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of the meeting of 26 August 2008, from 11:30 to 12:30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 11:39 on Tuesday, 26 August 2008, with Hubert Pirker (Chairman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2008

The minutes were approved.

3. Communications by the Chair

The Chair announced to the delegation the cancellation of the visit to Korea scheduled from 6 to 12 September, due to the following reason:

During the June visit to Pyongyang, the Speaker of North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly mentioned an invitation to EP as official guest in the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the foundation of the DPRK.

Basing on this reference, the Chair asked the Conference of Presidents an authorisation to split the visit scheduled in October to North and South Korea in two working groups, one to the North in September and one only to the South in October.

This request was granted on 9 July, subject to the reception of the official invitation in question. Mid-August, the North Korean side informed that the Government of the DPRK had decided not to invite foreign guests. Our delegation would still be welcome, but no official invitation would be issued.

This means that our internal condition is not fulfilled, so our only option was to cancel the visit.

4. Briefing by the European Commission on recent events

The Chair welcomed the representatives of the Commission, in particular Mrs Florence Liou-Ginguay as the new RELEX desk officer for South Korea.

The Chair reminded of latest developments in Korea, expressing the feeling that the recent situation did not look so good; noteworthy points being, in brief:

South Korea

The strong protests against the US beef imports. The Government's response to the citizens' concerns varied; it was contradictory and resulted in increasing popular anger.

Scandals regarding the financing of political parties and other misdemeanours by politicians and business people added to the negative climate, and the recent amnesty of a number of top-ranking politicians and businessmen tarnished President Lee Myung-bak's image.

At the same time the opposition did not regain credibility from its position of weakness after the election, and its attitude in the crisis was inconsistent. Its boycott of National Assembly proceedings made it appear as immature and entangled in games of power politics.

North-South relations

The tension that began after Lee Myung-bak's election increased after a South Korean tourist (a lady aged 53) was shot dead by North Korean border guards after she had (apparently) gone lost along a beach during her stay in Mount Keumgang resort.

As a consequence, operation of the complex is now suspended and most South Korean managers expelled.

Mrs LIOU-GINGAY (EC), confirmed the Chair's analysis and reminded the economic policy objectives of the Myong Bak's campaign.

Mr BRANDS (EC) commented the evolution of North-South relations as consequence of President Lee's new approach of continuity in relations and his revival of US-Korea links, in particular in the military.

Mrs LIOU-GINGUAY and Mrs LASIK (EC) explained the current state of negotiations in the FTA as well as the Partnership and cooperation agreement, while very substantial progress has been made, the difficulties in the ratification of the US - Korea FTA have slowed down the process, the Korean side being particularly cautious.

Mrs LASIK detailed specific areas: government procurement, agriculture, IPRs, non-tariff barriers and rules of origin.

Mr SZENT-IVÁNYI asked whether it was true that the dismantling of nuclear installations had stopped since early August and whether this was a turn or just a tactical move. He asked what the differences were regarding the FTA with EU between the current and previous Administration and whether the "beef riots" were influencing the talks.

Mr BRANDS confirmed that the disablement had been progressing to the satisfaction of all parties until the 11th of August when North Korea and US did not find an agreement on the verification procedures.

Mrs LASIK replied that President Lee's support to the FTA was clear. She explained that the objectives were to achieve equivalence between Korean and UN/ECE standards. Kaesong was a very political issue on which no position was taken.

**5. Preparation of the upcoming 11th EP/RoK Interparliamentary Meeting (Seoul),
26-31 October 2008**

The Delegation, in view of the current political situation, decided upon the Chair's proposal to continue with the principle of focusing the visit on South Korea only.

The Chair mentioned that the cancellation of the September visit to North Korea made it possible to include up to 7 Members in the working group, with a priority for the participants-to-be in the September visit.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 15 October 2008. However, the precise time and place will be communicated to the members as soon as possible by email.

The meeting closed at 12:27

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Philip Claeys, Roger Helmer, Petya Stavreva
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James Nicholson

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