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Delegation for relations with Japan

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 27 February 2008, from 15.00 to 16.00
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.00 on Wednesday, 27 February 2008, with Georg Jarzembowski (Chairman) in the chair.

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1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 401.211)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2007 (PE 397.102)

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3. Communications by the Chair

The Chair informed the Delegation of the following:

- On 18-20 June the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership meeting (ASEP V) will take place in Beijing. The Conference of Presidents is to decide the composition of the delegation. These meetings convene the Parliaments from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and South Korea and, for the European side, along the EP, the national Parliaments of EU Member states.

As the European Parliament was at the origin of this project, we try and foster the interest of national parliaments: if Members want to contribute to this effort, they are welcome to discuss the matter with the Chair or the Secretariat.

The themes to be debated have not been set yet, but will be in line with the preparation of the ASEM summit, due later this autumn. The linkage between ASEP and ASEM agendas and timing will contribute to the political relevance of ASEP - for the first time in 2006, the President of the host Parliament, Finland, addressed the Heads of State and Government.

- Members may be interested in the Japan-EU International Symposium on Africa's Development to be held on next Monday, 3 March, at the Commission.

Japan's development policy is undergoing a deep re-thinking and the subject is very active. Development Policy could also be considered as one of the possible themes during the next EP-Japan inter-parliamentary meeting.

4. Research Funding in Japan

Exchange of views with Mr Takashi KIYOURA, Director of the Japanese Research Funding Administration

The Chair welcomed Mr Takashi KIYOURA, Director of the Japanese Research Funding Administration at the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan, and expressed that Japan's research policy remains a example for most EU countries that lag behind Japan's dedication to an active and leading research, both advanced and applied

Mr KIYOURA said that he had prepared a detailed presentation of his office's activity

(presentation available at the Secretariat), which he commented, but that this meeting was also an opportunity to provide the Delegation with an insight on Japan's research policy.

The 3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan of Japanese government, launched in 2006, calls for an investment of 25 trillion JPY in research and development over a 5-year period.

In 2006, a case of misuse by a famous researcher had raised severe criticisms and suspensions over the whole of researchers' activities and government S&T policy.

MEXT launched a policy package for countermeasures against misuse of research funding, and to promote administrative reform for an effective and efficient system funding.

The EU has similar concerns, and exchange of experience is important for both sides.

Mr NEWTON-DUNN asked whether the Diet was involved in the investigation of the cases of misuse mentioned, and Mr FORD inquired on the costs of running the Research Funding Administration Reform and for controlling the proper use of funds.

Mr KIYOURA made a clear distinction between control of financial aspects and effectiveness of research actions.

5. Report on President Pöttering's official visit to Japan (4-8 February)

The Chair reported on the visit by President Pöttering to Japan.

The President insisted that he had chosen Japan as his first visit in Asia because of the shared democratic values.

Climate change was a major topic of discussions with the Diet as well as with Prime Minister Fukuda, the two focus points being the emission trading system, including the question of air transports, and the reference and objective dates.

During a speech at Keio University¹ President Pöttering expressed his vision of Europe and its future after the Lisbon Treaty.

President Pöttering was also received by H.I.M. Emperor Akihito.

6. Preparation of the 29th EP/Japan Interparliamentary Meeting (2-6 June, Brussels/Vienna)

The Chair introduced the draft programme for the interparliamentary meeting and the visit by the Imperial Diet of Japan to Brussels. He mentioned the following points as possible subjects of the working sessions:

- The Japanese side has expressed strong interest in discussing the EU's neighbourhood policy, in particular the South-western Balkans after Kosovo's declaration of independence.
- Development policy has been mentioned in the communications.
- Another subject can be the climate-change policy, with involvement of the EP's temporary Committee. While it is fiercely debated in Japan (with the Keidanren -

¹ <http://www.keio.ac.jp/english/news/2008/080222.html>
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/president/speeches/en/files/sp0076.htm>

Business Union and part of the LDP extremely critical) an EU style emissions trading system has lately become the subject of interest and consideration by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

Ms. RESETARITS exposed the content of the subsequent planned visit by the Diet to Vienna - including visit to renewable energy and biotechnological research facilities.

Mr NEWTON-DUNN supported the themes proposed, and mentioned the security-related issues of cyber attacks and prevention of pandemics.

Mr BREYER put forward additional suggestions regarding the environment-friendly technologies that would best fit in the framework presented by Ms RESETARITS.

7. Any other business

None.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Brussels on Wednesday 2 April 2008 at 10.15.

The meeting closed at 15:41.

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