



Delegation for relations with Mercosur countries

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 1 February 2010, 16.30 - 18.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 16.45 on Monday, 1 February 2010, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the Chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 430.016v02-00)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2009 (PE 420.885v01-00)

The minutes were approved.

3. Updated calendar for the Delegation for 2010

The Chair informed the members about the delegation's draft updated calendar for 2010. He suggested that the visit by a working group to Brazil, due to take place during the turquoise week of 24-28 May, should also include Argentina since it held the *pro tempore* Mercosur Presidency in the first half of 2010. The Chair's proposal was approved by the members.

4. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed the members that the delegation's request to have its name changed to the Delegation for relations with Mercosur countries had been approved at the sitting of 18 January.

The Chair stated that on the same date the EP had also approved the EPP Group's

request to appoint Mr Nuno Teixeira (PT) as a member of the delegation to replace Mr Albert Deß (DE).

He reminded the members that after various postponements the Brazilian Senate had on 15 December 2009 ratified Venezuela's accession to Mercosur, which meant that Venezuela's full membership of the block needed only to be ratified by the Paraguayan Congress.

The Chair also informed the members about his visit to Montevideo, Uruguay from 29 November to 2 December 2009, which included a speech to the Plenary of the Mercosur Parliament (Parlasur), meetings with its President and with one of its Vice-Presidents, participation in a ceremony to commemorate the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, organised by the European Union Delegation in Uruguay, and participation in the seminar 'Mercosur-European Union: a strategic agreement?', organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

5. Outlook for relaunch of EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement negotiations in 2010. Exchange of views with:

- **Argentina's Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. Mr Jorge Remes Lenicov, on behalf of Argentina's *pro tempore* Mercosur Presidency**
- **Deputy Director-General of DG RELEX, European Commission, Mr Stefano Sannino**

Ambassador Remes Lenicov summarised the negotiations between Mercosur and the EU up until the negotiations on the Partnership Agreement had stalled in 2004 because of irreconcilable differences over the trade chapter and because of its positions in relation to the WTO's Doha Round.

He stressed that the Argentinian Presidency of Mercosur and the Spanish Presidency of the EU had expressed their political will to relaunch the Partnership Agreement negotiations during their mandates. He concluded by saying that if fundamental progress were made at the next exploratory meetings at a technical level, at the EU-Mercosur summit in Madrid it might be possible to formally declare the resumption of the negotiations.

The Deputy Director-General of DG RELEX in the European Commission, Mr Sannino, also underlined the political will of the Presidencies of both blocks to relaunch the Partnership Agreement negotiations, as illustrated by the recent meeting between the First Vice-President and Minister of Presidency of the Spanish Government, Mrs María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, and the President of Argentina, Mrs Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, in Argentina.

Mr Sannino stated that the stagnation of the Doha Round negotiations was now encouraging bilateral and biregional trade negotiations. He added that the EU was only interested in concluding with Mercosur an agreement that was balanced yet ambitious, and that agreement could not cover any fewer areas than others already concluded by the EU. He ended by saying that the political negotiations of the Partnership Agreement could only be resumed if the conditions for concluding it existed, since another failure would be disastrous.

His speech was followed by an exchange of views between the guests and members of the delegation.

Speakers: Pilar Ayuso, Ilda Figueiredo, Britta Thomsen and the Chair.

6. Other business

None.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting would take place from 9.00 to 10.30 on Thursday, 18 March 2010 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 18.00.

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Jorge Remes Lenicov, Ambassador of Argentina to the EU, Presidency Pro Tempore of Mercosur Stefan Sannino, European Commission (F)

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