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The meeting started at 9:48, with Mr Jarzembowski in the Chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 351.247)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meetings of Tuesday 21 September 2004 (PE 346.615), Tuesday 29 September 2004 (PE 346.597) and Tuesday 12 October 2004 (PE 346.623)**

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Chairman's announcements**

- The Chairman informed the Delegation that, following a contact with Ambassador Asakai, the Secretary-General of the Parliament has proposed that a staff exchange be conducted between EP and the Diet.

Such exchanges have already taken place frequently with national Parliaments of EU Member States. Outside the EU, only one exchange took place: with the US Congress last year and was a very positive experience.

- The Chairman drew the attention of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Conference on WTO that is taking place in the EP next week, on 24-26 November, with delegations from many countries including Japan.

Besides the parliamentary delegation, the Conference will be opened by several distinguished speakers, notably Mr. Shotaro Oshima, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO, Chairman of the WTO General Council.

**4. Exchange of views with the Japanese Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. Mr Kazuo Asakai**

The Chairman welcomed Ambassador Asakai and gave him the floor.

The Ambassador recalled the long-standing relationship between EU and Japan. He addressed the following subjects:

- multilateralism and the reform of the UN, regretting that the EU's position on the matter was yet unclear;
- free trade: Doha Round, bilateral agreements;
- Japan's contributions to problems: North Korea, Sri Lanka, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Balkans, HIV/AIDS, global warming, etc.;
- development aid, mentioning that Japan's ODA is the 2nd largest in the world, was 8.9bln dollars in 2003.

He mentioned that on most of these issues, Japan and the EU share the same approach.

He also detailed some outstanding issues, notably the siting of the ITER experiment.

On the Japan-EU economic relations, he recalled a few recent statistics showing the importance of these relations:

- Japanese economy is 12% of world GDP equalling France and Germany combined. 4.4%

growth in 2004 (IMF).

- EU exports to Japan: 39.4bln USD, 3rd biggest market for EU in 2002 (WTO).
- EU imports from Japan: 64.3bln USD, 3rd biggest source of goods in 2002 (WTO).
- Japanese direct investment to EU: 10.1bln € in 2003 (MoF).
- EU is the largest destination of Japanese investment (investment in auto sector only directly created 36,000 jobs in EU - 201,500 jobs indirectly).
- Japan is also an important destination for EU investors: 5.0bln € in 2003 (MoF).
- The Ambassador also mentioned the Co-operation Framework for Promotion of Japan-EU Two-Way Investment agreed in June 2004.
- He expressed the concern of Japanese companies at the REACH draft Directive on Chemicals, as the bureaucratic requirements of the intended framework would prove very difficult for companies from third countries to comply with.

The following spoke:

- Graf Lambsdorff, on Japan-US relations in the field of security in the North East Asia and the bias of Japanese airlines against Airbus.  
The Ambassador expressed hopes at a position outcome of the "six-party talks". He insisted that fleet management was strictly a question of corporate policy, without any government intervention.
- Gollnisch, to ask clarification on Japan 's stance on the reform of the UN Security Council and on the extradition of Bobby Fischer to USA allegedly because of his participation to a competition in Serbia.  
The Ambassador dismissed the latter argument, referring to Mr Fischer 's overstaying his visa.  
On UN Security Council reform, he made clear that Japan was not intending to take part in the military aspects.

## **5. Working Program of the Japan Delegation in 2005**

The Chairman introduces the proposals submitted by the Members.

Regarding the visit to Japan in May 2005, the following spoke:

- Douay and Graf Lambsdorff mentioned their interest for economic matters;
- Panzeri for industrial policy;
- Andersson and Fatuzzo for environment, Lisbon process, welfare state;
- Starkevičiūtė and Corbett for monetary issues and financial markets.

## **6. Calendar of meetings for the first half of 2005**

The calendar was approved.

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

The next meeting will take place on 25 January 2005 in Brussels.

The meeting ended at 10:38.

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OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI  
PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*) Georg Jarzembowski (P), Jaroslav Zvěřina (VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo, Othmar Karas, József Szájer, Corien Wortmann-Kool, Jan Andersson, Maria Badía i Cutchet, Richard Corbett, Brigitte Douay, Garrelt Duin, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Ralf Walter, Bill Newton Dunn, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Hiltrud Breyer, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Matteo Salvini, Wojciech Roszkowski, Bruno Gollnisch
Παρόντες	
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: Edit Bauer, Carlo Fatuzzo, Glyn Ford, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff
Presentes	
Présents	
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Aanwezig	
Läsna	
Närvarande	
Art. 153,2	
Art. 166,3	
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Ondervoorz./Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρών στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presente el/Läsna/Närvarande den.

- (1) 29 septembre 2004  
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