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MINUTES
of the meeting of 19 April 2011, from 15.15 to 16.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 15.15 on Tuesday, 19 April 2011, with Werner Langen (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 460.109)

The draft agenda was adopted without modification.

2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on 1 February 2011 (PE 453.703)

The draft minutes of the meeting on 1 February 2011 were adopted without modification.

3. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman informed Members that the next general elections in Thailand may be taking place on 3 July 2011, but this remained to be confirmed. It is expected that the new Thai Parliament and Government will be constituted in time for the planned official visit to Thailand, scheduled to take place on 31 October to 4 November 2011.

The Chairman also draws the attention of Members to a report on budget support that is being considered in the Committee on Development (rapporteur Mr Charles Goerens) and points out that the question of advantages and disadvantages of budget support has often been considered in the work of this delegation, mainly during official missions.

Last but not least, the Chairman informs Members about the forthcoming inter-parliamentary meeting with the Consultative Assembly of Indonesia, which is scheduled to take place on 11 May 2011 in Strasbourg.

4. Exchange of views with the EEAS on the current state of relations between the European Union and Laos, ahead of the elections in Laos on 30 April 2011

Before giving the floor to the representative of the EEAS, the Chairman recalled that Laos has a one-party system and has been a member of ASEAN since 1997. Laos participated as an observer in the negotiations between the EU and ASEAN on a region-to-region Free Trade Agreement. With one of the lowest income per capita levels in Asia, the Chairman pointed out that poverty reduction is the major priority in our development cooperation with Laos, with a total allocation of € 31 million having been committed between 2007 and 2010. Last but not least, the Chairman underlined that the new Country Strategy Paper 2007-2013 puts even more emphasis on budget support.

The representative of the EEAS, Mr Seamus Gillespie, gave an overview of the current political and economic developments in Laos, ahead of the forthcoming elections on 30 April 2011, and highlighted the progress the country has made towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, with an annual average growth in the last years of 7-8 %. Although still a one-party system, the Government has actively engaged with the EU in a human rights dialogue. One of the current objectives now is providing assistance to Laos for its accession to the WTO. It was also noted that China is increasingly present in the Laotian market.

The following Members participated in the subsequent exchange of views: Tarabella and the Chairman.

5. Update on the ongoing negotiations between the EU and Singapore on a Free Trade Agreement

The Chairman gave the floor to the representative of the European Commission, Mr Georg Röbling (DG TRADE), who informed Members on the state of affairs in the current negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Singapore. The negotiations are expected to be concluded by the end of 2011 and may set a threshold for other ongoing or forthcoming negotiations with ASEAN countries.

The Ambassador of Singapore, H.E. Mr Anil Kumar Nayar, also provided an overview of the progress achieved after six rounds of negotiations and pointed out that particular attention would be given to sustainable development, technical barriers to trade, transparency and procurement in the forthcoming round.

The following Members participated in the subsequent exchange of views, in particular on the question of financial services in these negotiations: Tarabella, Häfner and the Chairman.

6. Any other business

No observations

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on 14 June 2011 at 17.30 hrs in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 16.10.

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