

**DMER_PV(2012)1207****MINUTES**

of the extraordinary meeting of 12 July 2012, from 10.00 to 11.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.00 on Thursday, 12 July 2012, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 474.352v01)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Exchange of views on the situation in Paraguay with:

- **H.E. the Ambassador of Paraguay to the EU, Mario Sandoval**
- **the Managing Director for the Americas of the European External Action Service, Christian Leffler**

O Sr. Mr Sandoval regretted the decisions taken by Unasur and Mercosur to suspend Paraguay's membership of those organisations and emphasised that his government held the view that these decisions infringed the terms of the treaties regulating their operation. The Ambassador said that Paraguay had presented an appeal to the Mercosur Standing Review Tribunal seeking to annul the suspension and the decision by the other three Mercosur member countries to admit Venezuela as a full member of the group. Regarding the removal of President Lugo, the Ambassador maintained that the dismissal procedure provided in the Paraguayan constitution had been followed. Whatever the case, he admitted that there was room for different legal opinions as to whether the President had been allowed sufficient time to prepare his defence under the dismissal procedure, in line with the principle of due process. In this respect, he informed the meeting that the former President's lawyers had appealed to Paraguay's Supreme Court of Justice against the Senate's decision and that a ruling would be made within two months' time.

Mr Leffler began by reminding members of the declaration made on 23 June 2012 on

behalf of the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs, in which she expressed her concern at the political developments in Paraguay, declared her support for the Paraguayan people and called on all parties to respect the people's democratic wishes. Mr Leffler informed the meeting that the ambassadors of the EU Member States represented in Asunción and the EU's chargé d'affaires had held consultations with the main political players and other interested parties and were closely monitoring political developments in Paraguay. He went on to express satisfaction at President Schulz' statement on Paraguay at the start of the previous week's part-session and the subsequent decision by Parliament's Conference of Presidents to authorise a DMER delegation Working Group visit to Paraguay to assess the situation *in situ*.

Mr Leffler noted the varying stances taken by regional organisations in relation to Paraguay and, in particular, the severe response of Unasur and Mercosur and the more prudent approach of the Organisation of American States (OAS) Nevertheless, he emphasised the consensus within these organisations as to the need to avoid adopting measures which could affect the wellbeing of the Paraguayan people. He added that the EU was continuing to provide development aid to Paraguay. Finally, after stressing that the EU was still fully committed to concluding an Association Agreement with Mercosur, Mr Leffler recognised that the recent developments in the South American bloc had added a further challenge to the negotiating process.

Speakers: Jürgen Klute, María Muñoz de Urquiza, Jean-Pierre Audy, Ana Miranda, Nuno Melo **and the Chair.**

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3. Preparations for the Working Group visit to Paraguay (16-18 July 2012)

The Chair stressed that given the political situation in Paraguay and the region as a whole and bearing in mind that neither Parliament nor the EU had adopted a definitive position on the matter, the Working Group should be guided by the cautious statements issued by President Schulz and the High Representative. The Chair also noted that the Working Group had a duty to scrupulously observe its mandate from the Conference of Presidents to engage with Paraguay's main political, legislative, economic and social players in order to assess the political situation on the ground and subsequently apprise Parliament of its conclusions.

After reminding members of the main rules of the implementing provisions governing the activities of delegations, the Chair noted that these rules should be rigorously observed during the mission.

Speakers: María Muñoz de Urquiza, Ana Miranda, Jürgen Klute, Jean-Pierre Audy **and the Chair.**

At the end of the discussion, the members reached a consensus as to which Paraguayan representatives to meet with during the visit and the programme was approved. The members congratulated the secretariat on having managed to present a broad and balanced agenda within a short period of time.

4. Other business

There was none.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the delegation would take place on 11 October 2012, from 9.00 to 11.15, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 11.30.

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