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The meeting opened at 11.05 a.m. with Mr Georg Jarzemowski, chairman, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 356.201)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 25 January 2005 (PE 351.330)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

There were no chairman's announcements.

**4. EU-Japan Cooperation in Research and Technology
Exchange of views with Mr Daniel Descoutures
DG Research, European Commission**

The chairman welcomed Mr Descoutures and gave him the floor.

Mr Descoutures said that Japan set a good example for Europe, with 3.1% of its GDP devoted to research (of which ¾ came from the private sector), with an efficient link between research and industrial innovation and with reforms in both research institutes and universities. Recent tensions related to ITER should not overshadow vital EU-Japan cooperation. Cooperation was active but lacked a platform for structured and regular discussion. That was the main aim of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation; an agreement whose negotiations were now drawing to a close. Concerning ITER, Mr Descoutures spoke of the main issues: selecting a site and the state of negotiations.

The following members spoke:

- Mr Harbour on Japan's participation in the 6th framework programme and Japanese industrial investment in European research and vice versa, especially in areas such as information technology and motor vehicles.
- Mrs Wortmann-Kool on Japanese research programmes dealing with ecological transport.
- Mrs Starkeviciute on the allocation of tasks of international cooperation among the EU Member States.

Mr Descoutures said it was important to promote standardisation operations well upstream of technological developments. The new Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation should provide for a high-level working group to outline a common vision. The EU wanted more Japanese participation in European programmes, but Japanese research institutes seemed not to show an equally active commitment. There was still not enough mobility of scientists between the EU and Japan, especially from the EU to Japan.

**5. Preparation of the 26th EP-Japan Interparliamentary meeting
(16-20 May 2005, Tôkyô, Kyôto)**

The chairman presented the draft programme for the visit. He asked Members to show their interest in speaking first on the topics on the agenda for working meetings.

The following members spoke:

- Mr Walter and Mr Iturgaiz on practical arrangements and a preparatory information pack.
- Mr Harbour to propose optional additions dealing with industrial aspects.
- Mr Lambsdorff on current Japan-China tensions and his concern that the EU not take sides.

6. Other business

No other business

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation would be held on 11 May 2005 in Strasbourg from 4.15 p.m.-5.15 p.m., in room WIC 200.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD
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Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*) Georg Jarzembowski (P), Kyösti Tapio Virrankoski (1e VP), Jaroslav Zvěřina (2e VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Hiltrud Breyer, Richard Corbett, Bruno Gollnisch, Malcolm Harbour, Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo, Georg Jarzembowski, Othmar Karas, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Janusz Lewandowski, Bill Newton Dunn, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Margarita Starkevičiūtė, Ralf Walter, Corien Wortmann-Kool
Παρόντες	
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αντιπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: Edit Bauer, Carlo Fatuzzo, Alexander Lambsdorff, Reinhard Rack
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D. Descoutures, P. Sommerschield

Cour des comptes:

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