

**Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee
"Textile / Clothing"**

24/09/2007

**Venue: CCAB (Borschette Centre)
36 rue Froissart – Brussels
From 11h00 till 17h30**

CONCLUSIONS

1. Welcome, approval of the draft agenda and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 29/05/2007

The agenda of the meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

2. Social Dialogue:

- **“Integrated” TCL project on capacity building of social partners in New Member States/Candidate Countries**

The social partners presented the outline of the follow-up project submitted for financing under VP/2007/001 call for proposals, which is currently under evaluation by DG Employment. Members from Hungary presented the follow-up of their action plan (outline will be distributed later).

- **Follow-up of « Respiro » on Responsibility in Public Procurements**

The social partners insisted that it must be clear that the new guide developed under this project is a tool for cities and it does not replace the existing textiles guide.

- **Follow-up of the project for a better anticipation of restructuring**

The recommendations coming out of the social partners' project on restructuring shall be adopted as a joint document of the social partners during the plenary session in November.

Mr. Colera Rodriguez from the EESC informed about the work of the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI) and a conference on restructuring to be held on 30.10. in Portugal. Conference link http://www.eesc.europa.eu/sections/ccmi/Hearingsandconferences/Thefuture/index_en.asp

3. Industrial Policy

- **Update on recent initiatives**

Mr. Girao and Mrs. Gosar Senarova updated the social partners on forthcoming activities of DG Enterprise and the state of play of studies / call for tender in progress (more details will be provided in the minutes).

- **Report/evaluation on the HLG process follow-up**

An updated table of actions responding to the recommendations of the HLG was distributed. The social partners will provide comments and update the information on their activities listed in the table.



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4. Education and vocational Training

No progress has been achieved in realisation of education and training projects proposed as a follow-up of the HLG recommendations. The social partners decided to dedicate the morning session of the next meeting to a specific working group on training in order to re-launch the work on those projects.

5. Trade Policy : Follow-up of the important dossiers: China, DDA, TDI, rules of Origin

Mrs. Sommer from DG Trade gave an overview on recent developments. In the debate the social partners expressed strong objections to the policy implemented by the commissioner for trade in the matters of the textile and clothing industry.

6. Discussion on the ongoing inter-services study for an improvement of the single Market

This point was taken out of the agenda for lack of information.

7. First exchange about the work programme for 2008

Following the first exchange of views, the draft work programme will be prepared for discussion and adoption during the plenary meeting in November.

8. Miscellaneous

The chair informed about the Restructuring Forum (to be held on 26-27.11.) and a new initiative of the Social dialogue unit to promote public procurement guides developed by the social partners (more information in the minutes). The chair invited the social partners to participate in a survey on European social dialogue. (www.ec.europa.eu/socialdialogue).

9. Date of the next meeting

The plenary session is scheduled for 27.11.2007.
