



Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 22 March 2012, from 9.15 to 10.45
Brussels

The meeting opened at 9.20 on Thursday, 22 March 2012, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 474.343v03)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meetings of 22 March 2011 (PE 446.790), 6 April 2011 (PE 474.342) and 14 April 2011 (PE 446.710)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair reminded Members that following the latest ordinary meeting of the Delegation, Parliament had ratified in plenary the appointment as full members of the Delegation of Esther Herranz García (PPE/ES), replacing Pilar Ayuso; Wolfgang Kreiss-Dörfler (S&D/DE), replacing Vittorio Prodi; and Ana Miranda (Verdes/ALE/ES), replacing Oriol Junqueras Vies. He also said that the political groups had nominated Petru Constantin Luhan (PPE/RO), Inês Cristina Zuber (EUE/EVN/PT) and Helmut Scholz (EUE/EVN/DE) as substitute members of the Delegation.

The Chair then welcomed the new members of the Delegation.

4. **State of negotiations towards the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement following the 12 to 16 March 2012 round of talks in Brussels. Exchange of views with:**
- **Alejandra Ayuso, interim chargée d'affaires to the European Union, , on behalf of Argentina's *pro tempore* Presidency of Mercosur**
 - **Alessandro Palmero, deputy Head of the Mercosur Division, European External Action Service**
 - **Gaspar Frontini, Head of Unit, Trade Relations with Latin America, DG Trade at the Commission**

Ms Ayuso said that in spite of the international financial crisis, trade exchanges between the two regions had increased. She pointed out that the bulk of exports from Mercosur to the EU was made up of agricultural products, whereas exports from the EU to Mercosur were mainly manufactured goods, a situation which defined each region's offensive and defensive interests. She added that Mercosur had clearly indicated its flexibility by accepting the inclusion in the negotiations of a significant group of trade issues, specifically relating to public procurement and technical and health requirements. Finally, she emphasising Argentina's commitment to concluding a balanced and far-reaching association agreement. She considered that the agreement needed to take into account not only the special characteristics of each side's sensitive economic sectors, but also the asymmetries between Mercosur and the EU.

Mr Palmero said that conclusion of the association agreement was an ongoing priority for the EU, as it would bring substantial reciprocal political and economic benefits. The previous week's round of negotiations had been a transitional one and, as such, the EU's expectations as to its outcome were realistic. Having said this, Mr Palmero told Members that three articles had been finalised belonging to the agreement's political and cooperation chapters, and progress had been made in discussing other articles. In conclusion, he emphasised that apart from the trade-related articles and the final provisions, a group of particularly sensitive articles covering migration, non-proliferation, climate change and the environment (the last two being linked to the Rio+20 Conference) would also be concluded towards the end of the negotiations.

Mr Frontini said that as far as the trade pillar was concerned, the negotiations had so far centred on the enacting terms of the agreement. He added that the latest round had seen progress made in several working groups, particularly services and establishment, settlement of disputes, public procurement and rules of origin. He also told Members that the head negotiators had discussed matters relating to trade in goods, trade defence instruments and sustainable development, with a view to clarifying positions and expectations. Mr Frontini indicated that no date had as yet been set for an exchange of offers, but that the Commission's work was aimed at achieving this by next summer. In conclusion, he said that if the negotiations were not concluded by the end of the year, the next EU-CELAC summit in Santiago de Chile at the end of January 2013 could be crucial to their conclusion or to creating the final political impetus needed.

Speakers: Esther Herranz García, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Edite Estrela, Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jean-Pierre Audy and the Chair.

5. Other business

There was none.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Delegation would take place on 31 May 2012, from 9.00 to 11.15, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 10.55.

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