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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 9 October 2013, from 17.00 to 18.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 17.10 on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2013**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair informed the Members that H.E. **Ms Vera Barrouin Machado** had been named Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the European Union.

Ambassador Vera Machado, who had recently presented her credentials to Mr José Manuel Barroso and Mr Herman Van Rompuy, had also expressed her willingness to develop closer cooperation between Brazil and the European Union in a letter addressed to EP President Martin Schulz.

The Chair also informed the Members that a delegation from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, chaired by **Mr Elmar Brok**, had visited Brazil in April and had been in contact with the Legislature (Senate and Chamber) and the Executive (Foreign Affairs and Defence Ministers and the Vice-Minister of Commerce).

The objectives of the visit had included: Exchanging points of view on the state of EU-Mercosur negotiations regarding the future Association Agreement; following up the decisions of the EU-Brazil Summit of January 2013; evaluating the BRICS Summit hosted in Durban; and promoting interparliamentary cooperation in the broadest sense.

The Brazilian authorities had reaffirmed that they, together with their Mercosur partners, intended to submit an offer in the negotiations with the EU before the end of 2013. The parliamentary branches (Senate and Chamber) had expressed an interest in strengthening and institutionalising dialogue with the EP.

#### **4. Report on visit by DMER working group to Uruguay and Argentina (29 April 2013 to 3 May 2013)**

The Chair presented the outcome of the DMER working group visit to Uruguay and Argentina which had taken place from 29 April to 3 May 2013, highlighting the following points:

The visit had been politically well-timed, as it took place three months after the first Summit meeting of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the EU, held in Santiago de Chile on 26-27 January 2013. This summit had encouraged the EU and Mercosur to continue with the negotiations towards the AA and had supported the decision by the Europeans and the Mercosur countries to move ahead to the exchange of trade offers scheduled for the last quarter of 2013.

As a result, this topic had headed the agenda at the cordial meetings with Uruguayan and Argentinian representatives. The former had expressed unreserved support for the AA, whereas the latter had continued to insist on the need for reciprocal trade concessions in order to reach a complete and balanced agreement.

Such an agreement would send out a clear message rejecting trade protectionism, which had been fed by the crisis, and would make a significant contribution towards international economic recovery. The impact on the EU-Mercosur AA of a possible EU-US trade and investment agreement had been considered, as had the role of the Pacific Alliance and China. Lastly, 2014 would see the election of a new EP, and there was no guarantee of support for an AA among future MEPs. Political commitment to the rapid conclusion of the agreement was now more important than ever.

Mention had been made of the common historical and cultural background and shared values and principles of the two regions as being factors favouring completion of the Agreement, added to the fact that the AA was not just trade-based but had political and cooperation components. There had also been discussion of parliamentary diplomacy and the need for the EP and Parlasur to provide political backup to the AA negotiating rounds.

**Speakers:** MEPs Jean-Pierre **Audy** (PPE) and Luis **Yáñez Barnuevo**, Chair.

**5. Preparation for the visit by DMER working group to Brazil (28 October 2013 to 31 October 2013)**

The President informed the Members that the draft programme of the working group's visit and the list of participants had been made available.

The draft programme had been drawn up in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Brasilia, which would provide support during the visit, and assistance by the Brazilian Mission to the EU had been requested, in order to confirm the meetings planned in the programme.

Regarding the main current topic of bilateral relations – the exchange of offers in the context of negotiations for the conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement, scheduled for the end of 2013 – the agenda was fundamentally **political**, involving meetings with the highest governmental and legislative authorities in Brazil, and **economic**, with meetings in Brasilia and Recife. There would also be an opportunity to exchange points of view with academics and civil society representatives.

Consequently, bearing in mind that the working group visit to Brazil would take place only a few weeks before the exchange of offers, the Chair proposed that the **official message** to be transmitted to the Brazilian authorities and business leaders should be coherent with the position reiterated by this Delegation and the European Parliament on several occasions, expressing support for the development of Association Agreement negotiations and the above-mentioned exchange of offers, and underlining our intention of being closely involved in all the phases of the negotiations, in order to rapidly conclude a **comprehensive, balanced and ambitious** agreement.

**Speakers:** MEPs Edite **Estrela** (S&D), Jean-Pierre **Audy** (PPE), Petru **Luhan** (PPE) and George **Cutas** (S&D).

**6. Date and place of the next meeting**

The Chair announced that the next delegation meeting would take place on Thursday, 13 February 2014.

The meeting closed at 17.50

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