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MINUTES

of the meeting of 13 September 2010, 16.30-18.00
Brussels

The meeting opened on Monday, 13 September 2010 at 16.30, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (delegation Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 432.112v03-00)

Adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 3 May 2010 (PE 432.117v01-00)

Approved.

3. Election of second Deputy Chair

The PPE group proposed Jean-Pierre Audy for the post of second Deputy Chair of the delegation. Mr Audy accepted the proposal, and was elected by show of hands.

4. Appointment of a delegation representative for gender issues

The delegation appointed Edite Estrela as its representative for gender issues.

5. Announcements by the Chair

The Chair introduced the main findings of the delegation working group which had visited Brazil (Brasília) and Argentina (Buenos Aires) from 24 to 28 May 2010. The meetings with the Brazilian and Argentinian government authorities and with parliamentarians from both countries had focused primarily on the relaunch of the negotiations for the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement, as decided in the week prior to the visit at the Madrid summit. Other subjects raised had included the forthcoming International Conference on Climate Change in Cancún, the need for the EU and Latin America to put forward a joint position on the subject, the economic and financial crisis and its impact on both regions, and the need to establish a new international political and financial order to deal with the challenges of a multipolar world.

The Chair went on to inform the meeting that on 22 June 2010 he had received a group of members of the Paraguayan delegation to PARLASUR, headed by that delegation's Chair, Alfonso González Núñez. The discussion had centred on the relaunch of the negotiations for the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement: the Paraguayan delegation had provided information on its initiatives in favour of creating a permanent Mercosur court of justice and setting up a delegation within PARLASUR for relations with the EP. The Chair also referred to the invitation extended by the Paraguayan guests to the delegation to visit their country during the first half of 2011, during which time Paraguay would hold the Mercosur presidency.

Finally, the Chair announced that the EP's Subcommittee on Human Rights had invited him to deliver the closing speech at the hearing on 'The fight against impunity: the case of Argentina', which would be held on 30 September 2010 and was open to delegation members' participation.

6. Approval of programme of activities for 2011

The programme was adopted. It included three visits, to be carried out during 'turquoise weeks', to:

- Brazil, 25 to 29 April 2011;
- Paraguay, 16 to 18 May 2011;
- Uruguay and the Mercosur Parliament, 31 October to 4 November 2011 (visit originally planned for the 2010 activity programme).

7. EU-Mercosur Association Agreement: stage reached in the negotiations following the 29 June - 2 July 2010 round in Buenos Aires. Exchange of views with:

- **the Brazilian Ambassador to the EU, H.E. Ricardo NEIVA TAVARES, on behalf of the Brazilian pro tempore Presidency of Mercosur;**
- **Stefano Sannino, Assistant Director-General of the Commission's DG RELEX;**

- **Matthias Jorgensen, Assistant Head of the Commission's unit for trade relations with Latin America (DG TRADE)**

8. EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership: stage reached following the 14 July 2010 summit in Brasilia. Exchange of views with:

- **the Brazilian Ambassador to the EU, H.E. Ricardo NEIVA TAVARES,**
- **Stefano Sannino, Assistant Director-General of the Commission's DG RELEX**

On the request of the Brazilian Ambassador to the EU, Ricardo Neiva Tavares, as accepted by the Chair, items 7 and 8 were taken together.

On item 7, Ambassador Tavares said that, with the economic changes since 2004, the paradigm for trade negotiations had shifted from an approach focused largely on the dyad market access//protectionism to one prioritising the search for complementarity in the trade relationship, leading to concrete benefits for the economies and peoples of both regions. He added that it was important not to repeat what happened in 2004 and ensure that the parties could reach an agreement on the nature of the balance needed in terms of mutual concessions on access to markets under the trade pillar.

On item 8, the Ambassador stressed that the establishment of the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership had given a significant impetus to a bilateral diplomatic relationship grounded in five centuries of history. The Brasilia summit had witnessed an exchange of views by the parties on the most urgent issues on the international agenda, notably the efforts to overcome the economic crisis, climate change (with particular reference to the preparations for the Cancún conference), the reform of the international financial institutions, and the WTO Doha round. On the bilateral level, the summit had seen the signing of two agreements between Brazil and the EU relating to aviation, as well as the launch of two key initiatives in the field of triangular cooperation: the joint declaration by Brazil, the EU and Mozambique on the Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Bioenergy, and the letter of intent signed by Brazil's Supreme Electoral Tribunal and the Commission on cooperation in electoral processes.

Stefano Sannino, Assistant Director-General of the Commission's DG RELEX, said that the relaunch of the negotiations for the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement - a decision taken at the highest level - represented an important political signal regarding the need to fight trade protectionism. He reiterated the EU's commitment to concluding a balanced and far-reaching agreement with Mercosur: this agreement would, he believed, give rise to substantial economic and social benefits for both regions and would contribute to the recovery of the world economy. With regard to the agreement's chapters on political dialogue and cooperation, the Commission was now working on updating the texts to take account of the institutional changes arising from the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon. This updating of the EU's positions should not require any changes to the negotiating guidelines received by the Commission from the Council.

Mr Sannino believed that the Brasília summit had underlined the firm commitment of both parties to working together on the key issues on the international agenda, wherever possible via the adoption of joint positions in international forums. Encouraging results had been achieved in the sectoral political dialogues, notably in the areas of the environment, scientific research and technology, the information society and academic exchanges: the various initiatives taken should impact positively on social cohesion.

Matthias Jorgensen, Assistant Head of Unit at the Commission's DG TRADE, said that the conclusion of a trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur would create the world's biggest free trade area, with major economic benefits for both parties. The EU had a major interest in concluding such an agreement, from the viewpoint not only of its overall strategy of strengthening economic ties with the Union's main trading partners but also of the regional approach which had already borne fruit in the conclusion of the agreements with the countries of Central America and with Colombia and Peru.

Mr Jorgensen added that the Buenos Aires round had seen the establishment of a number of working groups, and that it had been agreed to exchange documents before the next round of negotiations. He concluded by stressing the need to ensure a positive negotiating atmosphere and expressing the hope that Commissioner De Gucht's visit, in the same week as the meeting, to Brazil and Argentina would act as a appreciable stimulus for the negotiations.

An exchange of views followed between the guests and the delegation members.

The following spoke: Edite Estrela, Rui Tavares, Capoulas Santos, Jean-Pierre Audy and the Chair.

9. Other business

None.

10. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Brussels, on 25 October 2010 between 16.30 and 18.00.

The meeting closed at 18.15.

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