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The meeting opened at 16.15 with Mr Jonathan Evans in the Chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda **PE 346.591**

The draft agenda was adopted as it stands in these minutes.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting on 21 September 2004 **PE 346.598**

The draft minutes were adopted without modifications.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman informed Members that contacts were underway with the US House of Representatives on the future calendar of activities. A discussion on this subject could take place under item 5 (Any other business).

4. Briefing by Mr Richard Wright (Director, EU Commission) on EU/US relations

Mr Richard Wright, director in DG RELEX, briefed the Delegation on developments in EU/US relations. In his overview, he concentrated on the following subjects:

- implementation of Summit results (EU/US Summit, June 2004, Dromoland Castle),
- state of play with regard to cooperation on Iraq, Iran, fight against terrorism (CSI, PNR, biometric identifiers, visa waiver programme, APIS),
- public consultation on strengthening the EU/US economic partnership,
- environmental issues and Kyoto protocol.

Following questions by the Chairman, Kuhne, Coveney, de Brún, Giertych, Gomes, Erika Mann, Nicholson and Skinner, Mr Wright answered on the following subjects:

- introduction of biometric identifiers on EU passports,
- extension of the US visa waiver programme to all EU Member States,
- future perspectives of the Kyoto protocol,
- negotiations on the "open skies" agreement,
- cooperation on development aid,
- state of play with regard to the PNR and REACH dossiers,
- Guantanamo and the International Criminal Court,
- corporate governance and "burden of proof" issues.

Mr Wright undertook to inform Commissioner designate, Ms Ferrero-Waldner, on the request by the Delegation to increase information exchange between the Commission and the Delegation, including by e-mail, and in particular to receive regular briefings by the Commission on the activities of the EU/US Senior Level Group.

5. Any other business

The Chairman indicated that, following the discussion on 21 September, the US House of Representatives had been informed about our request to maintain the normal cycle of meetings and hold the next meeting in the US. In order to accommodate the difficulty the

US side would experience in travelling to Europe in the second semester of election years, the next meetings could be held along the following calendar:

2005: 1st semester – meeting in the US,
2nd semester – meeting in the EU,
2006: 1st semester – meeting in the EU,
2nd semester – meeting in the US.

Mr Skinner remarked that the EP committee on budgets had regrettably expressed a negative opinion on the proposal to modify the EP establishment plan so as to have an EP official based in Washington.

6. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Delegation will take place on Wednesday 17 November 2004 at 17.30 – 18.30 in Strasbourg.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/LIITE RECORD
OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI
PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

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| Til stede | Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemieshistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) Jonathan EVANS (P), Benoît HAMON (VP) |
| Anwesend | Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Philip Charles BRADBURN, Simon COVENEY, Bairbre de BRÚN, Marie-Hélène DESCAMPS, Carlo FATUZZO, Maciej Marian GIERTYCH, Vasco GRAÇA MOURA, Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI, Helmut KUHNE, Józef PINIOR, Peter William SKINNER |
| Παρόντες | |
| Present | Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/Membri supplenti/ Plaatsvervangers/ Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: Ana Maria R.M. GOMES, Erika MANN, James NICHOLSON, Antolín SÁNCHEZ PRESEDO |
| Presentes | |
| Présents | |
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| Aanwezig | |
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| Art. 153,2 | |
| Art. 166,3 | |
| Endv. Deltog/Weitere Teiln./ Συμμετείχαν επίσημα/Also present Participaron igualmente/ Participaient également/ Hanno partecipato altresì/ Andere deelnemers/ Outros participantes/ Muut osallistujat/ Dessutom deltog | |
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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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| <p>Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do presidente/Puhemiehen kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan:</p> <p>Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)</p> <p>Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Commissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (*) WRIGHT, WIEGAND, VÉRON, DE CLERCK-SACKSSE</p> <p>Cour des comptes:</p> <p>C.E.S.:</p> | | |
| <p>Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare</p> | | |
| <p>Gruppernes sekretariat Sekretariat der Fraktionen Γραμματεία των Πολ. Ομάδων Secretariat political groups Secr. De los grupos políticos Secr. Groupes politiques Segr. Dei gruppi politici Secr. Van de fracties Secr. Dos grupos políticos Puolueryhmien sihteeristö Gruppernas sekretariat</p> | <p>PPE PSE ALDE/ADLE Verts/ALE GUE/NGL IND/DEM UEN NI</p> | <p>TEASDALE, KROEGEL REED KAMMITSI</p> <p>BARRETT</p> |
| <p>Cab. Du Président</p> | | |
| <p>Cab. Du Secrétaire Général</p> | | |
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