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## **Common statement of BAVC and VAA**

### **Third conversation concerning European politics 2003**

The representatives of VAA and BAVC came together for their third conversation regarding European politics in Brussels on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of July. On the worker's representatives' side the European executives association FECCIA with members of the steering committee from France, Italy and Great Britain took part in the conversation.

Major topic of the discussion was the European White Paper on chemicals policy. Both parties confirmed their criticism concerning the Commission's draft and made demands to :

- keep expenditures and costs to a minimum
- base assessment and evaluation on concrete risks
- exclude intermediate products and polymers from the registration and admission procedure

Accordingly VAA and FECCIA already expressed their opinion in the European Commission's internet consultation which closed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2003. BAVC welcomed the executives' and their associations efforts regarding this question of great importance for the chemical industry.

The participants also underlined the importance of the social dialog within the chemical sector. FECCIA, led by the President François Vincent, confirmed its intention and wishes to participate in the social partners' dialog within the chemical industry.

Both sides want to continue their conversations concerning European politics in the next year.