

*Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee***D-MX_PV (2012)2003_1****DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting of 20 March 2012, from 9.30 to 11.00

Brussels

The meeting opened at 9.35 on Tuesday, 20 March 2012, with the Chair, Ricardo Cortés Lastra, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 446.674)

The agenda was adopted without any changes.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 8 December 2011 (PE 446.672)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair began by reporting on the extraordinary meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights and of the Executive Bureau of the EuroLat Assembly, held in Mexico City from 21 to 23 February 2012. While in Mexico City, the Parliament delegation had also seized the opportunity to play an active role in the 'High-level seminar on fighting drug trafficking and organised crime'. The Chair praised the Mexican delegation, and especially its co-Chair José Guadarrama, for its excellent preparation and organisation of the meeting and the welcome extended to its European Parliament counterparts.

The Chair also announced that, in accordance with the importance attached to relations with Latin America by the President of Parliament, Mr Schulz was scheduled to visit

Mexico in mid-July 2012.

4. Exchange of views on the Mexican Presidency of the G20

The Chair began by emphasising the important role played by the G20 as a global governance forum uniting the world's main developed, emerging and developing economies. In the past few years, efforts had been made to give the G20 a robust parliamentary dimension so that heed would be paid to national and supranational parliaments when issues with international implications were under discussion.

On 24 February 2012, representatives of the different parliaments, who are known as the G20 'speakers', had met in Riyadh. The European Parliament had been represented by Vice-President Othmar Karas. Upon his return, he stressed the need to strengthen the G20's parliamentary dimension. More specifically, in order to enhance awareness of such meetings, it had been agreed that the Final Communiqué issued by the 'speakers' would be presented at the Summit of Heads of State and Government to be held in June 2012 in Los Cabos, Mexico.

Sandra Fuentes-Berain, Mexican Ambassador to the EU, took the floor to say that in the period since the first G20 summit was held in Washington in 2008, the body had become one of the most effective forums for tackling global problems. For its presidency of the G20, Mexico was seeking to make the most internationally of its position as a bridge between North America and Latin America, the Atlantic and the Pacific and between OECD members and developing countries. It had already taken steps in that regard, taking advantage of the informal and flexible style of the forum to invite Chile, Colombia, Cambodia and Benin to the G20, thus further increasing the number of countries represented. Similarly, Mexico had made a strong commitment to the dialogue opened up to other international organisations, civil society, the private sector, young people, NGOs and research centres. She was also pleased to hear that the G20 would be given a parliamentary dimension.

Regarding Mexico's priorities for its presidency of the G20, she drew attention firstly to the need for a return to economic stability in order to encourage growth. The second priority would be to strengthen financial systems and promote financial inclusion to kick start economic growth. In order to achieve that aim, Mexico's third priority was a reform of the international financial system, given the global, interconnected economy in which people now lived. The fourth objective was to promote food security and tackle price volatility in the raw materials markets. Lastly, Mexico was also working hard to ensure that sustainable development remained a key element of the G20's work, focussing here on the importance of infrastructure, energy efficiency, green growth and funding to tackle climate change. Mexico had therefore adopted an ambitious agenda, which aimed to respond not only to the most pressing short-term issues but also to longer-term concerns.

Florian Peter Kobele, Assistant to the EU G20 Sherpa, then took the floor. In order to clarify the EU's position within the G20, Mr Kobele said that the EU was a full member, represented at summits by President Barroso and President Van Rompuy. Thus far, G20 summits had been entirely focussed on the urgent need to find an adequate response to the economic and financial crisis. It was now important that the

focus of discussion moved gradually towards how to secure stable and lasting economic growth.

Mr Kobele also said that the EU's position at the Los Cabos Summit would generally be in line with the agenda of the Mexican Presidency. The key issue for the EU in the short-term was ensuring that the discussion which began under the French Presidency on securing additional funding for the International Monetary Fund would lead to an agreement in 2012. Secondly, the EU wanted to make sure that the Cannes Action Plan for Growth and Jobs continued to be implemented and achieved results. It was also important that the steps taken to reform the international financial markets would be sufficiently ambitious. The EU had been taking ambitious steps and encouraging others to do the same, but so far few countries had followed suit. The Los Cabos Summit was also a key opportunity to give political impetus to the issue of green and sustainable growth, particularly as the meeting would be held just before the United Nations Rio+20 Conference. The EU wanted trade to be a central topic of discussion at the Summit and hoped that clear statements would be issued against resorting to protectionist policies and in favour of pursuing progress on the Doha Development Agenda. Lastly, it was very encouraging that issues such as food security, the development agenda and youth unemployment were still on the agenda for the G20 summit in Los Cabos.

The following spoke: Gesine Meissner (ALDE, DE), Santiago Fisas Ayxela (EPP, ES), Satu Hassi (Verts/ALE, FI), José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (EPP, ES), Franziska Keller (Verts/ALE, DE) and Ricardo Cortés Lastra (S&D, ES).

5. Exchange of views on the forthcoming federal elections in Mexico on 1 July 2012

The Mexican Ambassador to the EU, Sandra Fuentes-Berain, gave an impartial presentation of the federal election process that Mexico would follow on 1 July 2012. New representatives would be elected to the following positions and bodies: the Head of State and Government for a six-year term without scope for re-election; all 128 Senators that would serve in the Upper House for a six-year term; all 500 members of parliament, the Lower House, for a three-year term; the Government of Mexico City; six state-level governments; 15 state congresses; and a large number of local authorities.

Elections in Mexico were organised by the Federal Electoral Institute, an independent constitutional body whose members were Mexican citizens who had no links to the political parties. The Institute's General Council had nine members who were either accepted or appointed by a qualified majority of members of Mexico's Lower House. There were currently seven national political parties in Mexico able to put forward candidates for election, either as representatives of a single party or as part of a coalition. In alphabetical order, the parties were: National Action Party (PAN); People's Movement Party (MC); New Alliance Party (PANAL); Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD); Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI); Labour Party (PT); Green Ecologist Party of Mexico (PVEM). Four candidates had been nominated by the parties for the role of Head of State and Government: Ms Josefina Vázquez Mota (by PAN); Mr Gabriel Quadri de la Torre (by PANAL); Mr Andrés Manuel

López Obrador (by PRD and supported by PT and MC); and Mr Enrique Peña Nieto (by PRI and supported by PVEM).

Between the time of their nomination and the official start of the electoral campaign on 30 March 2012, the candidates had been prohibited from publicising their plan for government or canvassing for votes.

The following spoke: Ricardo Cortés Lastra (S&D, ES), José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra (EPP, ES).

6. State of play of the preparations for the XIV Meeting of the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

The Chair said that efforts were being made to enable the next JPC meeting to be held in Hamburg on 2 and 3 May 2012, just prior to the meeting of the enlarged EuroLat Executive Bureau on 3 and 4 May 2012. If that was not possible, the meeting would be held on the same days but in Brussels.

Regardless of where the meeting would be held, the Chair asked members to play a full part in the XIV JPC because it would be the last meeting attended by the current members of the Mexican Delegation as they could not stand for re-election in the upcoming elections.

The Chair also proposed a number of report topics for the JPC meeting. He firstly suggested that a report be drawn up on the political and economic situation in Mexico and the EU. Given that it would also be the final JPC meeting attended by the current Mexican members, he suggested that a final report be drafted to assess the work undertaken by the JPC in recent years. The report could also include a broad overview of the various issues tackled by the JPC and set out guidelines to aid future work. Lastly, a third report could focus on human rights and the protection of human rights defenders, in the EU, Mexico and Latin America as a whole.

The EU Delegation would contact its Mexican counterparts to consider their proposals for other report topics to be included in the meeting agenda.

7. Other business

None.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair said that the date and place of the next meeting would be announced at a later date and that the meeting would definitely be used to prepare in detail the XIV JPC.

The meeting closed at 11.00.

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Juan Bosco Tinoco (Emb Mexico), Carmen Bernal Ledesma (Emb Mexico, Economic Affairs), Ella Lecry (Emb Mexico).

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Sandra Fuentes Berain (Ambassadeur)

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