

CONCLUSIONS

Third Meeting of the European Union – Chile Negotiation Committee Santiago, 13 – 16 November 2000

According to what was agreed during the Second Meeting of the Negotiation Committee in Brussels between 20 and 23 June 2000, the Third Meeting of the European Union – Chile Negotiation Committee was held between 13 and 16 November 2000 in Santiago de Chile.

The Delegation of the European Union was presided by Mr. Francisco da Câmara Gomes, Director for Latin America of the European Commission and the Chilean Delegation by Mr. Osvaldo Rosales, Director General for International Economical Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The agenda of this meeting was agreed in the framework of the principles and general objectives agreed during the First and Second Round of Negotiations.

The meeting developed as follow:

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Both Parties agreed on the Agenda of the meeting.

2. Results of the meeting:

A) Political Dialogue:

In the discussions on the future framework for political dialogue there was a high degree of consensus between the Parties which led to a draft agreed text on the subject.

The text proposed by the Chilean side on "Nature and Scope of the Agreement" will be discussed at a future meeting of the Negotiations Committee.

The Parties agreed to exchange texts on the institutional framework of the agreement not later than one month prior to the fourth round of negotiations, during which this subject will be discussed.

B) Co-operation:

The sub-group on scientific and technological co-operation agreed on a joint text on the subject of scientific and technological co-operation.

The sub-group on social and cultural co-operation and education agreed on a joint text on social co-operation, education and training, exchange of information and cultural co-operation.

The Chilean side will present before the fourth round its position on co-operation on combating drugs and related organised crime.

Furthermore, the Parties jointly drafted a first proposal on the content and modalities of upgrading their co-operation within the context of the association agreement. This text will serve as a basis for further discussions on the subject.

The Parties agreed to exchange draft texts on the remaining areas of scientific and technological co-operation and social as well as cultural co-operation and education at the latest one month prior to the fourth round. The Parties intend to conclude their discussions on these subjects during the fourth round.

The Parties agreed to exchange draft texts on economic co-operation during the fourth round.

The Commission proposed a draft text on macro-economic dialogue, which will be discussed in the sub-group on economic co-operation. Both Parties agreed on the importance of this area of co-operation.

Additionally, and outside the sub-groups on co-operation, the Government of Chile proposed a first draft of an agreement on scientific and technological co-operation. The Commission representatives took note of the proposal. The Commission will present to the Council a proposal for a negotiating mandate.

C) Trade:

The work of the three Technical Groups for trade centered on discussions on specific objectives and the modalities for negotiations, on the basis of previously exchanged papers. The discussions showed the determination of both sides to progress the work in all areas. In-depth discussions allowed to clarify the respective positions. Most information has been exchanged and a regular exchange of information on specific questions will continue as part of the regular negotiating process.

This third round of negotiations and technical contacts were conducted in a very constructive spirit. Both Parties expressed their satisfaction with the quality and the results of the discussions.

The progress made during the first two rounds and this third round allow to envisage with confidence the activities of next year, and have created the conditions to formulate a program and calendar reflecting both the political will and the seriousness of the technical work in order to reach significant progress in these negotiations. During the first half of 2001 discussions will continue on negotiating texts or working documents in all appropriate areas, and on the finalization of the preparatory work for tariffs and services, with a view to concentrate most of the negotiating efforts on the latter two subjects starting on July 1st, 2001. To this end Chile handed over negotiating texts on competition, government procurement, intellectual property, sanitary and phytosanitary measures and dispute settlement.

In order to intensify the work in between the rounds, both sides agreed to establish mechanisms of permanent contacts between the two trade teams. For this purpose, coordinators will be designated.

The three technical groups worked in parallel sessions on the following subjects:

Technical Group 1: tariffs and non-tariff issues (including industrial and agriculture issues); sanitary and phytosanitary measures; standards (technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures); customs procedures; rules of origin; and trade defense instruments.

Technical Group 2: services, capital movement and investment and intellectual property rights

Technical Group 3: government procurement, competition and dispute settlement

The agenda for the next round will include:

- a continuation of the preparatory process for the negotiations in tariffs and services;
- continuation of work on the basis of working documents or negotiating texts in all appropriate areas; and
- further clarifications of specific questions

It was agreed that texts and documents will be made available at least one month before the fourth round.

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

The Parties agreed to hold the Fourth Round of Negotiations in March 2001.