

Ninth Meeting of the European Union - Chile Negotiations Committee -

Conclusions - Santiago, 4 – 8 March 2002

In accordance with the conclusions of the eighth meeting of the European Union – Chile Negotiations Committee in Brussels (28 January – 1 February 2002), the ninth meeting of the Negotiations Committee was held from the 4th to the 8th of March 2002 in Santiago, Chile.

The Chilean delegation was presided by Mr. Cristián Barros Melet, Chief Negotiator and Under-Secretary for Foreign Relations and the delegation of the European Union was headed by Mr. Francisco Da Câmara Gomez, Director of External Relations, Mr. Hervé Jouanjan, Director of Trade and Mr. Alexander Tilgenkamp, Director of Agriculture 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:

Given the progress made at previous negotiation sessions on the political dialogue part, discussions mainly focussed at this session on the text of the final provisions of the EU-Chile Association Agreement.

B) Co-operation :

An agreement was reached on the article related to customs co-operation, and the EU made a new proposal for an article on co-operation in the area of the movement of persons.

C) Trade:

The various working groups made very substantial progress in all areas of negotiation. In this perspective, the essential rules and disciplines that will regulate the following areas were concluded: technical barriers to trade, transparency, services, public procurement, rules of origin, customs matters.

Improved offers were made in agriculture and services sectors. Sanitary and phytosanitary aspects will be addressed at a special meeting to be held in Brussels on the 18 and 19th of March.

Furthermore, thorough discussions continued on investments, dispute settlement, wines, liquors, fishery and market access in its various dimensions. The EU informed the Chilean delegation about administrative co-operation on customs.

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

Both Parties expressed their deep satisfaction at the progress achieved and reiterated their willingness to finalise their negotiations in time before the EU/Latin American and Caribbean Summit of 17-18th May in Madrid.

The Parties agreed to hold the tenth meeting of the Negotiations Committee during the second half of April 2002 in Brussels, starting on the 15th of April.