Sixth Meeting of the EU - Chile Negotiations Committee

Conclusions - Brussels, 1 - 4 October 2001

In accordance with the conclusions of the fifth meeting of the European Union – Chile Negotiations Committee in Santiago from 9 to 12 July 2001 the sixth meeting of the Negotiations Committee was held from 1 to 4 October 2001 in Brussels.

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. Results of the meeting:

A) Political Dialogue:

Discussions continued on the political dialogue and institutional framework chapters as well as the preamble which had already been agreed to a large extent at the last rounds of negotiations.

With regard to the preamble it was agreed to include references to co-operation in international fora as well as to the fight against terrorism.

On Art. 3 of the institutional framework chapter (Association Council) Chile has proposed new wording which will be discussed at the next round of negotiations. Also on Art. 3, Chile presented the text of a unilateral declaration which it intends to make when concluding the agreement.

The EU-side committed itself to present before the next meeting of the Negotiations Committee its text proposal on the final provisions chapter.

Chile pointed out that at some moment in the future the rules of procedure of the Association Council and the Association Committee will have to be discussed and asked the European side about its ideas on the subject.

B) Co-operation:

Chile presented a text summarising what has been agreed so far in the field of co-operation, but also adding some new elements, such as a definition of financial and technical assistance, co-operation in the fields of social integration, prevention of terrorism, audio-visual, triangular and bi-regional co-operation as well as on the issue of upgrading the co-operation in the context of an association between the EU and Chile. Chile’s proposals will be discussed at the next meeting of the Negotiations Committee.

C) Trade:

Both sides entered into a thorough technical clarification of the tariff offers and services negotiating texts. In addition, work continued in the technical groups on government
procurement, rules of origin, customs, competition, wine agreement, dispute settlement and sanitary and phytosanitary agreement.

Both sides refined the methods for assessing the results of the work of the technical subgroups. They agreed this will enable them to monitor closely the progress of negotiations as the process moves forward.

Both sides agree that this round of technical talks has produced the desired results of clearing the deck from technical misunderstanding, thus laying the ground for the December round. In the run-up to that meeting both sides will continue to exchange views and information in order to make that meeting even more substantive.

2. **Date and place of the next meeting of the Negotiations Committee:**

The Parties agreed to hold the seventh meeting of the Negotiations Committee in the week of 10 December 2001 in Santiago.