



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

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of the meeting of 29 November 2012, from 10:00 to 12:00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.10 hrs on Thursday, 29 November 2012, with Werner Langen (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 497.272)

The draft agenda was adopted without modification.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2012 (PE 488.769)

The draft minutes were adopted without modification.

3. Chairman's announcements

As regards the working programme for 2013, the Chairman proposed an official visit to the Philippines in February and to Vietnam in November. Furthermore, as usual, the Bureau of the delegation would represent the European Parliament at the annual ASEAN Inter-parliamentary meeting, which in 2013 will take place in Brunei.

The proposed working programme was endorsed by Members.

Exchange of views with Ambassadors of Member States of ASEAN

4. Debriefing on the results of the following summits and meetings:

• **21st ASEAN summit and related summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 15-20/11/2012**

The Ambassador of Cambodia updated Members on the 21st ASEAN summit of 15-20 November 2012, which took place in Phnom Penh. In particular, the accession of

the European Union to the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation was highlighted, which is considered as an important milestone in further strengthening relations between the EU and ASEAN.

The Cambodian Ambassador also reported on the adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, and on progress achieved towards establishing an ASEAN Community by 2015.

- **Results of the ASEP (3-5/10/2012) and ASEM (5-6/11/2012) summits in Vientiane, Laos**

The new Ambassador of Laos reported on the main conclusions of the ASEM Summit meeting, which took place in Vientiane on 5-6 November 2012. The Ambassador underlined the importance of the ASEM and ASEP process for being the main regional dialogue platforms between Europe and Asia.

The representative of the EEAS noted that the EU was represented at the ASEM Summit at the highest level, and referred to some of summit topics, such as global governance, the sovereign debt crisis in some EU Member States, regional integration in Asia, and to the accession of the EU to the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation.

The Ambassador of Singapore welcomed the decision to host the next ASEM Summit in 2014 in Brussels.

Chairman Langen drew the attention of Members to the report by Mr Cutas on the participation of the European Parliament at the latest ASEP meeting, which took also place in Vientiane on 3-5 October 2012, and to the open question as to whether the European Parliament would be in a position, if considered appropriate, to host the ASEP 2014 meeting.

- **Results of the AIPA meeting of 17-20/09/2012 in Lombok, Indonesia**

The Chairman drew the attention of Members to the report of Mr Robert Goebbels, who represented the European Parliament at the latest meeting of the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Assembly in Lombok on 17-20 September 2012.

The Chairman underlined his support for Mr Goebbels' proposal to invite a delegation from AIPA to visit the European Parliament in 2013 and noted that he would seek the endorsement of the Conference of Presidents.

5. ASEAN Connectivity

The Ambassador of Thailand gave a comprehensive overview of the ASEAN vision of connectivity and the progress achieved so far. He underlined that if ASEAN were a single country, it would have the 9th largest economy, would be the 3rd most populous country, would be the 5th largest trading partner and among the world's top 10 in terms of foreign direct investment. The Ambassador went on to explain the different dimensions of ASEAN connectivity, namely physical connectivity and infrastructures, institutional connectivity and people-to-people links.

A lively debate followed the Ambassador's presentation, which focused mainly on the possibilities of European Union companies to participate in major ASEAN connectivity projects.

The Ambassadors of Thailand and Singapore, and the following Members participated in the exchange of views: Weiler, Sogor and the Chairman.

6. Exchange of views on regional security

Due to lack of time, this point was postponed to a next meeting.

7. Any other business

The Chairman enquired about the latest situation in the Rakhine State in Myanmar. The Counsellor of the Embassy of Myanmar updated Members about latest developments, underlined that violence had been committed by both communities, and noted that the riots could not be considered as religious persecution. He also pointed out his government's view that the Rohingia do not have the status of an ethnic group in Myanmar, and are considered immigrants.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 16 January 2013 in Strasburg.

The meeting closed at 18.05 hrs.

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