

Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development

Minutes of the Meeting

The European Union, Colombia and Peru (hereinafter referred as “the Parties”) met on February 6th, 2014 for the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development in Lima, Peru. The results of this meeting are as follows:

1. Operation of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development:

The Parties agreed that the Sub-Committee will operate, as appropriate or unless otherwise made clear in Title IX of the Agreement or in these minutes, on the basis of the Rules of Procedure of the Trade Committee established under the Trade Agreement. Sub-Committee meetings will be co-Chaired by representatives from the administration of each Party, responsible for labour, environmental and trade matters. In addition, rules of procedure for the meeting with civil society were agreed. There was a discussion as to whether or not a separate document detailing specific rules of procedure of the Sub-Committee will be needed and this will be discussed with coordinators of the Trade Committee, ahead of the upcoming Trade Committee meeting, before a decision in this respect is taken.

2. Experts

The Parties agreed on the list of Experts and the rules of procedure for the Group of Experts, which are contained in Annex 1 and Annex 2 of this document respectively, which will be subject to the approval of the Trade Committee.

3. Domestic mechanisms and participation of civil society

The Parties shared their experiences on their domestic mechanisms to promote participation of civil society and different groups interested in the implementation of the Chapter.

The Parties agreed to exchange in writing details of their domestic mechanisms in force under Article 281. These details will be exchanged by the end of March 2014 or earlier if possible.

The Parties agreed the document on “Procedure for meetings of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development with civil society” (Annex 3).

4. Progress on implementation of labour and environment provisions

The Parties explained their progress in general on labour and environment issues related to the Chapter.

5. Joint Statement

The Parties agreed on a Joint Statement that was presented at the open session of the Sub-Committee, which was held on 7th February 2014 in Lima, and is at Annex 4 of this document.

6. Summary of open session of the Sub-Committee

A summary of the open session of the Sub-Committee with civil society will be drafted by Peru as the hosting Party and in accordance with the Procedure for meetings of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development with civil society.

7. Participants

The list of participants is in Annex 5.