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JOINT DECLARATION

1. The third meeting of the Association Council established by the EU-Chile Association Agreement was held in Brussels on 24 July 2007.
2. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, Mr. Luís Amado, as President of the EU Council. The Chilean delegation was led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Alejandro Foxley. The Secretary General of the Council, High Representative for CFSP of the EU, Mr. Javier Solana, also took part in the meeting.

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3. Ministers acknowledged that the Association agreement between EU and Chile has proved to be a useful tool to enhance mutual understanding and consultations. Due to natural evolution of our common interest, Ministers agreed to look for new ways to enhance the Political Dialogue and to transform it into a more effective instrument that reflects a new phase in our political relationship.
4. In this context, both Parties decided to work together in order to find the best ways to reinforce their political dialogue and cooperation.
5. Ministers discussed developments in Europe, notably the situation after the recent enlargement, and the future of the European integration following the conclusions of the European Council.
6. Ministers welcome clear and concrete advances in the various schemes of regional integration in Latin America. Integration is a visible proof of better understanding and solidarity among nations and their people. They are strongly committed to work on the preparation of the EU-LAC Summit, to be held in Lima, on May 2008.
7. Ministers took note with satisfaction that overall the bilateral co-operation so far is very positive. As regards the new Country Strategy Paper 2007-2013 for Chile (CSP), which has been already adopted, the Commission provided information on the co-operation programming in the three selected priority areas: social cohesion, higher education, and innovation and competitiveness.
8. Regarding the upgrading of EU-Chile bilateral co-operation, Ministers welcomed Chilean request to participate in the Competitiveness and Innovation programme (CIP) from DG Enterprise, and invited Chile to identify the parts of the programme that would interest it most.
9. Ministers took note of the progresses achieved on the implementation of the EU-Chile Science and Technology agreement.
10. Ministers took stock of the achievements and development of the Trade part of the Association Agreement, four years after its entry into force. They acknowledged that there is an increasing dynamism in the bilateral trade relations. Moreover, Ministers took note of the state of play and perspectives of the ongoing negotiations on agriculture, processed agricultural products and fisheries as well as on future negotiations regarding the evolution and review clauses on services, including movement of natural persons.

11. Ministers exchanged views on the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issue in the perspective of an EU-Chile dialogue on this topic that should contribute to an effective protection of IPR, in line with the commitments undertaken by the Parties in the Association Agreement.
12. Ministers acknowledged that the EU-Chile sectorial dialogues within the framework of Article 52 of the Association Agreement, such as the ongoing dialogue on employment and social policies, represent a new approach that leads to a strengthening and deepening of our bilateral relationship. Ministers took note of the Parties intention to pursue this dialogue in the areas of pension schemes and employment policies to promote equal opportunities between women and men.
13. Ministers welcomed the fact that Chile was the first country worldwide to sign a horizontal agreement on certain aspects of air services with the EU, and took note of the intentions to further strengthening the air transport relations between the EU and Chile, including the possibility of more ambitious air transport negotiations.
14. Ministers were informed of the state of play regarding Chile's expected decision on the adoption of the Digital TV standard.
15. Finally, Mr Luís Amado, President of the EU Council and Mr. Alejandro Foxley representing Chile, also signed the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.
