



Euro-Med TDS General Assembly
Athens, 11- 12 February 2005

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Date: 11-12 February 2005

Place: Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens

Inauguration Session

Chairman:

Dimitriadis Dimitris - Vice-President, National Confederation of Hellenic Commerce

Speakers:

Ioannis Valinakis - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ioannis Papathanassiou - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Development

Christos Folias - Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Undersecretary Folias greets the members of the Association, as the Assembly represents his last participation as a member of the Board.



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The General Assembly opens at 2.15 p.m.

The presents listen the speech given by the Sergio Billè, President of the Euro-Med TDS Initiative.

At 2.45 p.m., Luigi Troiani, Secretary General gives his speech and invites the participants to ratify the admission of the new members.

- Paris Chamber of Commerce
- Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon
- General Union of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of the Great Jamahiriya

THE ASSEMBLY RATIFIES THE ADMISSION OF THE NEW MEMBERS

In his report the Secretary General underlines the activities carried on by the Association in the last years:

- institutional meetings (4 Executive Board Meetings)
- Secretariat activities
- Euro-Med TDS News monthly
- Emed-tds.com - in this frame, the Secretary General requests to call the “emed-tds.com Consortium legal representatives meeting”, to decide how to manage the resulting product of the project
- Euro-Mediterranean Fisheries Initiative: Ancona, Pescara and Malaga conferences, technical co-operation project, next conference in Cairo, Euro-Mediterranean Cuisine Festival, EFI - News.
- Training courses
- Euro-Mediterranean School of Services Economics. Pre-feasibility study, request of financial support



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The Secretary General presents the Financial Report of 2003 and 2004, and the budget for 2005. The Assembly is requested to carefully read the documents in order to vote, and emend in the case, the approval of the balance sheets, in accordance with the Italian law.

Speeches given by the Heads of Delegations

- 1- Abdul Rahman Attar - Secretary general, Federation of the Syrian Chambers of Commerce
- 2- Mohammed El Masry - Secretary general, federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce
- 3- Amin Husseini - Secretary general, Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- 4- Louis Apap-Bologna - President, the Malta Chamber of Commerce

Speeches by the Heads of Delegations continue

- 5- Dimitris Dimitriadis – Vice-President, National Confederation of Hellenic Commerce
- 6- Ferruccio Dardanello – Vice - President, Confcommercio
- 7- Slobodan Milosavljevic - President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia - accepts the participate to the Board of Euro-Med TDS, will have in the next day

As the Serbian delegation has to leave the Assembly and has proposed its President, Mr Slobodan Milosavljevic, as member of the Executive Board for the North east area, the President proposes to proceed at the immediate election of the Executive Board. It is noted the absence of the Turkish delegation, which also had a candidate to the Board.



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The Constituencies are given by the member organisations as follows:

North-West: France, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Spain, Portugal

Centre: Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Turkey

North-East: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia & Montenegro,
Slovenia

Mashreq: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Syria

Maghreb: Algeria, Libia, Morocco, Tunisia.

The candidates are presented as follows:

- North-West - Sergio Billè
- Centre - Dimitris Dimitriadis
- North - East – Slobodan Milosavljevic
- Mashreq - Mohammed El Masry
- Maghreb - Mohammed Drissi.

THE ASSEMBLY ELECTS THE PROPOSED CANDIDATES

The Secretary General proposes a break to let the newly elected Executive Board elect the President.

It is announced the unanimous decision of the Board to confirm Mr. Sergio Billè as the President.

The Assembly confirms Mr Luigi Troiani as a Secretary General.

The Serbian delegation leaves the Assembly.

Speeches by the Heads of Delegation continue

- 8- Mohammed Kanoun, Chairman, General Union of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of the great jamahyria
- 9- Marta Lozano, Spanish Confederation of Commerce
- 10- Hanna Siniora, President, Euro-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce



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Mr.Luigi Troiani, Secretary General, presents the Euro-Mediterranean e-fair.

Speeches by the Heads of Delegation continue

- 11- Mohammed Drissi, Vice-President, Federation of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Services of Morocco
- 12- Pedro D'Almeida Freire, Vice-President, Portuguese Confederation of Commerce
- 13- Mladen Perazic, Montenegro Chamber of Economy

Presentation of the Financial reports for 2003 and 2004

The Secretary General illustrates the financial report for 2003 and 2004

THE ASSEMBLY APPROVES THE 2003 AND 2004 BALANCE SHEETS (Encl.2)

The Secretary General illustrates the budget of 2005 and underlines the Fees mechanism and asks the approval.

Mr Apap – Bologna says that his Chamber is not able to pay the foreseen amount. He asked some time to verify with its financial bodies what could be the contribution of the Malta Chamber of Commerce. His request is accepted, and will contact the Secretariat as soon as possible to inform Euro-Med TDS about the official
His reservation is registered.

Mr Lavenant says that as the bodies of his Chamber are not yet defined, and he does not have the legal representation of his Chamber, he can personally declare agrees with the fee scheme, but he needs future approval by his financial Authority.
His reservation is also registered.

THE ASSEMBLY APPROVES THE BUDGET 2005, AND THE FEES MECHANISM. THE FEE MECHANISM IS APPROVED WITH 3 FOOTNOTES



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On Saturday, February the 12th, at 9:30 the Assembly restarts.

Speeches by the Heads of Delegations continue

14 - Guy Lavenant, Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dimitris Diamantis, European Dynamics, presents emed-b2b.biz.
The Assembly expresses its deep satisfaction with the product.

Speeches by the Heads of Delegations continue

15 - Mirjana Jovanovic – Foreign Trade Chamber of Commerce of Bosnia Herzegovina
16 - Michel Mourgue-Molines- General Director, French Confederation of Wholesale and International Trade

The Final Communiqué is read by Luigi Troiani, Secretary General

THE ASSEMBLY APPROVES THE FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

Speech by Mr. National Confederation of Hellenic Commerce

At 6:00 p.m. Sergio Billè, President of Euro- Med TDS gives the closing speech

The Assembly closes at **6:15 p.m.**