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The meeting opened at 15.05 with Mr Dirk Sterckx, chairman, in the chair.

The chairman conveyed apologies for absence from Mr Reul, Mr Karas, Mr Rouček and Sir Robert Atkins

### **1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 346.567)**

The chairman informed the delegation that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct on Multilingualism, subsequent meetings might have to be limited in certain cases to the languages strictly requested by the members, on the basis of the linguistic profile defined. This would be discussed as the first item on the day's agenda.

The draft agenda was adopted with this modification.

### **2. Rules governing languages of the delegation**

The chairman proposed the adoption of English, French and German as working languages, with the possibility of speaking in Italian and Dutch for any members who wished to do so.

Speakers:

Mr Papadimoulis and Mr Mavrommatis asked for the addition of Greek;

Mr Fajmon was concerned about the status of written translations;

Mr Olbrycht recommended the application of objective criteria;

Mrs Gebhardt et Mr Chatzimarkakis pointed out the importance of a pragmatic approach.

The chairman reminded the Members of the requirements of the Code of Conduct on Multilingualism and pointed out that the Code was laid down by the Conference of Presidents, not the delegation bureau. He also said that language support for delegation meetings outside the normal places of work would be organised according to the number of participants.

Bearing these clarifications in mind, the delegation agreed to the language rules proposed.

### **3. Calendar of meetings for 2004**

The proposed calendar was adopted.

### **4. Work programme for 2004 - 2005**

The chairman pointed out that interparliamentary meetings with the Chinese National People's Congress were usually held on an annual basis, meeting one year in Europe and the following year in China.

As the previous meeting had been held in March 2004 in Beijing, Shanghai and Zhengzhou, it was the turn of the Chinese representatives to come to Europe in 2005.

The date proposed for this visit was the week of 28-29 September, 2005, i.e. during the plenary in Strasbourg, and also, if possible, in another European city at the invitation of a member of the delegation prepared to take care of the practical organisation there. The chairman announced that he had received a proposal from Mr Rouček to welcome the delegation to Prague.

The delegation approved these proposals.

## **5. Presentation on relations between the EU and China.**

The chairman introduced Mr Jean-Christian Rémond, Deputy Head of Unit for China in the European Commission's External Relations Directorate-General (RELEX), and gave him the floor.

Mr Rémond presented the major points of the EU strategic document on relations with China and the main issues involved in preparations for the next EU/China summit scheduled for 8 December 2004 in the Hague.

He referred in particular to:

- human rights, China's ratification of the Covenant on civil and political rights and the situation in Tibet,
- lifting the embargo on arms sales and amending the Code of Conduct on Arms Sales along more restrictive lines,
- the fight against illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings,
- the position of people-to-people exchanges, with the development of tourism and student exchanges (Erasmus Mundus).

Mr Rémond reported on the main trade trends with China, explaining that, although there were still trade imbalances, there were positive trends and strong growth, and the risk of increasing non-tariff barriers.

He gave details of the practical conditions to be met for the Commission to accord China market economy status.

He outlined the different sectoral dialogues and agreements in progress and, finally, touched on the situation in Hong Kong and the expected political evolution.

Speakers:

Mr Mavrommatis, on the role of China in the fight against terrorism;

Mrs Doyle, on the subject of non-tariff barriers;

Mr Chatzimarkakis, on relations regarding applied research;

Mrs Gebhardt, on the amendments to the Chinese Constitution and the transition towards the rule of law in China and also on the Commission's position regarding Taiwan.

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

The next meeting of the Delegation for relations with China as such would take place in Strasbourg on 27 October 2004.

Prior to that, on 12 October, a joint meeting would be held with the Delegations for relations with Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia, dedicated specifically to the Asia-Europe Summit (ASEM) being held on 8 October in Hanoi.

The meeting closed at 16.06.

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Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*) Dirk Sterckx (P), Jean-Luc Dehaene (VP), Martine Roure (VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Hynek Fajmon, Timothy Kirkhope, Manolis Mavrommatis, Jan Marian Olbrycht, Ria G.H.C. Oomen-Ruijten, Rihards Ptkš, Joan Calabuig Rull, Evelyne Gebhardt, Dan Jørgensen, Guido Sacconi, Helga Trüpel, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Gabriele Zimmer
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: Philip Bushill-Matthews, Avril Doyle, Edite Estrela, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Jiří Maštálka, Hans-Peter Martin
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