the next important steps and opportunities, especially the EU-India summit on next 8 May.

He reported that reactions on the strategy have been so far positive from Member states. Japan welcomed the strategy too, together with other partners in the region praising the importance of this document that turned to be a stimulus. Also RoK said that they align with the strategy. There's a hope that EP will support EEAS efforts to present the strategy as much as possible through parliamentary diplomacy.

In September a communication will be issued on how to implement Council's decisions.

A Q&A session followed. The debate focused on: China's role and its power in Africa; the need for a major role of EU in Africa; the role of likeminded Countries globally; ASEAN's and India roles; the importance of strengthen EU values; human rights, rule of law and democracy, multilateral approach; energy and climate policy; digital technology; the EU political influence in the region and in regional fora; the need for further cooperation due to the pandemic; the need for concrete implementing steps such as trade agreement with NZ and implementation of already signed trade agreements with different partners; importance of widening areas of cooperation beyond just trade; the new interest of US in the area; defence and Quad's role.

5. Any other business

DANZ Chair announce its next delegation meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 15.01.

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<p><i>Present in the meeting room:</i> Ulrike Müller (P), Eric Andrieu (VP-D-JP), <i>Remotely</i> Josianne Cutajar (VP), Susana Solia (VP-DKOR) Eva Maydell (VP-D-JP)</p>
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<p><i>Present in the meeting room:</i> Iuliu Winkler, <i>Remotely:</i> Nicolaus Fest, Joanna Kopcińska, Vangelis Meimarakis, Dace Melbārde, Pedro Silva Pereira</p>
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<p><i>Present in the meeting room:</i> Marco Campomenosi, <i>Remotely:</i> Miapetra Kumpula Natri, Vangelis Meimarakis, Tsvetelina Penkova,</p>

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Ambassador Wieck, (Federal Foreign Office, Germany), George Cunningham (EEAS)

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