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PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome address by Mr José-Maria Zufiaur, President of the External Relations Section, EESC
9:00 – 9:30 Opening

Mr Jacek Krawczyk, EESC rapporteur for the TTIP
Ms Elena Bryan, Senior trade representative, US mission to the EU
Mr Hiddo Houben, Head of Unit for the US and Canada, DG Trade

9:30 – 10:00 Keynote speech: The EU and US approaches to sustainable development and labour provisions in FTAs and lessons learnt

Mr Raymond Torres, Director, ILO Research department

Discussion

11.30–11.45 Coffee break

10:00 – 13:00 SESSION 1: Sustainable development and labour provisions in TTIP
Chair: Mrs Liina Carr, Member of the EESC

Sub-session 1: Scope and content

Panel debate

- Ms Monika Hencsey, Head of Unit for Trade and Sustainable Development, DG Trade
- Mr Rudi Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit, External relations, DG Employment
- Ms Celeste Drake, Representative of AFL-CIO
- Ms Luisa Santos, BusinessEurope
- Mr Tom Jenkins, ETUC

Discussion

Sub-session 2: Conflict resolution

Chair: Mrs Evelyne Pichenot, Vice-president of the EESC External Relations Section

Panel debate

- Ms Monika Hencsey, Head of Unit for Trade and Sustainable Development, DG Trade
Mr Michele Faioli, Law School, Tor Vergata University of Rome
Mr Jeffrey Vogt, Legal Advisor, ITUC, Department of Human and Trade Union Rights (HTUR)

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch offered by the EESC (La Brasserie Restaurant, Van Maerlant building)
14:30 – 15:00 Discussion with Mr Ignacio Garcia Bercero, EU chief negotiator for TTIP
15:00 – 17:00 SESSION 2: The role of civil society: participative mechanisms in TTIP
     Chair: Mr Jonathan Peel, Vice-President of the External Relations Section, EESC
     Panel debate
         Ms Monika Hencsey, Head of Unit for Trade and Sustainable Development, DG Trade
         Mr Sandy Boyle, President of the EESC Follow-up Committee on Trade
         Mrs Hendrike Kuehl, Transatlantic Business Council
         Mr Maurice Claassens, Senior Coordinator, Solidar
         Mr Tom Jenkins, ETUC
         Mr Jos Dings, Transport and Environment

Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Concluding remarks – Ms Benedicte Federspiel, Member of the EESC

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