

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009

(2009/C .../02)

(The sitting opened at 9.10 a.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Louis MICHEL

Co-President

1. **Substitutes**

The Co-President announced the following substitutes:

Bastos (for Carvalho), Binev (for McMillan-Scott), Cashman (for Toia), Czarnecki (for Legutko), Fox (for Sturdy), Girling (for Ford), Goebbels (for Bullmann), Gomes (for Moreira), Gurmai (for De Keyser), Jääteenmäki (for Jensen), Kastler (for Caspary), Migalski (for Vlasák), Ponga (for De Mita), Rinaldi (for Griesbeck), Sargentini (for Jadot), Theoharous (for Kuhn) and Włosowicz (for Hannan).

2. **World Aids Day Statements by Co-Presidents**

The Chair announced that it was World Aids Day and the Co-Presidents made statements to commemorate the day.

A minute of silence was held.

The following spoke: Ronzulli, Cashman, Milupi (Zambia), Sylla (Mali), Ogwal (Uganda) and Jervase Yok (Sudan).

3. **Lisbon Treaty**

The Chair mentioned the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December.

4. **Refugees, with particular emphasis on the impact of climate change: Debate without resolution**

Mr Sanda Kimbimbi, UNHCR Special Representative, made a statement.

Speakers: Manservisi (European Commission), Roithová, Sylla (Mali), Gomes, Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Jääteenmäki, Mugambe (Uganda), Zimmer, Kombo (Kenya), Neuser, William (Seychelles) and Manirakiza (Burundi).

Mr Manservisi and Mr Kimbimbi responded to Members' comments and questions.

5. Urgent topic No 1: Climate Change

Speakers: Manservisi (European Commission), Zanicchi, McAvan, Sylla (Mali), Bearder, Sall (Senegal), Manamela (South Africa), Sargentini, Italeli (Tuvalu), Callanan, Roberts (Grenada), Ferreira J., Darbo (Chad), Schnellhardt, Bounkoulou (Republic of Congo), Castex, Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Mushelenga (Namibia), Ponga and Toga (Ethiopia).

6. Report of the economic and social partners

Presentation by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and by regional civil society representatives.

Mr Jahier, President of the EESC ACP-EU follow-up committee, and Mr Makeka, representative of the African Employers Association, made presentations.

Speakers: Schmidt and Rinaldi.

Mr Jahier and Mr Makeka responded to Members' comments and questions.

**7. The impact of the financial crisis on the ACP States
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade**

Report by Mr Joseph Mugambe (Uganda) and Mr Hans-Peter Mayer

Speakers: Mugambe (Uganda), Mayer, Manservisi (European Commission), Manamela (South Africa), Mitchell, Assarid (Mali), Goebbels, Jääteenmäki, Toga (Ethiopia), Joly, Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Czarnecki, Hoarau, Mafura (Lesotho), Engel, Straker (St Vincent and the Grenadines), Arif, Sithole (Mozambique), Guerrero Salom, Lutundula (D.R. Congo), Gomes and Abdullahi (Nigeria).

Mr Manservisi and the co-rapporteurs responded to Members' comments and questions.

The sitting adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Wilkie RASMUSSEN and
Louis MICHEL

Co-Presidents

Sir John KAPUTIN and
Dietmar NICKEL

Co-Secretaries-General