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Mr STERCKX opened the meeting at 16h15 on Wednesday, 21 November 2007.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 397.109)

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2007 (PE 393.815)

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3. Chairman's announcements

Mr STERCKX welcomed Ms ZHANG from the Chinese Department of Foreign Affairs who was visiting Brussels on the EU Visitors Programme.

4. Preparations for the 10th EU-China summit on 28 November 2007 in Beijing

Mr STERCKX introduced Mr ROKAS from the European Commission who would inform members on preparations for the EU-China summit taking place on 28 November.

Mr ROKAS noted that, in addition to the EU-China summit, President SARKOZY would be in Beijing next week. A number of other EU-related events were taking place around the same date. Negotiations were still underway on the meeting's agenda and a draft statement.

The EU's priorities for the summit included the consolidation of the strategic partnership and negotiations on the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA). It was hoped that some parts of the PCA could be concluded. Climate change was another key issue in advance of the Bali summit and the EU wanted to progress a post 2012 carbon emissions scheme. Human rights were also a priority. There was concern over the EU's deficit and other trade issues such as IPR and steel were on the agenda. Cooperation with China over Africa, Burma, North Korea, Kosovo and Iran were also important matters. Finally Beijing was likely to raise the issue of Taiwan as well as market economy status and the arms embargo.

Mrs LAPERROUZE noted that she was on the recent visit by the Temporary Committee for Climate Change Beijing. China was working on CO2 emissions as a ratio of GDP and stressed that it was a developing country. It also insisted that the USA became involved in Kyoto. She wondered whether China could be classed as a developing country.

Mr REUL wanted to have more details about when China would become involved in climate protection.

Mr KIRKHOPE stressed that each side should understand the other's aspirations. The EU should appreciate the position of China and other developing nations.

Mr HUGHES raised the issue of coal mine safety and was pleased to have seen the Memorandum of Understanding which was to be signed by the EU and China. He believed it could be a foundation for future areas of cooperation and asked whether the Memorandum would be signed at the summit.

The Commission representative agreed with the position of the members on climate change and stressed that both sides were committed to stabilising the green house concentration in the atmosphere. There was progress on the EU-China Partnership on Climate Change. The summit would not be leading to agreement on percentages but would be promoting common activity on working together to reduce carbon emissions. The Commission recognised the arguments of China but stressed that it should be remembered that the effects of global warming were now well known - this had not been the case 50 years ago when a similar development process had been taking place in the West. The Chinese leadership had made commitments to reduce carbon emissions as they were adversely affecting the country. He noted that the Memorandum on coal safety was not on the summit agenda and would be signed next year.

Mr BUSHILL MATTHEWS asked if the China delegation Bureau had direct contact with the Bureau of the ACP delegation. Mr STERCKX noted that there was no formal contact with the ACP delegation Bureau but considered that this could be advanced after the Summit.

Mr MAVROMMATIS noted that in Strasbourg in September he had raised the issue of the Chinese Olympic organising authorities preventing any religious imagery at the Games. He wondered if there was any way that this issue could be raised with the Chinese authorities.

Mr STERCKX said that he had not received any reaction from the Chinese authorities on this issue. He wanted further information from the Commission on cooperation with China on Africa. He asked too about how Taiwan would be raised at the summit. Finally he wished to know about refugees from North Korea in China and how they were treated by the authorities.

The Commission representative stated that the question of religious imagery was a matter for the Olympic authorities, although when China was awarded the Games it had signed up to a series of codes. The Commission followed the matter but was it was not on the agenda of the summit. He noted that in June 2007 the first dialogue with the Chinese on Africa had taken place, although so far there had been limited progress. He hoped that Commissioner MICHEL would visit China in 2008 and discuss further cooperation. The EU "one China" policy on Taiwan was clear and

would be reiterated at the summit. There was concern over the North Korean refugees and the matter would be raised.

There were no further questions to the Commission representative.

5. Draft calendar of delegation activities in 2008

Mr STERCKX drew the 2008 draft calendar to the attention of the members and noted that it would go to the Conference of Presidents in December for their authorisation. There were no comments from members on the calendar.

6. Any other business

Mrs LAPERROUZE updated the members on the visit of the Temporary Committee on Climate Change which had gone to Beijing from 5 to 7 November 2007. Among the meetings that had taken place were discussions with civil society, scientists, companies dealing with climate change, EU diplomats, and members of the authorities. It was clear that China was taking climate change seriously and wanted the developed countries should take the leading role in tackling carbon emissions, although it had set its own targets for 2020.

7. Date and place of next meeting

Mr STERCKX informed members that Ms Morag DONALDSON had left the delegations secretariat on promotion and was now in the EUROMED unit. He wanted to thank her for all the work that she had done over many years.

Mr STERCKX announced that the next ordinary meeting would take place on Wednesday 23 January 2007 in Brussels at 10h15-11h15.

The meeting closed at 17.01 hrs.

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