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## **MINUTES**

of the meeting of 28 May 2008, from 10:15 to 11:15

**BRUSSELS**

The meeting opened at 10:20 on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, with Sérgio Marques, (Vice-Chairman) in the chair.

### **1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 405.670)**

The agenda was adopted, with one modification:  
inversion of points (3) and (4)

### **2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting on 24 January 2008 (PE 401.183)**

The minutes were adopted.

### **3. Exchange of views on the EP/South Africa Interparliamentary Meeting which took place in February 2008**

Mr MARQUES invite M. Sean O'NEACHTAIN (UEN, IRL), who had exceptionally led the Delegation that took part in the February Inter-Parliamentary Meeting, to take the floor for a short presentation.

In his presentation, and having thanked the South African Parliament, Ambassador Briët as well as the services of the Commission and the EP for their constant support, Mr O'NEACHTAIN outlined that the South African perception of the Economic Partnership Agreements [EPAs] was clearly that they influenced negatively regional integration, even causing the South-African Customs Union to collapse and dividing the South African Development Community in 5 different blocks.

Mr O'NEACHTAIN called in particular for this issue to be re-examined in the framework of future Interparliamentary meetings, in South Africa or Europe.

#### 4. Election of the new Delegation Chair

Mr MARQUES explained that following the election of M. Lapo PISTELLI at the Italian Parliament, a new Chair has to be elected. He further indicated that, so far, only one Member has been formally proposed by his political group - M. Vittorio PRODI, from the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.

Having ascertained the presence of a quorum, and in the absence of other candidates, M. MARQUES then proceed with the election of M. PRODI by acclamation and called him to take his seat at the podium.

#### 5. Any other business

*In the Chair: M. Vittorio PRODI*

M. PRODI thanked Members for his elections, and informed them that a South African Parliament Delegation, led by M. Obed BAPELA, will visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 8-10 July in order to hold an Interparliamentary meeting.

The Chair asked all Members present to pencil-in the dates of 8 and 9 July in their diaries and to make an effort in being present for this IPM and the activities which will be foreseen. A detailed programme will be circulated by the Secretariat as soon as available, and a preparatory meeting is likely to be held in Brussels on week 26 (23-26 June).

The following spoke at the exchange of views that followed: PRODI, MARQUES, Ambassador SOOKLAL (Mission of South Africa), LEYSEN and NAVARRO (EC, DG DEVE).

M. PRODI stressed that the July IPM agenda could also deal with the issues of sustainable development, energy, and Global Warming, underlining that Global problems need global solutions and South Africa could provide an "anchor country" in the African continent in this respect, as a Strategic EU partner.

M. MARQUES enquired on the latest state of play on the EPA negotiations. Ambassador SOOKLAL replied that South African negotiators had indeed found difficulty with (i) the deadlines which DG Trade imposed, and (ii) the attempt to include services and investment in those negotiations [*"as time went on, the goalposts got shifted"*]. M. SOOKLAL nevertheless expressed his hope that a "*cooperative agreement*" would be found with the EC; in any other scenario that would not see the South African concerns addressed, there would be no full EPA.

On behalf of the EC, M. NAVARRO stressed that EPAs are seen as tools promoting regional integration, which is, indeed, why the EC accepted South Africa negotiating such an agreement alongside Southern African Less Developed Countries, despite the existing competitiveness differential between their national economies. M. NAVARRO stressed that, seen from the point of view of Botswana, Lesotho or Swaziland, achieving an interim EPA was an important objective. He nonetheless repeated that the objective of the EC is to have a full EPA by the end of the year with all the countries of the SADC-EPA group, including South Africa. Nevertheless, he reminded that in the absence of a full EPA with South Africa,

the TDCA will continue to apply.

The Chair then briefly referred to the following events that have made headline news in South Africa recently:

- the anti-foreigner riots that have claimed circa 60 lives, condemned, in the words of President Mbeki, as "the worst acts of inhumanity South Africa has seen since the end of the apartheid".
- the lack of clarity as to when Mr. Zuma's trial on corruption charges will actually take place, with some experts arguing it is likely to start in early 2009, on the eve of the general election. The lawyers of the ANC President are expected to argue with the High Court that the case should be dismissed on the grounds that his right to a fair trial has been compromised.

#### **6. Date and place of the next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 26 June 2008.

The meeting closed at 11:20.

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Seán Ó Neachtain	

178 (2)	
Francesco Ferrari, Gianluca Susta	
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South African Mission : Ambassador Sooklal, C.A. Basson, P. Mfenyana

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PINTO TEXEIRA, LEYSEN, NAVARRO

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