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The meeting opened at 15.00 with Mr Sean O' Neachtain in the Chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 374.795)

The draft agenda was adopted as it stands in these minutes.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2006 (PE 374.765)

The draft minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2006 were adopted.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman informed Members that, on 6 June, the Delegation jointly with the International trade committee organized a meeting with CERT (Canada-Europe Round Table of industrialists). Ambassador Kinsman and Québec Delegate General, Mr Sirros were also present. The Chairman thanked Members who were able to attend on that occasion.

4. Future activities of the Delegation

The Chairman reminded Members that a visit to Canada had been planned for 13-18 September. 12 Members had indicated that they would be available in that time period.

Unfortunately, the Canadian Parliament had informed the Delegation that it would be difficult to have a good attendance in Ottawa on those days, and have suggested to schedule the visit for the weeks of 6, 12 or 20 November.

Since the week of 20 November is a committee week, and therefore available for Delegation missions,, the Chairman suggested to accept the proposal by the Canadian Parliament, and to schedule the visit between 22 and 27 November.

It would be possible, within that time period, to hold the main meetings in Ottawa, move then to either Québec or Montreal, and then Newfoundland, before returning to Europe.

The following took part in the discussion: Attwool, the Chairman.

5. Information by the Commission

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ellis Mathews, desk officer for Canada at the Commission DG Relex, who gave an update on developments in EU/Canada relations.

He mentioned in particular that

- the bilateral Summit, initially foreseen for June, had been rescheduled for the end of November in Finland.
- on 27 April a "Trade and Investment" Ministerial subcommittee had examined a series of bilateral technical issues, in particular with regard to EU exports of caffeinated drinks. On 3 June, a Fisheries Ministerial meeting had taken place, dealing with various quota enforcement issues, as well as NAFO reform.

- the EU/Canada draft agreement on higher education had been signed and sent to Parliament for consultation. Members had received electronically a copy of the text.

The following took part in the discussion: Bradbourn, Dover, Houghton.

Mr. Mathews answered questions, in particular, on methods implemented in Canada for seal hunting and on Canadian restrictions on access to its internal market for security services.

6. Any other business

None

7. Date and place of the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 3 October, 16.15-17.15 in Brussels.

It was decided, in view of the Delegation's mission in November, to have another Delegation meeting prior to departure, in order to make final preparations.

The meeting would take place Monday 20 November, 16.15-17.15 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 15.40 hours

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