

# ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

## *Committee on Political Affairs*

### MINUTES

of the meeting on Wednesday, 13 September 2006 and Thursday, 14 September 2006

Room C, ACP House  
451 Avenue Georges-Henri, Brussels  
**BRUSSELS**

*Mrs Lydie Polfer, EU Vice Chairman, opened the meeting at 15:15 on Wednesday, 13 September 2006.*

#### **1. Adoption of the draft agenda (APP/3906)**

**Decision:**

The draft agenda was adopted in the form in which it appears in these minutes.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2006 in Vienna (Austria), (APP/3907)**

**Decision:**

The minutes were approved.

#### **3. Small arms and light weapons and sustainable development (APP/3892)**

**Co-rapporteurs:** Ana Gomes and Youssouf Moussa Dawaleh (Djibouti)

Exchange of views on the basis of a draft report

Report by Ana Gomes on SALW Review Conference (New York, June 2006)

**Speakers:** Gomes, Dicorrado-Andreoni (European Commission), Duguid (Barbados), van den Berg, Bawa Bwari (Nigeria), Zani, Gahler, Van Hecke, Martínez Martínez, Nawaikula (Fiji), Cheron (Haïti), Akpovi (Benin) and Polfer.

**Decision:**

Deadline for amendments: 3 October 2006.

*The meeting continued with Mr Nduwimana (Burundi), ACP Co-Chair in the chair.*

**4. Follow-Up the resolutions adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna (Austria) on 22 June 2005**

Resolution on the situation in Sudan (ACP-EU/3900/06 fin)

**Speakers:** Lachut (European Commission), van den Berg, Garang Deng (Sudan), Akpovi (Benin), Gahler, Gomes, Lutundula (Democratic Republic of Congo), Mugambe (Uganda), Ambassador Mohamed Ali (invited as Representative of Ethiopia) and Nduwimana (Burundi).

Resolution on the role of regional integration in the promotion of peace and security (ACP-EU/3850/06)

**Speakers:** Sohlstrom (European Commission) and Nduwimana (Burundi).

**5. Urgent and topical subjects:**

Elections in Republic Democratic of Congo

Report on a joint mission

**Speakers:** Gomes, Van Hecke, Akpovi (Benin), Lutundula (Democratic Republic of Congo), Mzembi (Zimbabwe), De Sousa (Angola) and Nduwimana (Burundi).

Members were informed about the decision of the Bureau that the co-presidents will call on both candidates to refrain from any violence.

**Decision:**

The committee asked the Bureau for the return of the joint mission for the second round of the elections.

Follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Mauritania

**Speakers:** Laghdaf (Mauritania) and Carlotti.

*The meeting adjourned at 18.15 and resumed on Thursday, 14 September at 9.20 with Mr Callanan, EU Co-Chairman, in the chair.*

**6. Urgent and topical subjects (continuation):**

Situation in Côte d'Ivoire

**Speakers:** Salmon (European Commission), Amon Ago (Côte d'Ivoire)<sup>1</sup>, van den Berg, Lutundula (Democratic Republic of Congo), Carlotti, Bawa Bwari (Nigeria), Jöns and Callanan.

Follow-up of the debate on East Timor

**Speakers:** Da Silva (East Timor) and Callanan

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<sup>1</sup> By application, *mutatis mutandis*, following article 14 of the rules of procedure

**7. Good governance, transparency and accountability in relation with the exploitation of natural resources in ACP countries**

**Co-rapporteurs:** Michael Gahler and Evelyne B. Cheron (Haiti)

Exchange of views with the participation of Mrs Sarah Wykes (Global Witness, London), Mr Christian Mounzeo and Mr Brice Malosso (Republic of Congo), active member of the Publish What You Pay coalition and Mr François Vincke, Transparency International (Brussels)

**Speakers:** Gahler (Co-rapporteur), Cheron (Haïti) (Co-rapporteur), De Sousa (Angola), Bawa Bwari (Nigeria), van den Berg, Nguema Owono (Equatorial Guinea), Carlotti, Lutundula (Democratic Republic of Congo), Thomas (Saint-Vincent-and-the-Grenadines) and Iltis (European Commission).

**Decision:**

The draft report will be presented in March in Brussels.

**8. Any other business**

**Speakers:** Carlotti, Diallo Aliou (Guinea), Kpade (Togo), Nduwimana (Burundi) and Callanan.

Members agreed to discuss the human rights situation in Eritrea at the next meeting.

**10. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 18 November 2006 in Bridgetown (Barbados).

*The Committee ended its deliberations at 12.05.*

## LIST DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

### ACP

Nduwimana (Burundi) (Chairman)  
Lutundula (Republique démocratique du Congo)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Chairman)  
Duguid (Barbados) (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman)  
De Sousa (Angola)  
Akpovi (Bénin)  
McClay (Cook Islands)  
(Djibouti)  
Nawaikula (Fiji)  
Aliou Diallo (Guinée)  
Nguema Owono (Guinée Equatoriale)  
Cheron (Haïti)  
Laghdaf (Mauritanie)  
Nambahu (Namibia)  
Bawa Bwari (Nigeria)  
Talagi (Niue)  
Thomas (St Vincent & the Grenadines)  
Garang Deng (Sudan)  
Ati Atcha (Togo)  
Mugambe (Uganda)  
Mzembi (Zimbabwe)

### EP/PE

Callanan (Chairman) <sup>(2)</sup>  
Jöns (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson) <sup>(2)</sup>  
Polfer (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) <sup>(1)</sup>  
Carlotti  
Evans (suppléant Graboska) <sup>(1)</sup>  
Gomes <sup>(1)</sup>  
Gahler  
Gaubert  
Gröner <sup>(1)</sup>  
Kaczmarek  
Martínez Martínez  
Van den Berg (suppl. Dobolyi)  
Van Hecke <sup>(1)</sup>  
Wieland  
Zani

*present 13.09.2006 <sup>(1)</sup> present 13.09.2006<sup>(2)</sup>*

### Also present/Egalement présents:

**ACP:** Carlos Alberto, Toko Serao (Angola), Chacram, Adjahi (Benin), Bimazubute, Kabogoye (Burundi), Cavuilati (Fiji), Tambuwal, Gana, Folowosele (Nigeria), Acemah Hanuw, Amongi Bely, Dombo, Kagoro (Uganda), Chamisa, Punungwe, Chipare (Zimbabwe)

### Annex of the Rules, Article 2, par. 3:

Amon Ago (Côte d'Ivoire), Da Silva (Timor Leste), Mohamed Ali, Zenebe Kebede, Brook Debede (Ethiopia)

**Council:** MacDonald

**Commission:** Baum, Dicorrado-Andreoni, Iltis, Lachut, Salmon, Sohlstrom

### Groupes politiques

Lukyamuzi (PPE-DE)  
Todd (PSE)  
Stasinou-poulou (ALDE)

**DG Politiques externes:** Rose, Quille, Douaud (Policy Unit)

### Co-Secretariat UE

Bassot, Kiss, Stevan

### Co-secretariat ACP

Kasasa, Senghor

### Assistance

Jacques, Wack