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The meeting opened at 9.00 with Mr Sean O' Neachtain in the Chair.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

**PE 370.606**

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

**2. Adoption of minutes**

**PE 370.610**

The draft minutes of the meeting on 14 December 2005 were adopted.

**3. Communications by the Chairman**

The Chairman informed the Delegation that, on 8th February, Members of the Delegation met in Brussels a group of Canadian Parliamentary interns visiting the European Parliament. He thanked warmly the Members who found time to take part in that meeting.

**4. Information by the Commission**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Ellis Mathews, desk officer for Canada at the Commission DG RELEX, who gave an update on relations between the EU and Canada.

He mentioned in particular that

- a "new political landscape" had emerged in Canada from the 23 January elections, resulting in a minority Government, led by the Conservative Party with Stephen Harper becoming the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada,
- contacts between the Commission and the new government had been taken up immediately, with Foreign Minister Mc Kay meeting Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner on 27 February,
- the PNR (Passenger Name Records) agreement had entered into force, and the renewal of the education and training agreement was quite advanced; the proposed TIEA (trade and investment enhancement agreement) was being discussed, with regulatory cooperation, SMEs, procurement, geographical indications high up on the agenda,
- preparations for the EU/Canada Summit (Helsinki, July 2006) were ongoing, with a number of subjects being discussed, in particular fisheries, strategic energy supply, the "Northern Dimension",
- on the Kyoto protocol, the new government seemed to have taken a new position, with the environment Minister calling the protocol "seriously flawed",

The following took part in the discussion: Bradbourn, Roth-Behrendt, Savi, the Chairman. Mr Matthews gave answers, in particular, on the following subjects:

- security arrangements for movements of passengers and goods, and cooperation between the EU, Canada and the US,

- education and training agreement, regulatory cooperation : the Commission would make more information available in writing,
- developments in animal welfare issues, in particular with regard to seal hunting,
- perspectives with regard to the Northern Dimension: projects for environment partnership in the Barents Sea region and cooperation on health and welfare for indigenous populations.

## **5. Future activities of the Delegation**

The Chairman indicated that the Delegation had planned its next visit to Canada for the yellow week of 22-28 May. However, following Parliamentary elections, the Canadian Parliament was still in the process of reconstituting its organs.

The Executive Committee of the Canada-Europe Association would be reconstituted only towards the end of April, and the May date seemed impossible to maintain.

The Chairman referred to his letter to Senator Milne (present Chair of the Executive Committee), tentatively suggesting, as an alternative date, 13-18 September; apparently, these dates would suit the Canadian colleagues, but a decision would have to be taken by the new Executive Committee of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association.

The following took part in the discussion: Schierhuber, the Chairman, Medina Ortega. The possibility was mentioned of visiting Ottawa, Montreal, Newfoundland.

It was decided that the Secretariat would ask all Members of the Delegation about the suitability of the proposed dates.

## **6. Any other business**

None

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

The next meeting of the Delegation was scheduled for 21 June 2006 15.00-16.00 in Brussels.

The meeting has closed at 10.00 hours

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Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: Den DOVER, Agnes SCHIERHUBER
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Art. 166,3	
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MATHEWS

Cour des comptes:

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