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The meeting opened at 15:00 with Georg JARZEMBOWSKI in the Chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 351.320)**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 18 November 2004 (PE 351.255)**

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Chairman's announcements**

- The Chairman informed the Delegation that the Japan Business Council in Europe (JBCE) is planning to organise a series of informal events with the interested members of the Delegation, and possibly other MEPs.  
The first such event is a lunch-debate on the Contribution of Japanese companies to the Lisbon agenda (esp. looking at European R&D centers, knowledge transfer, etc.), due on 2 March next.
- The Chairman informed the Delegation that the President of the EP had received an official invitation to visit Japan in 2005 and that he plans to visit the country in the second half of this year.

**4. 26th EP-Japan Interparliamentary meeting - First consideration of agenda and programme**

The Chairman introduced a number of proposals for the visit, namely :

1. A common Diet and EP public event to the EU - Japan Year 2005 (discussion and music).
2. Topics for the official parliamentary meetings :
  - a. on foreign policy : Regional security issues
    - in Asia : e.g. North Korea, relations across the Taiwan Straits;
    - in Europe and the middle East.
  - b. on economic and trade policies : EU - Japan Regulatory Reform Dialogue;  
Agreement on Science and Technology  
Cooperation;  
EU - Japan Transport issues.
  - c. on overseas aid policy : Consequences of the tsunami disaster.
  - d. on institutional policy : the constitutional Debate in Japan;  
the treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe.

- e. as a special event on the EU - Japan Year :  
a debate of the Japanese and European Parliamentarians with students or NGO-representatives of Japan and EU in the Diet Premises.
3. One half day in Tokyo to be reserved for individual talks of the Delegation Members.

The following spoke :

- Mrs KAUFMANN to confirm that the first three days would be in Tôkyô and the rest of the week in Kyôto and to suggest that the number of issues be compatible with the time available to avoid exceedingly stuffed agendas.
- Mr GOLLNISCH to suggest that the visit last the whole week.
- Mr FORD on the cultural aspects of the visit, mentioning in particular the Kyôto old Imperial Palace Garden and the Katsura-Rikyu in Kyôto.
- Mrs BADÍA to suggest specific cultural topics in the discussions.
- Mrs BAUER to support Mrs BADÍA's suggestion.
- Mr FORD to suggest that discussion on cultural issues should be focussed on copyright protection.
- Mr SALVINI to suggest discussing the situation of the media.
- Mrs BADÍA to volunteer for designing the part of the programme relating to culture.
- Mr SÁNCHEZ PRESEDO to inquire on the question of aging of populations.  
The Chairman referred him to the minutes of the last interparliamentary meeting.
- Mrs DOUAY, Mr PANZERI and GRAF LAMBSDORFF on the number of MEP's allowed to travel to Japan.
- Mr GOLLNISCH to object to the vigent rules and to suggest that the delegation asks for a meeting with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.
- Mr FORD to support this latter proposal.
- Mr NEWTON-DUNN to suggest discussing international crime and counterfeiting.
- Mr GRAF LAMBSDORFF to suggest a meeting with airlines representatives.

## 5. Working Programme of the Japan Delegation in 2005

The chairman suggested that the meeting on 9 March be dedicated to the EU-Japan Research & Technology Agreement, the meeting on 11 May being reserved for the practical preparation of the visit to Japan.

Mrs STARKEVIČIŪTĖ insisted that a representation from the Directorate General for Industry at the EC be present and not only DG Research.

The following spoke : Mr GOLLNISCH and Mr NEWTON-DUNN on practical aspects of preparation.

**6. Any other business**

Mr FORD drew the attention of Members to an ongoing exhibition in the EP on Japanese robot research.

**7. Date and place of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Delegation will take place on Wednesday, 9 March 2005 in Strasbourg.

The meeting was closed at 16:02.

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Kevin Walsh

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