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The meeting opened at 10.30 with Georg Jarzembowski in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

PE 346.566

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chairman's announcements

The chairman wished the delegation success in its work together.

3. Calendar of meetings for 2004

The calendar was adopted.

The calendar for 2005 would be adopted at the next meeting.

4. Work programme for 2004 and 2005

The chairman asked members to make their suggestions for activities in writing so that they could be discussed at the next meeting.

He reminded the delegation of the proposal by the Diet of Japan to hold the 26th interparliamentary meeting in Tokyo and Kyoto from 16 to 20 May 2005.

Malcolm Harbour suggested that the programme should cover specialised areas as well as political discussions.

Reinhard Rack proposed that transport issues be addressed.

5. Language arrangements

At the chairman's suggestion, the delegation adopted French, German and English as working languages, with Finnish and Italian as passive languages.

6. Briefing on EU-Japan relations

The chairman welcomed Seamus Gillespie, Head of Unit for relations with Japan and Korea in DG RELEX at the Commission.

Mr Gillespie began by mentioning the recovery of the Japanese economy.

He gave details of progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for EU-Japan Cooperation.

He welcomed the progress in economic matters, but stated that political cooperation had not been advancing at the same pace and was now the Commission's priority.

Another area of concern was the slow rise in the number of studies and university courses in Japan dealing with the EU, which were insufficient in comparison with those focusing on European history and culture.

Mr Walsh presented the activities planned for 2005, the year of people-to-people exchanges.

Malcolm Harbour stressed the importance of members' individual activities. Alexander Graf Lambsdorff discussed the EU's involvement in the exhibition in Aichi and Reinhard Rack spoke about promoting awareness of the EU in Japanese universities and the importance of a structure for doing so.

The chairman suggested that MEPs should take part in some of the events and seminars organised in Japan.

The Commission representatives answered questions, referring in particular to the Institute for European Studies, further information on which would be forwarded to members. There were no plans for official EU involvement in the Aichi exhibition owing to budget constraints.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The delegation's next meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 18 November.

In the meantime, a joint meeting would take place on 12 October with the Delegations for relations with China, South-East Asia and Korea, which would focus on the forthcoming Asia-Europe (ASEM) Summit, to be held in Hanoi on 8 October.

Tom Roe, Head of Unit at the Commission and the main organiser of the event on behalf of Europe, would attend the meeting, fresh from his visit to Hanoi.

The meeting closed at 11.12.

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Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*) Georg Jarzembowski (P), Kyösti Tapio Virrankoski (VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Malcolm Harbour, Janusz Lewandowski, , Corien M. Wortmann-Kool, Brigitte Douay, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Andres Tarand, Ralf Walter, Bill Newton Dunn, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Matteo Salvini
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