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of the meeting of 1 July 2008, from 10:15 to 11:15

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The meeting opened at 10:15 on Tuesday, 1 July 2008, with Hubert Pirker (Chairman) in the chair.

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

The draft agenda was adopted.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2008**

The minutes were approved.

## **3. Communications by the Chair**

The Chair informed members of a request by the EP's "High-Level Group for Equality and Diversity" to appoint one of the members as the Delegation's contact person in a network monitoring the integration of the gender perspective in the work of the committees and delegations and proposed the appointment of Mrs LULLING, given her involvement in the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. The Delegation approved this proposal unanimously.

The Chair informed members of a visit by humanitarian aid workers and human rights activists from Christian organisations in South Korea touring in Europe to highlight China's policy of forced repatriation of North Korean refugees.

## **4. Report on the ASEP V Meeting in Beijing (18-20 June) and the following visit to North Korea (21-24 June)**

The Chair provided a brief overview of the main activities and achievements of the ASEP V Meeting in Beijing and the EP visit to North Korea. Some 31 delegations attended the meeting, although South Korea, remarkably, was not represented by a delegation due to domestic political tensions (demonstrations against US beef imports, National Assembly deadlock, newly set up Cabinet). The larger member states of the EU were poorly represented and did not contribute actively to the discussions. The EP delegation, chaired by Mr JARZEMBOWSKI, included 10 members, and actively influenced the debate. The EP was even considered by most participants as the representative of the EU as a whole. It managed to input most of its viewpoints on the WTO, climate change and human rights in the final declaration. The Chair mentioned that next ASEP Meeting will take place in Belgium.

With regard to the DPRK visit, the Chair emphasized the important successes of this meeting between the EP and North Korea, and underlined the progress in mutual understanding. He stated that the EU approach towards North Korea is shifting from humanitarian aid (mostly emergency food aid) to development aid (sharing European technical know-how to enhance DRPK's farmers to become independent, and indirectly pushing through changes in the North Korean political system).

Most of EU's focus went to the denuclearization process and the progress made towards compliance with the commitments agreed upon under the framework of the six-party talks. The EP welcomed the blowing of the Yongbyon cooling tower. Although the six-party talks have been suspended now due to the lack of transparency, they are possibly going to be resumed this week in China. Phase 2 of the talks could be finalized to move on with the crucial third phase, putting the nuclear weapons out of use. The second issue that has been discussed was the relation between North and South Korea. There is the general feeling that the new RoK President's linking of bilateral cooperation with the denuclearization issue is a betrayal of the Inter-Korean Summit's declarations.

Thirdly, in the follow-up of the Economic Workshop of October 2007 between the EU and the DPRK, the Chair underlined the serious lack of awareness among the interlocutors and of exchange of information between the two Koreas. The EP nevertheless was able to pass on a few practical messages to respond to concerns raised by the donors, in particular the need to establish service centres for the delivered equipment, such as tractors (EC) and ambulances (WHO). The Chair emphasized the need for proper training for farmers to be able to use the tractors, and the development of maintenance facilities.

Fourthly, on the issue of human rights, the EP pleaded for a resumption of the human rights dialogue as a move towards the normalization of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and the EU. Finally, the Chair mentioned the openness of the North Korean interlocutors to discuss any topic with the Supreme People's Assembly, and reiterated its commitment to allow North Korean trainees to the European Parliament. The EP will probably receive an official invitation to the 60th anniversary of the DPRK in September.

As a conclusion, Mr PIRKER called the visit "extremely positive", and restated that the EP is perceived as neutral and, therefore, has a lot of credibility. The EP wants to maintain and strengthen its bridging function between the two Koreas and between the DPRK and the international community.

Mr FORD emphasized some points of the general report of the visit. He underlined the crucial step of continuing the human rights dialogue to improve the domestic human rights situation in the DPRK, and to improve relations with the international community. Mr FORD criticized the policy of food aid to North Korea instead of focusing more on structural development aid. He made a distinction between 'food availability' and 'food accessibility', showing that rising food prices affect North Korea as well. He particularly welcomed the disablement of the Yongbyong cooling tower, but stated that the real problem was with the declaration of all nuclear activities, in which the US had highlighted serious gaps (for example, it declares the nuclear programmes, but not the weapons developed). Mr FORD welcomed the improving relations of the DPRK with Japan on the abductions issue, and the bilateral progress made with China and the US. He warmly hopes that the six-party talks will be reopened soon. Finally, Mr FORD said that the EP will put pressure on the French presidency of the EU to allow a DPRK embassy with the EU, to allow the EU to establish full-fledged diplomatic relations with the DPRK.

Mr NICHOLSON emphasized the need to keep the momentum going in the DPRK, and to get the resumption of the six-party talks. Encouragements should be given to the North Korean regime to get the follow-up of the negotiations.

Mr Reinhold Hack, representing the European Commission, thanked the EP delegation for their valuable contribution to enhanced relations with North Korea and for the excellent cooperation between the EP and the Commission on this matter. Experts provide a similar analysis of the food situation in the DPRK as provided in the EP report. The EU should therefore continue to focus on development aid as a better tool to make a change in the country. Regarding the tractors that have already been sent to North Korea, he emphasized the technical cooperation as part of a long-term Commission programme of about 33 Million Euro (period 2007-2010). He further thanked the EP for their contribution to the preparations of the next ASEM summit to be held in October 2008. The parliamentary contribution is very welcome and useful for the final ASEM declaration.

## **5. Preparation of the upcoming delegation visits to North (7-13 September) and South (26-31 October) Korea**

The Chair mentioned two upcoming visits: 7-13/09/2008 to North Korea, and 26-31/10/2008 to South Korea. If members have a particular interest in a specific issue for the RoK visit (for instance 'heavy industries', or a specific geographical area ...), they should inform the Chair before the summer break.

Regarding the participation in these visits, the Chair mentioned that the available quota was of 7 seats for both trips (the Chair excluded). He proposed to include 4 members to the September visit and 3 to the October visit. As approval of the Conference of Presidents is needed, members expressing an interest in attending one of those two visits should register their application in writing, the deadline for registration being set for Monday, 7 July.

## **6. Any other business**

None.

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

The precise date and place of next meeting will be communicated to the members as soon as possible by email.

The meeting closed at 11:08.

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