



# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## IVth MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13 June 2006

STRASBOURG

DRAFT MINUTES

### 1. Opening of the meeting and introductory statements

The meeting was opened at 9.45 a.m. by **André BRIE, Co-chairman of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Assembly**, who welcomed the senators and deputies, members of the diplomatic corps and officials of the European institutions present.

The chairman reserved a special greeting for the recently-elected President of Chile, Mrs Michelle BACHELET, and welcomed the equality in the cabinet she had appointed.

The chairman ran through the events that had occurred in the EU since the last meeting of the JPC in October 2005.

He went on to express his satisfaction at the extent to which the undertakings made in the final declaration had been honoured, and said that this heralded a new form of cooperation, with more objective methods for assessing the measures agreed at joint meetings.

The Co-chairman also called on the deputies and senators to ensure that discussions continued in the same frank manner as previous meetings.

**Mr Jorge TARUD DACCARETT, Co-chairman of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee** took the floor. He welcomed the great progress that had been achieved in

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relations between the two parliaments thanks to the implementation of Article 9 of the EU-Chile Association Agreement and reported on the changes which had taken place in his country following the recent general elections.

The floor was taken by **Mr Oscar ALCAMAN, Chargé d'Affaires ai of the Mission of Chile to the European Union**, who spoke on the result of the II EU-Chile Summit and on the new focuses for cooperation. He went on to highlight the role of the JPC in the dialogue between Chile and the EU.

**Mrs Laurence ARGIMON PISTRE, the representative of the European Commission**, also referred to the objective of boosting political cooperation following the II EU-Chile Summit and of broadening this dialogue to include other sectors.

She mentioned the beneficial impact that implementation of the agreement had exercised on trade, since between 2003 and 2005 exports from Chile to the EU had increased by 60%, and imports by 30%. She added that the various problems which had arisen had been resolved by consensus.

Finally, she mentioned the possibility of greater use being made of 'Marie Curie' grants.

## 2. Adoption of draft agenda

The chairman presented the draft agenda, which was adopted.

## 3. Approval of minutes of the IIIrd meeting of the EU-Chile JPC (Valparaíso, Santiago del Chile, 5-6 October 2005)

The chairman presented for approval the minutes of the IIIrd meeting of the EU-Chile JPC, held in Valparaíso. The minutes were approved.

## Topics

### 4. Bi-regional political topics:

**André BRIE** took the floor again to introduce the first two topics on the agenda: the European Union and EU enlargement. On the first topic, he said that the draft constitutional text had to take into account the disagreement noted in some EU countries, which had stalled the process. The lack of information provided to sections of public opinion had led to their reacting against a Europe which they considered highly bureaucratic and little transparent as regards decision-making in areas for which it had competence. He also talked of the shortcomings of the text currently in force, the Treaty of Nice, as regards meeting the challenges of an enlarged EU.

On the topic of enlargement, he referred to the forthcoming accession of Bulgaria and Romania and to the negotiations under way of about to begin with the other candidate countries. He ended by asking what the geographical limits of the EU should be.

An exchange of views followed in which the Chilean parliamentarians **OMINAMI** and **CHADWIK** spoke on regional integration and in particular Chilean support for the South

American Community of Nations, energy integration, the DOHA negotiations and Chile's views on the European Constitution.

For the European side, **SURJAN** and **GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF** explained why the European public was unhappy with the constitutional text and the efforts which would be made under the forthcoming German Presidency to escape from the current impasse, while **MENÉNDEZ del VALLE**, **FALBR** and **FERNANDES** spoke on the values shared by the EU and Chile, the Commission communication on EU-LAC relations and on what would make a successful integration.

The next topic addressed was the situation in Chile following the recent general elections. The main speaker was **Mr Alberto ESPINA**, who referred to the constitutional reform introduced by the previous government and which, among other things, had ended the system of appointee senators and the shackling of the President of the Republic with regard to revoking military appointments.

He then summarised the salient points of the electoral campaign and of the election day which had resulted in the election of Mrs **BACHELET** to the presidency. He ended by mentioning the discussions still to be held on the reform of the electoral system in Chile and the challenges facing the new government.

In the debate which followed, the following spoke: **Messrs ROBLES, OMINAMI, ESPINA and VASQUEZ** on gender equality among the elected representatives, the recent student demonstrations in Chile and the controversy over state intervention in education, wealth distribution and the situation of the native population.

**ASSIS** spoke for the European side on the originality of the Chilean model and on the need for the successive enlargements of the EU not to undermine the European social model.

The debates continued in the afternoon with interventions from Co-chairman **BRIE** and the Chilean deputies **PALMA** and **VASQUEZ** on the recent student protests that had taken place in Chile as an expression of their unhappiness with the country's education system.

## 5. European Union-Chile Association Agreement: review and outlook

Senator **Guillermo VASQUEZ** introduced the topic. He referred to the REACH directive and said that despite understanding the need to protect the environment and human health this might have repercussions for trade, and in particular the export of measures such as copper. These would especially be felt by small- and medium-sized enterprises which could not COPE with the high costs involved.

The Chilean parliamentarians **Messrs PIZARRO and OMINAMI** spoke on the uncertainty created by the REACH directive over the cost of the burden of proof and the loss of competitiveness stemming from the increased costs engendered by the requirements to provide proof.

**BRIE** and **GLANTE** spoke for the European side to offer the European delegation to the JPC's cooperation in the same way as during the discussions on the marketing of Chilean salmon. That cooperation had produced results satisfactory to both parties on that occasion.

The Chilean parliamentarians **Messrs RECONDO** and **LORENZINI** spoke on agricultural products and the possibility of improving access conditions, in particular for products from small farms, and of technical and technological training for the future.

The following spoke for the European side: **Messrs MATT, GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF** and **KLASS**, on the WTO negotiations, the opening of European agricultural markets, alternative energy and the reform of the common organisation of the market for wines in the EU.

It was agreed to continue the discussions on this topic at the next meeting of the JPC, in the light of the progress made in this area within the EU.

The chairman then gave the floor to the MEP **Mr SALAFRANCA**, who reported on the outcome of the IVth Summit of the EU-LAC Heads of State and Government held in Vienna. Prior to this he summed up EU policy in respect of Latin America as described in a report prepared by the European Commission before the Summit. Mr SALAFRANCA, rapporteur for the EP on the Summit, highlighted results such as the launch of negotiations for a trade agreement with the Central American and Andean regions and the creation of a Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. He also outlined the latest advances made towards integration in Latin America.

The Chilean parliamentarians **Messrs PALMA, ROBLES, ÁLVAREZ** and **PIZARRO** spoke on the Vienna Summit, the need for scientific and technical cooperation and regional integration.

For the European side, **ASSIS, BÖSCH** and **DÍAZ** spoke on bi-regional cooperation, training and problems relating to this and the state of Latin American integration.

#### 6. **Adoption of the Final Declaration**

The Co-chairman then presented for discussion the draft Final Declaration, which was adopted by consensus by both parties.

#### 7. **Place and date of the Vth Meeting of the European Union - Chile Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

It was proposed and agreed that the next meeting of the EU-Chile JPC would be held in the first week of October in Chile.

It was agreed that the development of EU-LAC relations in the field of agriculture should be included on the agenda.

Annex I: record of attendance

Strasbourg, 15 June 2006

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The meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE  
EUROPEAN UNION-CHILE  
JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**

**13 June 2006**

**Strasbourg**

**The delegations from the European Parliament and the Chilean National Congress to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, led by their chairmen, Mr André BRIE and Jorge TARUD DACCARETT, having concluded the Fourth Interparliamentary Meeting, have agreed on the following**

**JOINT DECLARATION**

- 1. The European and Chilean delegations express their satisfaction at the fact that the pattern of two annual meetings provided for in the rules governing the operation of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee has been respected, particularly bearing in mind that 2006 has been an election year in Chile.**
- 2. The Chilean parliamentarians informed the Members of the European Parliament on recent developments in regional integration processes, whilst the European parliamentarians reported on the stage reached in European integration.**
- 3. The Joint Parliamentary Committee recognises the good state of bi-regional relations, particularly in the light of the outcome of the Fourth Summit of EU-LAC Heads of State and Government. They also express their satisfaction that, on behalf of the Presidents of the integration parliaments, the EP President put forward the proposal to create a Euro-Latin American parliamentary assembly.**
- 4. The delegations agree to continue to assess the results of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. They also express their interest in stimulating small and medium-sized industry, extending to it the benefits which the agreement might offer, including the transfer of technology and investment. This will make it possible, through these undertakings which have a great potential in terms of job creation, to ensure that the benefits of the Agreement reach the citizens.**
- 5. Both delegations express their conviction that the inclusion of**

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meetings with civil society before and after meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Committee improves knowledge of the situation on both sides and provides an insight into their point of view in relation to the topics which are to appear on the bilateral agenda.

6. The delegations encourage governments to continue developing political dialogue in new areas such as employment and social policies, as announced in the Joint Declaration of the Second EU-Chile Association Council and as laid down in Article 52 of the Association Agreement.
7. The European and Chilean parliamentarians welcome the holding of the bilateral meeting at the end of May, whose purpose of studying the arrangements for greater trade liberalisation is a step towards achieving the successful and mutually beneficial application of the Agreement.
8. They likewise reiterate their recommendation to the Association Council and the European Commission to support the creation of a programme of grants for Chilean students in Europe and European students in Chile within the framework of the new bilateral cooperation programme and with the aim of improving knowledge of the situation on both sides.
9. Both parties, who held a mutually beneficial exchange of views on the REACH initiative during the meeting, reiterate the importance of continuing the debate in October 2006, during the next interparliamentary meeting in Chile, once the Council has sent its proposal to the European Parliament for its second reading in September 2006.
10. The delegations considered the progress of the WTO rounds and agreed that this assessment would figure on the agenda for meetings. They also suggest that it be included as a topic on the agenda for the first meeting of the Euro-Latin American Assembly.
11. Climate change, whose consequences have become dramatically apparent in recent months in various parts of the globe in the form of tsunamis, hurricanes and droughts, is at the centre of concern for parliamentarians in both regions, who are aware that the first step towards mitigating this change involves ratifying and complying with the Kyoto Protocol and other international agreements on the environment.
12. Both delegations expressed their interest in fostering cooperation through common projects, and for this purpose they undertake to promote information mechanisms on possible areas or projects for cooperation. In this regard, they propose to their respective authorities that they draw up a concrete programme defining specific areas and programmes to be developed.
13. Both delegations undertake to send this Declaration to the members of the Association Council, renewing the desire that the chairmen of the European Union-National Congress of Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee might attend future meetings of that Council.

**The delegations agree that the Fifth Meeting of the European Union-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee will be held in Chile in October 2007.**

**Signed in Strasbourg, France, on 13 June 2006.**

**European Parliament delegation to the  
EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary  
Committee**

**André BRIE  
Chairman**

**László SURJÁN  
Vice-chairman**

**Christa KLAß  
Vice-chairwoman**

**National Congress of Chile delegation to  
the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary  
Committee**

**Deputy Jorge TARUD DACCARETT  
Chairman**

**Senator Carlos OMINAMI  
Vice-chairman**



ANNEXE/ALLEGATO/BIJLAGE/ANEXO/BILAGA

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/LIITE RECORD  
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PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) BRIE (P), SURJAN (VP), KLASS (VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Deputés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: ASSIS, BOESCH, FOURTOU, GLANTE, GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF, MIGUELEZ, RAMOS
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/?ναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: FERNANDES, MAAT, STOCKMANN
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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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ARGIMON PISTRE (COMMISSION EUROPEENNE)

Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (\*)

YOLDI ERICE

Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comision/Commissione/Commissie/Comissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (\*)

Cour des comptes:

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# PARLAMENTO EUROPEO

## DELEGACIÓN EN LA COMISIÓN PARLAMENTARIA MIXTA UE-CHILE

### IVª Reunión de la Comisión Parlamentaria Mixta UE-Chile

Martes 13 de junio de 2006

#### Estrasburgo

#### Lista de Participantes

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1. Senador **Carlos OMINAMI**, *Vicepresidente de la Delegación Chilena*
2. Senador **Guillermo VÁSQUEZ**
3. Senador **Jorge PIZARRO**
4. Senador **Andrés CHADWICK**
5. Senador **Alberto ESPINA**
  
6. **Julio CÁMARA**, Secretario del Senado

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1. Rodrigo **ÁLVAREZ ZENTENO**, UDI
  2. Carlos **RECONDO LAVANDEROS**, UDI
  3. Jorge **TARUD DACCARETT**, PPD, *Presidente de la Delegación Chilena*
  4. Osvaldo **PALMA FLORES**, RN
  5. Pablo **LORENZINI BASSO**, DC
  6. Marcelo **DÍAZ DÍAZ**, PS
  7. Alberto **ROBLES PANTOJA**, PRSD
- **Miguel LANDEROS**, Secretario del Grupo

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**P.D.C. :** Partido Demócrata Cristiano  
**R.N.:** Renovación Nacional  
**U.D.I.:** Unión Demócrata Independiente  
**P.R.S.D.:** Partido Radical Social Demócrata.

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**Oscar ALCAMAN** Encargado de Negocios a.i.  
**Juan ANGULO** Primer Secretario  
**Pedro TESTÓN**, Chófer

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