

## **Seventh Meeting of the EU - Chile Negotiations Committee -**

### **CONCLUSIONS - Santiago, 10 - 14 December 2001**

In accordance with the conclusions of the sixth meeting of the European Union – Chile Negotiations Committee in Brussels from 1 to 4 October 2001, the seventh meeting of the Negotiations Committee was held from 10 to 14 December 2001 in Santiago.

The Chilean delegation was presided by Mr. Heraldo Muñoz, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the delegation of the European Union by Mr. Guy Legras, Director General for External Relations of the European Commission.

The meeting developed as follows:

#### 1. Approval of the agenda:

Both sides agreed on the agenda.

#### 2. Results of the meeting:

##### A) Political Dialogue:

Discussions continued on the preamble, the nature and scope of the agreement, the political dialogue, the institutional framework, and the final provisions, leading to a detailed revision of all texts in brackets, as well as of new proposals on both sides.

In the Preamble, references were approved on cooperation in international fora, on the importance attached by the Parties to international trade rules and to the struggle against terrorism.

On Title I -Nature and Scope of the agreement- the European Union presented two additional paragraphs on the promotion of social development and equitable distribution, as well as on the principle of "good governance".

Both Parties agreed on the new text proposal concerning the scope and objective of the agreement, which includes, in particular, the political, commercial, economic and financial, scientific, technological, social, cultural and co-operation fields. Both Parties agreed that this text should be adjusted to the final outcome of this negotiation.

Concerning Title II -Political Dialogue- the Chilean side informed the European Union delegation that it will present a proposal for a "Joint Declaration on Political Dialogue", complementary to this Title, to be possibly included in the Agreement. This Chilean proposal will be submitted to the next Round of Negotiations.

In the Institutional Framework, it was agreed that the reference made in the Chilean proposal to dispute settlement should be included at a later stage in a specific article.

So as to give more substance to the political dialogue, the Chilean side advocated for the creation of a "Political Committee" gathering senior officials from both sides. The Chilean side also underlined the need for a "cooperation committee" and an "economic and commercial committee" that will have to be considered once the economic and commercial sectors have been negotiated.

The European Union took note of this interest concerning the institutional architecture. Both Parties agreed that matter should be adjusted to the final outcome of this negotiation.

On the title on Final Provisions both parties agreed to leave the articles concerning the "Entry in to Force", "Duration" as well as "fulfilment of the obligations" in brackets, since further technical legal discussions are needed.

Concerning further developments of the Agreement, it was agreed that the Commission would present a proposal on a possible review clause or a Joint Declaration on future revision of the Agreement.

#### B) Co-operation:

In the area of economic co-operation, the articles on intellectual property rights and data protection were approved. Brackets were left for the articles related to co-operation in services and fisheries. The removal of brackets in the article on co-operation in services shall be discussed at the next round. The EU presented an alternative text for the article on co-operation in agriculture and rural affairs. The Chilean side will examine the text and shall discuss it at the next round. As for the new EC phrasing proposal for the article on customs co-operation, it was decided to leave the brackets since further discussions are needed on the Chilean side.

In other areas of co-operation, the Chilean text proposal on financial and technical co-operation was approved. The article related to social co-operation was complemented with the earlier text on social integration and was approved. The articles on co-operation related to gender, on co-operation in the audio-visual area, on the participation of civil society in co-operation, and on triangular and bi-regional co-operation were approved.

Finally, as far as means of co-operation are concerned, a final version of the text on co-operation within the association relationship was approved and a new common text on resources was agreed.

#### C) Trade:

In the trade area, work continued on all items, notably tariffs and non-tariff issues; customs procedures; rules of origin; standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures; sanitary and phytosanitary measures; wines; trade defence instruments; services; investment; intellectual property rights; government procurement; competition; and dispute settlement.

All groups booked important progress. In some areas, such as intellectual property rights, customs procedures; oenological practices; standards; technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, this may allow for finalisation of the work at the next round. In market access, wines, government procurement, competition and dispute settlement, major progress was achieved in approximating the structure of the respective texts and disciplines included therein. In the other areas such as services, investment and rules of origin, good progress was reflected by the convergence of positions.

Both sides agreed that the major steps achieved at this round allowed for setting down clear features of the future trade chapter. Both sides agreed on a workprogramme which reflects their determination to continue work between this round and the Madrid summit in May 2002.

#### 3. Date and place of the next meeting of the Negotiations Committee:

The Parties agreed to hold the eighth meeting of the Negotiations Committee in the week of 28 January 2002 in Brussels.