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MINUTES

of the meeting of 17 February 2011, from 10.00 to 11.30
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 10.15 on Thursday, 17 February 2011, with Emine Bozkurt (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted (PE 446.737).

2. Approval of minutes of meetings of

- **30 November 2010 (PE 446.735)**
- **6 December 2010 (PE 446.736)**

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed Members that the Conference of Presidents, at its meeting of 10 February, had decided to approve the DCAM working group visit to Costa Rica (immediately after the visit to Nicaragua).

In view of the fact that another visit to Costa Rica, of an institutional nature, was due to take place in 2012, the working group would only hold a few meetings with the Costa Rican Government, to discuss the most important and current topics: the border conflict between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the institutional situation within the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) and the EU-Central America association agreement.

4. Preparation of the DCAM Working Group visit to Nicaragua and Costa Rica (21-25 February 2011)

The Chair reminded Members that the draft programme for the working group visit was included in the folder which they had been given. The working group would consist of the Chair and the following Members: Inés Ayala (S&D), Agustín Díaz de Mera (PPE), Rosa Estarás (PPE) and Verónica Lope (PPE).

The Nicaraguan and Costa Rican Ambassadors, Lautaro Sandino Montes and Tomás Dueñas, respectively, expressed their satisfaction at the working group's visit, which they said would help to strengthen the links between the EU and Central America.

Speakers: Emine Bozkurt (Chair), Carlos Iturgaiz (Vice-Chair) and Ilda Figueiredo (Vice-Chair).

5. Report on the DCAM Working Group visit to El Salvador (19-21 July 2010)

The DCAM working group, chaired by Emine Bozkurt, Chair, and made up of Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE), Ilda Figueiredo (GUE/NGL), Boguslan Sonik (PPE), Edvard Kozusnik (CRE), Slavi Binev (NI), Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL) and Constanze Krehl (S&D), had visited El Salvador from 19 to 21 July 2010.

The Chair emphasised that the visit had coincided with the first anniversary of the investiture of President Mauricio Funes, of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front. (*Frente Farabundo Martí de Liberación Nacional*). His swearing-in in June 2009 had demonstrated the success of the transition to democracy after 20 years of uninterrupted government by the *Alianza Renovadora Nacional*.

The visit to El Salvador had included meetings with representatives of the government (the minister for external relations and the vice-minister for the economy), the parliament (National Assembly), the Supreme Electoral Court, the National Security Council and the regional integration bodies Parlacen and SIECA.

The debate focused on the rise in drug-trafficking and organised crime and the new perspectives for cooperation and political dialogue opened up by the EU-Central America association agreement signed in Madrid in May 2010.

6. Debate on the institutional situation within the SIECA

The Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) was a legally-registered regional technical body whose main role was to provide the Central American Integration System (SICA) with technical and administrative assistance relating to the process of Central American economic integration. The SIECA was headed by a Secretary-General appointed by the Council of Ministers for Economic Integration (COMIECO). On 16 December 2010, a document was drafted in Belize at the instigation of the foreign ministers of Guatemala and El Salvador, calling for the replacement of the SIECA

Secretary-General, Yolanda Mayora de Gaviria, from El Salvador, and urging the COMIECO to appoint Ernesto Torres Chico (also Salvadoran) in her place. The document was signed by the presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, and by the Nicaraguan minister for the economy; the following day it was also signed by the Costa Rican minister for foreign affairs, who had received it by fax.

According to the Costa Rican authorities, the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Trade was not consulted about the contents of the document, nor was it included in the draft agenda for the Presidents' meeting, nor was the matter formally recorded in the minutes. For all these reasons, Costa Rica considered the decision to be invalid and communicated this view to the foreign ministers and other members of COMIECO, requesting that it be annulled. On 13 January 2011 Yolanda Mayora de Gaviria presented her resignation as Secretary-General of SIECA. The same day, the Guatemalan minister for the economy called an urgent meeting of COMIECO, for 15.00 the same day, in Guatemala. In the absence of the Costa Rican minister for foreign trade and in the presence of the trade ministers of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, a decision was taken to accept the Secretary-General's resignation and appoint Mr Torres Chico in her place, as registered in Resolution 1-2011 (COMIECO). On 14 January 2011, Costa Rica sent another letter to the Central American trade ministers, rejecting the appointment of the new Secretary-General on the grounds that it was not legitimate, and requesting that the COMIECO be reconvened as soon as possible.

The ambassadors of Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador, Tomás Dueñas, Lautaro Sandino Montes and Edgar Hernán Varela, reaffirmed their position, regretting that the matter had gained international proportions and that Panama had suspended its membership of SIECA.

The Members belonging to DCAM had also expressed different views, with some of them considering that it was an issue solely concerning the Central American authorities, while others pointed to the extent of European cooperation (the EU ran major cooperation projects in Central America, channelled through SIECA, to a value of 36 million euros) and thought that the EU should be able to express its views on the matter.

Speakers: Emine Bozkurt (Chair), Carlos Iturgaiz (Vice-Chair), Ilda Figueiredo (Vice-Chair), Edvard Kozusnik and Raúl Romeva.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Delegation would take place on 20 April 2011, from 15.00 to 16.30, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 11.30.

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