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The meeting opened at 09.00 on Wednesday, 27 June 2007, with Jonathan Evans (Chairman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda (PE 391.187) was adopted without modifications.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meetings of 10 April and 24 May 2007

The draft minutes of the meetings of 10 April and of 24 May 2007 (PE 391.178, PE 391.179) were adopted without modifications.

3. Communications by the Chairman

The Chairman gave information on the intention of EP Committees (ECON, IMCO) to travel to the US, and to the role of TLD in this context.

4. Exchange of views with the United States Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. C. Boyden Gray

The Chairman welcomed the Ambassador, who gave an overview on the follow-up from the EU/US bilateral Summit, held in Washington on 30 April. He mentioned in particular

- the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) and ongoing efforts in order to define its scope and priorities,
- Parliamentary involvement in the TEC exercise,
- state of play with regard to issues such as coverage of US visa waiver, biologic generics, bio-followers.

The following took part in the discussion: E.Mann, the Chairman, Bradbourn, Kuhne, Nicholson, Elles. The Ambassador answered questions on

- composition and role of the TEC "Advisory board",
- advisability of direct contacts between specialist Committees in the EP and in Congress,
- new safety rules for transport of liquids on aircrafts,
- state of play with regard to the Iran nuclear issue and contacts with IAEA.

5. Future activities of the Delegation

The Chairman indicated that, following the cancellation of the IPM, initially scheduled for 30 May-5 June in Berlin, the next IPM would take place in the US after the summer break, possibly in the first days of October. He thanked Mr. Nicholson for his assistance, as a Quaestor, in solving the problems caused by the cancellation of the mission.

6. Any other business

None

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 11 September 2007 at 9.00.

The meeting closed at 09.40.

