



Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries

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of the 1st EU-Brazil interparliamentary meeting of 6 July 2011, from 16.30 to 18.00
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 16.40 on Wednesday, 6 July 2011, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García, Chair of the EU-Mercosur Delegation, and Carlos Leréia, Chair of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies' Committee on External Relations and National Defence, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Exchange of views with a delegation from the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies' Committee on External Relations and National Defence

Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo recalled that it had been agreed to hold the present EU-Brazil interparliamentary meeting at the meeting held in Brasilia on 27 April 2011 between the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies' Committee on External Relations and National Defence and a working party from the EP Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries, on the occasion of the latter's visit to Brail.

He went on to emphasise that the purpose of the meeting was to formally establish a regular, structured dialogue between the EP and the Brazilian Congress, as provided for in the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership Joint Action Plan and supported by Parliament's recommendation to the Council of 12 March 2009 on such partnership.

The Chair added that the present meeting should also help add a decisive political impetus to the completion of a wide-ranging, ambitious and balanced association agreement between the EU and Mercosur, bearing in mind that it coincided with the sixth round of negotiations in Brussels.

In order to establish and consolidate regular, structured parliamentary dialogue between Parliament and the Brazilian Congress, the Chair said that he would be proposing that a specific working party for relations with Brazil be set up within the EP Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries, with a view to holding annual interparliamentary meetings in either the EU or Brazil.

Finally, Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo outlined and gave his views on the EU-Mercosur association agreement negotiations and the bilateral strategic partnership and invited the Brazilian members of parliament to tell their European counterparts about Brazil's foreign policy and defence priorities.

Carlos Leréia emphasised that both Government and opposition members of parliament agreed on the importance of the EU-Mercosur association agreement and said he was optimistic that it would soon be signed. He stressed that the trade chapter of the agreement would help to consolidate the economies of the Mercosur countries.

An exchange of views was then held between Members of the delegation and their Brazilian counterparts in which, in addition to discussing various aspects of the association agreement - with particular emphasis on the trade component - a number of other topics were addressed: environmental and energy challenges, scientific and technological cooperation, migration, the international economic and financial crisis and its impact in their respective regions, and the reform of the international financial institutions and the system of world governance.

Speakers: Nuno Melo, Ilda Figueiredo, Catherine Grèze, Jürgen Klute, Rui Tavares, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Vittorio Prodi (European Parliament), Arlindo Chinaglia (Brazilian Chamber of Deputies), Benedita da Silva (Brazilian Chamber of Deputies), Bernadette Vergnaud, Nuno Teixeira (European Parliament) and the Co-chairs.

Decision: After the debate, the members proposed the creation of a permanent forum to strengthen parliamentary dialogue between the EP and the Brazilian Congress.

3. Date and place of next meeting

Mr Yáñez-Barnuevo said that the next ordinary meeting of the delegation would take place on 22 September 2011, from 9.00 to 10.00, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 18.15.

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