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## MINUTES

MEETING

BRUSSELS

Thursday, 30 April 2009  
from **10.15 to 11.15**

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The meeting opened at 10.20 with Mr Raimon Obiols i Germà in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Chair's announcements**

As the meeting was in theory the delegation's last one before the end of the parliamentary term, the Chair thanked the members, the representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and the European Commission's representative for the effective cooperation and good work carried out during the term.

The Chair said that the new delegation for relations with Central America would most likely be formed at the end of September 2009, although as the Chair of the Conference of Delegation Chairs had suggested that the delegations might be formed in July after the elections, along with the parliamentary committees. This had not been agreed upon by the Conference of Presidents.

**In the presence of Mr Petros Mavromichalis, Head of Unit RE/R2 (Mexico & Central America) at the European Commission:**

**3. Presentation of report on the visit by a delegation working party to Honduras and Costa Rica (23-27 February 2009)**

The Chair presented a report on the mission carried out to Honduras and Costa Rica during the week 23-27 February 2009. The prospects of concluding the negotiations on the Association Agreement in the first half of 2009 were also discussed.

The reports were adopted as presented by the Chair.

**4. Exchange of views on the current state of negotiations on the EU-Central America Association Agreement**

The Chair gave the floor to the representative of the European Commission, Mr Mavromichalis, who updated the delegation on the state of negotiations between Central America and the EU on the Association Agreement.

Mr Mavromichalis highlighted the following points:

- On 23 and 24 April 2009 an informal meeting between the head negotiators had taken place in Brussels to break the stalemate, in which it had been decided to resume the negotiations on the Association Agreement.

- Nicaragua had pulled out of the negotiations at the beginning of April due to the lack of agreement on the part of Central America regarding the proposal for a common development fund of 60 billion Euros.

- During the informal meeting the previous week it had been decided to set up a bi-regional working group to examine the ways to create a financial mechanism for regional development and an ambitious work timetable, which included a heads of negotiators meeting in Prague on 14 May 2009 as well as a final round of negotiations during the week 6-10 July 2009.

The representative for the European Commission concluded his report by saying that an end to the negotiations in first half of the year was realistic.

An exchange of views was then held in which Ms Ayuso, the Chair and Mr Mavromichalis participated. El Salvador's elections, the possible impact of a new government on the negotiations and the prospects and conditions for establishing a common development fund in Central America were discussed. In response, El Salvador's ambassador, Mr Héctor González, said that he did not expect a change of direction on the part of the new government of El Salvador regarding policy towards the European Union and confirmed his country's commitment to concluding the negotiations on the Association Agreement in the first half of 2009.

## **5. Other business**

There was no other business.

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

The date of the next meeting was still to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 11.05.

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PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) Raimon Obiols i Germà (P)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter:
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
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Art. 183,3	Pilar Ayuso
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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρόν στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presenteel/Läsna/Närvarande den.

<p>Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convito do presidente/Puhemieshen kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan:</p> <p>Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)          Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Commissão/Kommissio/Kommissionen: (*)          MAVROMICHALIS; HUNDHAMMER          Cour des comptes:          C.E.S.:</p>		
<p>Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer          Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present          Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti          Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes          Muut osallistajat/Övriga deltagare</p>		<p>GONZALEZ URRUTIA, Embajador; VAQUERANO (Embajada El Salvador)          CHICAS (Embajada Guatemala)          CARPIO (Embajada Honduras)          MORALES, SOLANO (Embajada de Costa Rica)          GARCIA          CUSTODIO LOPEZ (CONADEH)          LAGOS (PARLACEN)          ROSSI (PARLATINO)</p>
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<p>Cab. Du Président</p>		
<p>Cab. Du Secrétaire Général</p>		
<p>Generaldirektorat          Generaldirektion          Γενική Διεύθυνση          Directorate-General          Dirección general          Direction générale          Direzione generale          Directoraat-generaal          Direcção general          Contrôle financier          Service juridique          Pääosasto          Generaldirektorat</p>	<p>I          II          III          IV          V          VI          VII</p>	
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