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DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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MEETING
of
Wednesday, 13 April 2005
at 5.30 p.m.
in Strasbourg

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Annex: Record of attendance

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The meeting opened at 5.30 p.m. with Mr Antonio Di Pietro, Chairman, in the chair.

The Chairman welcomed members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Commission and guests present at the meeting.

He said that the meeting was limited to one hour and that interpretation was available in German, English, French, Italian, Danish and Portuguese.

He apologised for his late arrival at the previous meeting, which had been caused by air traffic controllers striking in Italy.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 16 March 2005

The minutes, available in Italian, English and French, were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman conveyed apologies for absence from first Vice-Chairman Britta Thomsen and spoke on:

- the meeting held with the Minister in the Presidency of South Africa, also responsible for the Offices on children's rights, the status of disabled people and the status of women. The Minister had presented his government's programme to promote gender equality and devise policies to improve conditions for children,
- the meeting held with the South African Ambassador to the EU Mr Jerry Matjila, attended by many Delegation members, on evaluating, registering and authorising medicinal products.

**4. In the presence of a representative of the Mission of South Africa to the EU and a representative of the Commission
Report on the visit to Johannesburg and Cape Town by the Delegation's bureau**

The Chairman reported on the bureau's visit to South Africa and the high-level meetings that took place with members of government and members of the Legislative Chambers.

The following issues were the main subjects discussed at the meetings:

- re-establishing interparliamentary relations
- implementing the EU-South Africa Agreement
- the state of negotiations for a Fisheries Agreement
- South Africa's regional role.

It was agreed that the next interparliamentary meeting would be held in October in Europe.

Lastly, the Chairman alluded to the ANC's success at the most recent general elections, something which showed how far democracy in South Africa had been consolidated.

Mr Gahler spoke on the interparliamentary meetings.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr Thabo Tage, representative of the South African embassy, who conveyed his government's concern over the results of EU veterinary inspections in South Africa and over legislation dealing with medicinal products.

He informed the delegation of the South African Minister of Agriculture's next visit to Europe.

Mr Mulder, Mr Bradbourn and Mr Niebler spoke on veterinary inspections, the pharmaceutical industry directive and AIDS.

Mr Thabo Tage spoke about his government's efforts concerning the fight against AIDS, veterinary inspections and the role of civil society in South Africa.

Mr Di Pietro spoke about health measures taken in South Africa and measures to ensure that the majority of the South African population had access to running water.

Mr Thabo Tage spoke about the stalemate in negotiations on fisheries.

5. Other business

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr Gahler who made a comment on the organisation of the Delegation's business.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Thursday, 12 May 2005 in Strasbourg at 11 a.m.

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The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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