

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009

(2009/C .../02)

(The sitting opened at 9.10 a.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr MICHEL

Co-President

1. **Approval of the minutes of Monday, 30 November 2009**

The minutes were approved.

2. **Global governance and the reform of international institutions - Committee on Political Affairs**

Report by Mr Donald Ramotar (Guyana) and Mr Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez

Mr Ramotar (Guyana) and Mr Martínez Martínez presented the report.

Speakers: Vetter (European Commission), Kaczmarek, Sylla (Mali), Castex, Toga (Ethiopia), O. Schmidt, Ogwal (Uganda), Zimmer, Sithole (Mozambique), Mitchell, Bobbo (Cameroon), Durant, William (Seychelles), Gurmai, Sall (Senegal), Ponga, Jean Marie (Saint Lucia) and Gomes.

Mr Ramotar (Guyana) and Mr Martínez Martínez wound up the debate.

3. **Disaster reduction and recovery: debate without resolution**

Mr Saroj K. Jha, Programme Manager, World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), made a presentation.

Speakers: Mitchell, Sylla (Mali), Ferreira J., Bobbo (Cameroon), Rinaldi, William (Seychelles) and Goebbels.

Mr Jha responded to the issues raised in the debate.

On a point of order, the Co-President announced that there would be an extraordinary Bureau meeting that evening from 19:00 to 20:00.

4. **The WTO negotiations and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) - current state of play: debate without resolution**

Mr Peter Thompson (European Commission) introduced the subject.

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Speakers: Engel, Arif, Manamela (South Africa), Rinaldi, Sylla (Mali), Durant, William (Seychelles), Schnellhardt, Bobbo (Cameroon), Mporogomyi (Tanzania), Hoarau, Amon-Ago (Côte d'Ivoire) and Tirolien.

Mr Thompson responded to points raised.

**5. Social and cultural integration and participation of young people -
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment**

Report by Mr Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic) and Mr Olle Schmidt

Mr Schmidt and Mr Rodgers (Suriname), replacing Jiménez (Dominican Republic), presented the report.

Speakers: Janssen (European Commission), Nedelcheva, Cashman, Bearder, Mohamed Ali (Ethiopia), Rivasi, Ogwal (Uganda), Ferreira J., Bobbo (Cameroon), Gahler, Ramotar (Guyana), Haug, William (Seychelles), Motlhale (Botswana) and Amon-Ago (Côte d'Ivoire).

Mr Rodgers (Suriname) and Mr Schmidt wound up the debate.

(The sitting adjourned at 12.40 p.m.)

Wilkie RASMUSSEN and
Louis MICHEL

Co-Presidents

Sir John KAPUTIN and
Dietmar NICKEL

Co-Secretaries-General