

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## EU-RUSSIA PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING

Monday, 22 November 2004 at 15h00 to 18h30

Tuesday, 23 November 2004 at 09h00 to 12h30

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The meeting opened at 15.00 with Mr. Camiel EURLINGS and Mr Oleg MOROZOV, co-chairmen, jointly in the chair. Mr EURLINGS in his welcoming statement referred the successful work of the PCC in the last 7 years, before giving the floor to Mr Oleg MOROZOV for his introduction.

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

The draft agenda was adopted.

### **2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 6th EU-Russia PCC Meeting on 24-25 September 2003 in Strasbourg**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. EU and Russian Federation: Neighbourhood and Partnership and outlook to the policies of the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement (PCA)**

Statements from

- the European Commission
- the Dutch Presidency-in-Office of the Council of the European Union
- the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the EU, on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation

Mr EURLINGS gave the floor to Mr MINGARELLI, Director of External Affairs, on behalf of the European Commission. Mr MINGARELLI referred to the finalising preparations for the Eu-Russia summit in The Hague. In the last 10 years considerable progress had been made in EU-Russia relations due to the contributions by of the State the Duma and the European Parliament. Even close co-operation between the Russian Federation and the European Union would help to meet the challenges ahead in the field of: security, safety, terrorism and environmental issues. He commented some issues in particular: Kyoto protocol, visas, trade in nuclear material, overflight arrangements, satellite navigation and the four common areas (economic, security and justice, common neighbourhood, research and culture area), and addressed in more detail two most important issues: Kaliningrad (transit of people, transit of goods and merchandise, and economic and social developments), and Russian speaking minorities in Baltic states.

Then Mr FRATERMAN, on behalf of Dutch Presidency-in-Office of the Council of the European Union spoke about a common space on freedom, security and justice, a common neighbourhood, and research and education.

Mr PETRAKOV, Acting head of the Russian Mission to the EC, on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation addressed the Parliamentary Co-operation Committee. In his statement he referred in particular the: four common space, rights of minorities and visas. He underlined political possibilities of the 10 new members creating a new geographical coherence that should not turn into an area of opposition. He underlined, also, the issue of visas and freedom of movement.

After this exchange of views a debate followed. Mr Vasily LIKHACHEV, Ms KREHL, and Mr PAASILINNA intervened, touching upon the following issues: Partnership co-operation agreement, neighbourhood policy, delay of the EU/Russia Summit and common values between Russia and European Union.

Mr MINGARELLI responded on partnership agreement and neighbourhood policy, Mr PETRAKOV and Mr FRATERMAN responded on the delay of the summit.

Ms MALMSTRÖM, MEP, rapporteur on EU-Russia relations underlined the importance of the ratification of the Kyoto protocol and addressed also as Human Rights issues and the progress in the common spaces.

In the following exchange Mr Vasily LIKHACHEV, Ms ZDANOKA, Mr STAES raised: the Kaliningrad issue, the space of freedom, security and justice, the rights of Russian speaking minorities in Latvia and the situation in Chechnya.

Mr MINGARELLI and PETRAKOV having responded to these points, Mr Morozov answered more indepth on Mr STAES questions and the discussion with the moderate element in Chechnya.

In the following discussion Mr ILVES, Mr KELAM, Ms ANDRIKIENE, Mr BELOUSOV, Mr LAX, Mr LANDSBERGIS, MR Alexey LIKHACHEV raised: EU-Russia relations and the new member states, the 4 spaces, Chechnya, refugee camps, the fight against terrorism, Russian speakers in the Baltic area as a linguistic minority, safety and terrorism, and an inter-parliamentary dialogue between the Duma and the European Parliament.

Mr MOROZOV, Mr MINGARELLI, Mr FRATERMAN and Mr PETRAKOV concluded point 3 of the agenda.

Mr EURLINGS concluded by saying that the EU had entered in a new era with 10 new countries 8 of which are former members of the former Soviet Union, whereas a new Russian Federation is going ahead into a new future, getting stronger in many aspects

#### **4. Exchange of views on specific topics of actuality**

- 4.1 Duma statement of 26 October 2004 on the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement (PCA) EU-Russia
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- 4.3 North Caucasus: EU helps in rehabilitation and reconstruction
- 4.4 60th Anniversary of end of World War II
  - presentation by Mr Gennady GORBUNOV

As for the Duma Statement of 26 October 2004, Mr EURLINGS proposed to discuss the situation in: Kaliningrad, the situation of the Russian speaking minorities, and the border issues.

Vasily LIKHACHEV introduced the Kaliningrad topic, referring to differing informations from European Commission and Russian authorities. He underlined in depth the transit problems and pointed towards the States of Duma's criticism with regard to the situation.

Then Mr LATTI stated the commission. He touched on the issue of transit of goods proposing a less complicated and costly administrative procedure should be easier.

Followed comments by Ms ANDRIKIENE, Mr PALECKIS, Mr GEREMEK and Mr KELAM referring to: a strong strategic partnership, regional development, a computerised system, rate of

goods traffic, social and economical development in region, a proposition to visit Kaliningrad, transfer structure of goods ( by trains, by road, by sea)

Mr EURLINGS and Mr Vasily LIKHACHEV concluded the exchange on the Kaliningrad issue.

Mr BELOUSOV introduced the issue of the Russian speaking minorities in the EU, followed by Mr LATTI for the European Commission.

Intervened Ms ZDANOKA, Mr TABAJDI, Mr LANDSBERGIS, Mr MOROZOV, MR KELAM and Mr Alexey LIKHACHEV on: the Russian speaking minority in Latvia and Estonia, a "working group" to be created on these issues.

Mr LATTI led into the debate on border questions. Followed Mr KELAM, Mr LAX, Mr Alexey LIKHACHEV, Mr MOROZOV, Mr LANDSBERGIS all agreeing that the border problems should be resolved as fast as possible

Mr EURLINGS concluded that "working groups" should be created on the issue of Kaliningrad and Estonia/Latvia-Russia border problems and proposed to deal in a joint debate with the issues of Terrorism and North Caucasus,

Mr GORBUNOV, MR STAES, Mr SAFARALIEV, Mr SAVELIEV and Mr LANDSBERGIS touched on: the help for the victims of terrorism, the Beslan tragedy, the fighting of radical organisations, and political situation in Chechnya and possible solution

Mr EURLINGS concluding this exchange by expressing: there are no excuses for terrorism and it's a challenge to fight the terrorism with judiciary co-operation while keeping our society open and democratic

Mr GORBUNOV took the floor for his presentation on 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

MR KELAM, Mr SEVASTIYANOV, Mr PETERLE, Mr KOVALEV, Ms KREHL, Mr LIBERADZKI, Ms ZDANOKA, Mr LANDSBERGIS intervened.

Mr EURLINGS, Mr GORBUNOV and Mr MOROZOZ gave the conclusion on the two day meeting.

At the end, Mr BUSQUIN gave a brief comment on the common space in the economy.

## **5. Adoption of joint statement**

After some changes the joint statement was adopted.

## **6. Any other business**

No other business had to be dealt with

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

The next meeting will take place on 16 and 17 November 2005 in Strasbourg.

**1. DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/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: (*)  EURLINGS (P)(1,2), PAASILINNA (VP)(1,2), SEPPÄNEN (VP)(1,2)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/jäsenet/ Ledamöter:
Παρόντες	BUSQUIN (1,2), CABRNOCH (2), ESTEVES (2), GEREMEK (1,2), KELAM (1,2), KREHL (1,2), LAX (1,2), LE PEN (2), LIBERADZKI (1,2), PALECKIS (1,2), REMEK (1,2), SAMARAS (1), SEEGER (1,2), STAES (1,2), TABAJDI (2), ZDANOKA (1,2), ZELEZNY (1,2)
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Presentes	ANDRIKIENE (1,2), HOWITT (1), ILVES (1), PETERLE (1,2), PIKS (1,2), ROUCEK (1,2), VAIDERE (2)
Présents	
Presenti	
Aanwezig	
Läsnä	
Närvarande	
Art. 178,2	LANDSBERGIS (1)
Art. 166,3	
Art. 162.6 Endv. deltog/Weitere Teiln./ Συμμετείχαν επίσης/Also present Participaron igualmente/ Participaient également/ Hanno partecipato altresit/ Andere deelnemers/ Outros participantes/ Muut osallistujat/ Dessutom deltog	MALMSTROEM (rapporteur FAC)(1,2)
(Dagsorden/Tagesordnung Pkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημεί/Point OJ/Punto OG/Agenda Punt/Ordem do dia-punto/punto orden del dia/ Esityslista Kohta/Föredragningslista punkt):	

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Ondervoorz./Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρόν στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presente el/Läsnä/Närvarande den.

(1)22.11.2004  
(2)23.11.2004

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<p>Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare</p>		AVETISYAN, POLYANSKIY (Russian Mission)
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Cab. du Président		FAY
Cab. du Secrétaire Général		
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## ANNEXE II

### **7th EU-RUSSIA PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **List of the Russian Delegation**

##### **Members of the State Duma**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Faction</b>	<b>Position</b>
Mr. Oleg MOROZOV	1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy of the Leader of the United Russia faction	Deputy Chairman of the State Duma
Mr. Alexander BELOUSOV	United Russia	Committee on industry, construction and high technologies
Mr. Valentin CHAYKA	United Russia	Committee on Transport and Energy
Mr. Petr KAMSHILOV	United Russia	Committee on industry, construction and high technologies
Mr. Andrey KNORR	United Russia	Committee on Agriculture
Mr. Alexander KOVAL	United Russia	Committee on Credit Organizations and Financial Markets
Mr. Oleg KOVALEV	United Russia	Chairman of the Committee on Reglament and State Duma Procedures
Mr. Alexander LEBEDEV	United Russia	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on CIS and Relations with Compatriots
Mr. Alexey LIKHACHEV	United Russia	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Economic Policy, Entrepreneurship and tourism
Mr. Vladimir MEDINSKIY	United Russia	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Economic Policy, Entrepreneurship and tourism
Mr. Anvar MUKHAMETZAKIROV	United Russia	Committee on Economic Policy, Entrepreneurship and tourism
Mr. Gadzhimet SAFARALIEV	United Russia	Committee on Local Self-Government
Mr. Yuri SAVELIEV	"Rodina"	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on industry, construction and high technologies
Mrs. Liubov SHVETS	Communist Party of the RF	Committee on Budget and Taxes
Mr. Vitaly SEVASTIYANOV	Communist Party of the RF	Committee on International Affairs
Mr. Oleg STOLYAROV	United Russia	Committee on the Russian North and Far East issues

##### **Members of the Council of Federation**

Mr. Gennady GORBUNOV	Astrakhan Region	Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the Council of Federation
Mrs. Irina LAROCHKINA	Tatarstan Republic	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on natural resources and environmental protection of the Council of Federation
Mr. Vasily LIKHACHEV	Ingushetia Republic	Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation
Mr. Gennady OLEYNIK	The Ugra – Khanty-Mansy Region	Chairman of the Committee on the Russian North and its native population issues of the Council of Federation
Mr. Leonid ROKETSKIY	The Taymir – Dolgano-Nenetsky Region	Chairman of the Committee on Local Administrations of the Council of Federation
Mr. Vladimir SOLOMONOV	The Komy-Permiakzy Region	Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Local Administrations of the Council of Federation

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Mr. Iya BORDYUZHENKO	Interpreter
Mr. Pavel TYUREV	Interpreter
Ms. Anna LEVCHUK	Interpreter