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The meeting opened at 10.15 on Thursday, 24 May 2007, with Benoît Hamon (Vice-Chairman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda (PE 389.693) was adopted with one modification, i.e. that item 5 (cancellation of 63rd interparliamentary meeting) would be taken before item 4 (briefing by Mr Vanheukelen).

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of 26 February and of 19 March 2007

The draft minutes of the meetings of 26 February and of 19 March 2007 (PE 385.582, PE 385.601) were adopted without modifications.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chair informed the Delegation that Mr Jonathan Evans was unable to attend the meeting due to the follow-up to recent elections to the Assembly of Wales.

The Chair informed the Delegation also:

- on the mission by the LIBE Committee, under the "umbrella" of TLD, on 16/18 April to Washington,

- on the visit to the European Parliament by Secretary Chertoff, on 14 May,

- on the upcoming visit to Brussels of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Nancy Pelosi.

4. Cancellation of the 63rd EP/US Interparliamentary and TLD meeting, 30 May - 2 June 2007

The Chair introduced the discussion, by reminding the Delegation the conditions under which the decision to cancel the meeting was taken. He also indicated that it would be necessary to reflect on how to reorganize, if necessary, Delegation activities, and on the practical consequences of the cancellation.

The following took part in the discussion: Lambsdorff, Skinner, Bradbourn, Kuhne, Ludford, Rübiger, Nicholson. The following considerations were made:

- it would be necessary to re-examine the numerical composition of the EP Delegation, and the possibility of creating "working groups" by subject,

- by its active participation, the EP occupies the "moral high ground" in the Transatlantic Dialogue. EP participation should not be "rolled back",

- the interparliamentary meetings are an opportunity for exchanges between parliamentarians involved in different sectors of activity. This opportunity should not be abandoned by subdividing in e.g. "political" and "economic" subgroups,

- it would be necessary for the US side to reexamine its institutional structure. The "TLD brand image" should also be reinforced, as compared to other non-institutional bodies involved in Transatlantic dialogue,
- perhaps, a more limited meeting (e.g. with the Bureau only) could have taken place in Berlin. However, since the meeting had to be cancelled, the Chairman should write a letter to the Questors, explaining the conditions of this cancellation. The Secretariat should keep Members informed on the follow-up.

5. Briefing by Mr Marc Vanheukelen, Head of Unit for Relations with the United States and Canada (DG RELEX) on the results of the EU/US Summit (Washington, D.C., 30 April 2007)

The Chair welcomed Mr Vanheukelen, who took over recently as Head of unit for relations with the United States and Canada within the Commission DG RELEX.

Mr Vanheukelen introduced the results of the EU/US Summit (Washington, 30 April 2007). He stressed in particular:

- the excellent atmosphere in which the Summit had taken place, and the "common language" found also on delicate subjects, such as e.g. human rights, Cuba, Guantanamo,
- the lack of progress on two important issues, i.e. PNR and visa waiver,
- the intense dialogue taking place on energy and climate change,
- the important agreement concluded on air transport,
- the launch of the "Framework for enhancing Transatlantic Economic Cooperation".

With regard to this last item, Mr Vanheukelen remarked that TLD would be involved within the "advisory board" called upon to make recommendations to the "Transatlantic Economic Council" set up by the Framework agreement.

The following took part in the discussion: in't Veld, Skinner, Rübige, Ludford, Buitenweg, Mr Vanheukelen answered also on:

- possibilities for increasing flow of information with regard to PNR, SWIFT, visa waiver negotiations,
- initiatives to be taken at international level in the sector of efficient energy use and climate change,
- dialogue on international human right principles in combating terrorism,
- need to include sexual rights of women in development policy discussions,
- financial services, in particular reinsurance.

6. Any other business

None

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 27 June, 9.00-10.00 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 11.15.

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| Gabriele Albertini, Monica Maria Iacob-Ridzi, James Nicholson, Peter Šťastný, József Szájer, Alejandro Cercas, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Bronisław Geremek, Marian Harkin |

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