



*Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of
Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)*

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 4 November 2009, from 15.00 to 17.00 h
BRUSSELS

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The meeting opened at 15.05 hrs with Mr Werner Langen in the (Chairman) Chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 429.753)

The draft agenda was adopted with no modifications.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 30 September 2009 (PE 429.748)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman informed Members about the following points:

An inter-parliamentary meeting between the European Parliament and the Senate of Malaysia will take place on 11 and 12 November 2009. The Malaysian delegation will be led by Mr Dató Wong Foon Meng, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Malaysian Senate. The Chairman reminds Members of the last mission of the European Parliament to Malaysia, which took place in February 2009, and draws the attention of Members to the draft programme and draft agenda for the inter-parliamentary meeting.

Furthermore, Members are informed about an introductory seminar on the work of the European Parliament that will be arranged on 27 November 2009 for a group of 70 diplomats from ASEAN countries. Members are kindly invited to meet the group if they so wish.

The attention of Members is also drawn to the planned inter-parliamentary meeting with the National Assembly of Vietnam, scheduled to take place on 1 December 2009. The Chairman informs Members about the draft programme and draft agenda.

4. Election of a representative to the High Level Group on Gender Mainstreaming

The Chairman instructs the secretariat to enquire which Members would be interested to volunteer for this task.

5. Briefing by the European Commission on the current state of EU - ASEAN relations

The Chairman invites the representatives of the European Commission to provide Members with an overview on the current state of relations between the European Union and the Member States of ASEAN.

Mr Seamus Gillespie (European Commission , DG Relex) makes a general introduction and underlines the following aspects:

- The ASEAN region is of strategic importance for the EU. The Nüremberg

Declaration outlines a number of activities towards increased cooperation between the European Union and ASEAN.

- Despite its very heterogeneous character, ASEAN Member States have made considerable progress in their integration efforts. Reference is made to the adoption of the ASEAN Charter and the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. Positive developments towards more democracy are very much supported by the EU.
- Concern is expressed about the poor human rights record and the problem of corruption in a number of countries.
- Progress report on negotiations concerning Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand and Brunei Darussalam.

Mr Peter Bertz (European Commission, DG Trade) informs Members on the state of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and ASEAN, noting that the region-to-region negotiations did not bring the expected results so far. Therefore, bilateral negotiations are being envisaged with a number of Member States of ASEAN, without putting the longer-term perspective of a regional agreement with ASEAN aside.

Mr Sean Doyle (European Commission Delegation in Hanoi) informed Members on the latest developments in relations between the European Union and Vietnam, and highlighted the following aspects:

- The country strategy paper for Vietnam is currently under revision.
- The EU and its Member States are among the leading donors of development assistance to Vietnam. Over € 700 million have been allocated in 2007 for poverty reduction measures.
- Negotiations on the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement are well advanced
- Vietnam benefits considerably from the European Union's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)
- Vietnam will assume the rotating chairmanship of ASEAN in 2010
- Concern remains on continued of human rights violations, in particular as regards freedom of expression and of religion.

Following Members participated in the subsequent debate: Csaba SOGOR, Barbara WEILER, Csaba ÖRY, Philippe CLAEYS and the Chairman.

6. Adoption of the working programme for 2010

The Chairman informed Members on the draft working programme envisaged for 2010, including the following activities:

- Inter-parliamentary meetings with Vietnam and Cambodia in March 2010
- Inter-parliamentary meetings with the Philippines and Thailand in November 2010

Furthermore, ad hoc delegations will probably be established to participate at the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Meeting (ASEP), and the meeting of the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Assembly (AIPA). The dates for these meetings have not been confirmed yet.

The draft programme of activities for 2010 is adopted as proposed.

7. Exchange of views with the Ambassadors of the member states of ASEAN on EU-ASEAN relations

H.E. Mr Dató Hussein Haniff, Ambassador of Malaysia, makes a short presentation on the current state of relations between the European Union and ASEAN, in his capacity as current Chairman of the ASEAN Brussels Committee. He highlights the following aspects: the adoption of the ASEAN Charta, the establishment of the ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights, the lack of progress on the EU-ASEAN negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement, and the conclusions of the 17th EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting of 27-29 May 2009 in Phnom Penh with the adopted Action Plan to further advance cooperation between ASEAN and the EU.

H.E. Mr Pisan Manawapat, Ambassador of Thailand (Member State which currently holds the rotating chairmanship of ASEAN) made reference to the strengthened role of the European Parliament when the Lisbon Treaty enters into force, to the progress in ASEAN integration achieved during the Thai Chairmanship, and to ongoing areas of cooperation in ASEAN (including measures to fight climate change, disaster management, emergency support, energy security, regional connectivity and infrastructure, and human development).

H. E. Mrs Christina G. Ortega, Ambassador of the Philippines, referred to the recent natural disasters that hit a number of Southeast Asian countries, to the issue of food security and to the forthcoming meeting of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Meeting (ASEP) in 2010.

8. Any other business

No observations.

9. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 11 and 12 November 2009 in Brussels on the occasion of the 7th EP-Malaysia Inter-parliamentary meeting.

The meeting closed at 17.00 h.

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