

*Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries***DMER_PV(2011)0414****MINUTES**
of the meeting of 14 April 2011, from 10.00 to 12.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.15 on Thursday, 14 April 2011, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 446.706v01)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2011 (PE 446.701v01)

The minutes were approved.

3. Exchange of views with Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht, on the state of trade negotiations on the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement

Commissioner De Gucht first highlighted the political and economic benefits which would arise from conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement. He emphasised that Mercosur was a large, dynamic and relatively protected market. He added that the bloc had not signed any trade agreement with the EU's competitors and that the EU invested more heavily in Mercosur than in all of the other BRIC countries put together.

The Commissioner went on to inform Members that the negotiations had addressed the legislative part of the agreement, particularly with respect to rules of origin, trade defence instruments, competition, public contracts, services and investment. He also said that he hoped the parties would soon be able to move ahead to a simultaneous exchange of market access offers. With reference to this, the Commissioner stressed

that the framing of the European offer would evidently take into account those topics which were economically sensitive to the EU, especially where agriculture was concerned. Nevertheless, he stressed that the European offer would also have to be far-reaching, so that the Mercosur offer could in turn accommodate Europe's active trade interests.

An exchange of views then took place between the Commissioner and Members.

Speakers: José Ignacio Salafranca, Edite Estrela, Jean-Pierre Audy, Catherine Grèze, Helmut Scholz, Michel Dantin and the Chair.

4. Exchange of views with the Brazilian Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. Ricardo Neiva Tavares and with Alfredo Valladão, professor at the Paris Institute of Political Sciences and Chair of the EU-Brazil Association Advisory Council, on the political and economic situation in Brazil and its relations with the EU

Ambassador Neiva Tavares pointed to Brazil's marked economic growth in recent years, which had made the country more resistant to the world financial crisis, as well as making it possible to significantly reduce social inequalities and unemployment.

He went on to draw attention to Brazil's efforts to improve regional integration in South America, mainly through its support for the strengthening of Mercosur and the consolidation of UNASUR. Mr Neiva Tavares also said that Brazil's position was in favour of multilateralism and a multipolar world, and drew attention to the progress made in terms of South-South dialogue, emphasising that this was not a challenge to historical relationships with Europe but should be seen as complementary to them.

The Ambassador also referred to the dynamism of bilateral trade relations, pointing out that the EU was Brazil's main trade partner and that trade exchanges between both parties had increased by 30 % during the last year.

Professor Valladão expressed the view that bilateral relations should not concentrate on matters of trade policy, although these needed to be regulated, for legal reasons, between the EU and Mercosur. He went on to emphasise that South American regional integration, strengthening of South-South dialogue and achieving permanent membership of the UN Security Council were the key priorities of Brazil's foreign policy.

Professor Valladão stressed that, although it was important, the bilateral relationship with the EU was only one of several pivots of Brazil's foreign policy. He outlined the areas which should be given special attention within the bilateral relationship, with a view to revitalising it. These included food security, energy, infrastructure, industry, world governance, the fight against drug trafficking and organised crime, and triangular cooperation with Africa.

An exchange of views then took place between the guest speakers and Members.

Speakers: Jean-Pierre Audy, Edite Estrela, Ilda Figueiredo, Bernadette Vergnaud and

the Chair.

5. Updated 2011 programme of delegation activities

As proposed by the Chair, the Members approved the updated 2011 programme of delegation activities. The only change to the programme, which was approved at the meeting of 13 September 2010, was the addition of a visit to Paraguay on 3-4 November 2011. This meant that in week 44, reserved for external parliamentary activities, a delegation working party would visit Uruguay and the Mercosur Parliament from 31 October to 2 November and Paraguay from 3 to 4 November.

6. Other business

The Chair informed Members that at 11.30 on 20 April 2011, Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs would be holding an exchange of views with Ambassador Ana Paula Zacarias, who had recently been appointed Head of the EU Delegation to Brazil.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the delegation would take place on 16 June 2011, from 9.30 to 11.00, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 12.15.

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Alfredo Valladao (Profesor Science Po, Paris) , De Gucht (Comisario TRADE), Ricardo Neiva Tavares (Embajador Brasil)

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