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MINUTES

of the meeting of 31 May 2012, from 9.15 to 10.45
Brussels

The meeting opened at 9.20 on Thursday, 31 May 2012, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 474.347v03)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meetings of 24 May 2011 (PE 474.346) and 16 June 2011 (PE 474.348)

The minutes were approved.

3. State of EU-Paraguay bilateral relations, following the meeting of the EU-Paraguay Joint Committee on 23 April 2012, in Asuncion, and of EU-Uruguay bilateral relations, following the meeting of the EU-Uruguay Joint Committee on 20 March 2012, in Brussels. Exchange of views with the Ambassador of Paraguay to the EU, Mario Sandoval, the Ambassador of Uruguay to the EU, Walter Cancela, and with the Director for the Americas of the European External Action Service, Tomás Duplá del Moral

Ambassador Sandoval stressed that bilateral relations were excellent, following last year's high-level visits by President Lugo to the EU, by Commissioner de Gucht to Paraguay, by a delegation of Paraguayan members of parliament to the European Parliament and by the Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries to Paraguay. He welcomed the EU's decision to appoint an ambassador to Paraguay in the second half of 2012. Concerning economic relations, Ambassador Sandoval urged

the EU to increase its trade and investment flows with Paraguay and pointed out that the EU's investment in the country was about half that of the United States, which made it only the eighth largest investor in Paraguay. Addressing bilateral cooperation, the ambassador highlighted the pivotal role of EU development aid, particularly in combating poverty and promoting education, economic integration and tax reform, and went on to say that he hoped Paraguay would be able to continue benefiting from the EU's generalised system of preferences (GSP+) after 2013. Finally, the Ambassador expressed reserved optimism in relation to the conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement, noting that both parties were making efforts to achieve a convergence of positions between two different systems of regional integration.

Ambassador Cancela spoke about political, economic and social developments in Uruguay since the 2002 crisis, outlining the structural reforms which had been carried out, particularly those relating to economic and financial legislation. He went to remark on the excellent state of bilateral trade relations and investment flows, reflected by the fact that the EU was Uruguay's second biggest trade partner. Nevertheless, the ambassador expressed concern that if Uruguay were to be excluded from the generalised system of preferences (GSP+) after 2013, this could have a potentially damaging impact. Referring to development cooperation, and after highlighting the importance of EU support for territorial integration and innovation, Ambassador Cancela expressed concern about the future, if the EU were to confirm its decision to use GDP as the sole criterion for determining the beneficiaries of the new development cooperation instrument. In conclusion, Ambassador Cancela said that he was realistically optimistic about the conclusion of the Association Agreement, and believed that the short-term problems, such as the financial crisis in the EU or the current difficulties in the relationship between the EU and Argentina, were obstacles which could be overcome in the interests of the agreement's significant long-term benefits.

Mr Duplá del Moral noted that in both Joint Committees the parties had reaffirmed their commitment to reaching a far-reaching, balanced and ambitious agreement. In relation to Paraguay, he emphasised that bilateral political relations were healthy and that a window of opportunity existed for increasing EU investment in the country. In terms of bilateral cooperation, he said EU support was making a major contribution to the ambitious reform programme being carried out by the Paraguayan Government, adding that the EU intended to continue providing development aid to Paraguay during the next financial period. With reference to Uruguay, Mr Duplá del Moral stressed the importance of President Mujica's visit to the EU last year and the regular visits made by high-ranking EU officials to Uruguay. He went on to note the convergence of positions between the EU and Uruguay in multilateral fora, particularly on climate change and matters relating to human rights (in the context of the Uruguayan presidency of the UN Human Rights Council). Mr Duplá del Moral also drew attention to the satisfactory state of bilateral investment flows and trade relations and noted the growing importance of bilateral cooperation in industrial, scientific and research-related matters. In conclusion, he offered his assurance that the approach proposed by the new 'agenda for change' would not interrupt the EU's ongoing cooperation with Uruguay in areas of mutual interest such as the development of innovative technologies, climate change and trade facilitation.

Speakers: Jean-Pierre Audy, Bernadette Vergnaud, Edite Estrela, Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, Esther Herranz García, Helmut Scholz and the Chair.

4. Other business

Esther Herranz García raised the question of the forthcoming delegation working group visit to Argentina (16-20 July 2012), in the light of recent events which had marred bilateral relations: namely, the expropriation of Repsol's majority stake in the Argentinian company YPF, Parliament's subsequent adoption of a resolution on the legal security of European investments outside the EU and the WTO procedure launched by the EU against Argentina in relation to import restrictions imposed by the latter country. Following discussion, it was decided at the Chair's proposal to further address the matter at the next meeting of the delegation, when a final decision on the proposed visit could be taken on the basis of developments over the coming weeks and the confirmation of meetings which had been requested with Argentinian Government authorities and members of parliament.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Delegation would take place on 10 July 2012, from 10.15 to 12.30, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 11.00.

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Walter Cancela, Embajador de Uruguay ante la UE; Mario Sandoval, Embajador de Paraguay ante la EU; Tomás Duplá del Moral , Director para las Américas del Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior

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