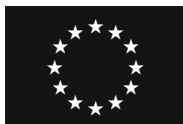


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Annex: Record of attendance

The meeting opened at 17.30 with Mr Jonathan Evans in the Chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda (PE 383.693) was adopted without modifications.

2. Adoption of minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2006 (PE 383.662) were adopted without modifications

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman informed Members that, on 22-24 February, the annual TPN meeting had taken place in Brussels, with the participation of US and European Parliamentarians, including President Poettering.

4. Briefing by Mr. Alan Seatter (Director, DG RELEX) on developments in EU/US relations

The Chairman introduced Mr Alan Seatter, who had recently taken over from Mr. Richard Wright as Director responsible for relations with the US.

Mr. Seatter proceeded to define priorities and possible results in view of the next bilateral EU/US Summit, which would take place on 30 April in Washington.

He considered, in particular, that the next Summit would concentrate heavily on economic subjects. These would include

- financial dialogue (de-listing, reinsurance, banking)
- trade and customs facilitation
- regulatory reform (cosmetics, medical equipment, chemicals, professional qualifications)
- air transport ("open skies" agreement")

Other important issues on the agenda would concern data protection (PNR, SWIFT), visa facilitation, the Doha Round, as well as "traditional" political items (Kosovo, Afghanistan, Middle East, Iran, Africa). Climate change would also feature prominently on the agenda.

With regard to the possibility of launching efforts towards a "framework agreement" with the US, he suggested that the Delegation raise this point with the US Congress. The political pressure should come "from above": in the meanwhile, a sector-by-sector roadmap should be developed, via a joint study.

The following took part in the discussion: the Chairman, Kuhne, Pinior, Buitenweg, In't Veld, Guardans Cambo, Ludford.

Mr Seatter answered questions in particular on

- the US plans for "trusted travelers" schemes
- the US Visa waiver and its extension
- PNR and redress procedures
- activities of the "High level contact group" on security and data protection
- the "parliamentary dimension" of the Summit, including Parliamentary participation and a possible reference to this dimension in the final joint statement of the Summit.

-poverty reduction schemes, in particular for women

5. Future activities of the Delegation

The Chairman introduced the subject: he considered that the last IPM in Charleston and Washington had been very successful. In particular, the offer by Chairman Lantos to reinforce contacts by exchanging "working groups" from specialist Committees was an interesting approach which should be put in practice as soon as possible. Several EP Committees, including LIBE, ECON and ITRE were considering sending Delegations to the US, and a close contact should be held with the Delegation.

With regard to the dates for the next IPM, the Chairman indicated that, since the US side of TLD had not yet designated its Leadership, the dates of 12-14 April could not be maintained. He suggested therefore the week of 29 May-2 June.

The following took part in the discussion: Guardans Cambo, In't Veld, Ludford. The Delegation was informed that the LIBE Committee would organize a Seminar on "Freedom and Security", in preparation of a visit to Washington on April 16-18. Negotiations on PNR and SWIFT were well underway, and the EP should try to follow as much as possible the development of these dossiers. Also, dialogue with Congress on the subject of "extraordinary renditions" should be established.

6. Any other business

None

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 19 March December 2007, at 17.30 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 18.30 hours.

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Παρόντες	
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/Membri supplenti/ Plaatsvervangers/ Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Presentes	CERCAS, GOMES, GUARDANS CAMBÓ, HARKIN
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Närvarande	
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<p>Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Comissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (*) NURMI, POUWALLO</p>		
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<p>C.E.S.:</p>		
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