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of the meeting on  
Wednesday, 7 September 2005  
15.00 – 16.00  
STRASBOURG

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Brussels, 12 September 2005  
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Annexe: Record of attendance

The meeting opened at 3.00 p.m. with Mr Jonathan Evans in the Chair.

## **1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted without modifications.

## **2. Communications by the Chairman**

The Chairman informed Members that the President of the EP had expressed Parliament's condolences for the victims of hurricane Katrina in a letter to President Bush. He also indicated that he would write to his counterpart in the US House of Representatives in order to convey the condolences of the EP-US Delegation.

The following took part in the discussion: Descamps, Gomes, Guardans Cambo, Giertych, Coveney, Lambrinidis, Kuhne, Lauk, Baron Crespo.

It was decided that the Chairman, in his letter, would stress the following items

- the huge scale of the disaster and the appalling death toll
- the deep emotion and sympathy in the European public opinion
- the need to discuss with the US, both bilaterally (the Member States) and multilaterally (the European Union), on ways and means to coordinate prevention and assistance in case of natural disasters.
- the offer of EU assistance in the present situation

## **3. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2005**

The draft minutes were adopted without modifications.

## **4. 59 EP/US Congress IPM - Washington, 23-28 June 2005 and**

## **5. Future activities of the Delegation - exchange of views**

These agenda items were discussed jointly.

The Chairman thanked Members who took part in the IPM for their contribution; he stressed the positive atmosphere of the discussions.

The following took part in the debate: Guardans Cambo, Kuhne, Galeote Quecedo, Gomes, Sinnott, Bradbourn, Buitenweg, Hamon, Lambrinidis, Turmes, Descamps, Sumberg.

It was mentioned in particular that

- a special effort should be made in order to publicize the IPM/TLD among US Parliamentarians. The EP political groups should use their contacts to this effect
- adequate follow-up should be ensured to the "TLD seminar" on data privacy
- the formula of the "TLD Seminar" should be retained in the future; among possible subjects for the next meeting: preparedness for catastrophes, climate change, the WTO

Hong Kong Ministerial, EU/US cooperation in relations with China, in the Middle East, in the culture and education sectors.

The Chairman informed Members that the next IPM/TLD would take place in London from 1st December to 6th December. A more detailed programme would follow as soon as possible.

Draft Calendars of the Delegation preparatory meetings for 2005 and the first months of 2006 were circulated.

## **6. Any other business**

Vice-Chairman Bonsignore announced that he would personally invite all Members of the Delegation to assist to the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. The Chairman thanked him for his kind offer.

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

The next meeting of the Delegation will take place on Tuesday 4 October 2005 at 10.15 – 11.15 in Brussels.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/LITE RECORD  
OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI  
PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) Jonathan EVANS (P), Benoît HAMON (VP) Vito BONSIGNORE (VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Enrique BARON CRESPO, Philip BRADBURN, Kathalijne Maria BUITENWEG, Simon COVENEY, Marie- Hélène DESCAMPS, Petr DUCHOŇ, Carlo FATUZZO, Gerardo GALEOTE QUECEDO, Maciej Marian GIERTYCH, Vasco GRAÇA MOURA, Toomas Hendrik ILVES, Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI, Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, Kurt Joachim LAUK, Józef PINIOR, Kathy SINNOTT, David SUMBERG
Παρόντες	
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/Membri supplenti/ Plaatsvervangers/ Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Presentes	Jean-Louis BOURLANGES, Said EL KHADRAOUI, Ana Maria GOMES, Ignasi GUARDANS CAMBÓ, Boguslaw LIBERADZKI, James NICHOLSON, Claude TURMES
Présents	
Presenti	
Aanwezig	
Lasna	
Närvarande	
Art. 178,2	
Art. 183,3	
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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρόν στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presenteel/Läsna/Närvarande den

<p>Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do presidente/Puhemiehen kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan:</p> <p>Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)</p> <p>Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Commissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (*)</p> <p>Cour des comptes:</p> <p>C.E.S.:</p>		
<p>Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare</p>		<p>USA Mission to the EU: VAN AVERBEKE Muriel</p>
<p>Gruppernes sekretariat Sekretariat der Fraktionen Γραμματεία των Πολ. Ομάδων Secretariat political groups Secr. De los grupos políticos Secr. Groupes politiques Segr. Dei gruppi politici Secr. Van de fracties Secr. Dos grupos políticos Puolueryhmien sihteeristö Gruppernas sekretariat</p>	<p>PPE PSE ALDE/ADLE Verts/ALE GUE/NGL IND/DEM UEN NI</p>	<p>KROEGEL REED CHADWICK</p>
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<p>Cab. Du Secrétaire Général</p>		
<p>Generaldirektorat Generaldirektion Γενική Διεύθυνση Directorate-General Dirección general Direction générale Direzione generale Directoraat-generaal Direcção general Contrôle financier Service juridique Pääosasto Generaldirektorat</p>	<p>I II III IV V VI VII</p>	<p>SCHULZ</p>
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