



ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

MINUTES

of the meeting of Saturday 29 November 2014, from 15.00 to 18.30
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 15.20 with Netty Baldeh (ACP Co-Vice chair, Gambia) in the chair

The Chair announced the language regime. The Committee took note of the new EU members of the Bureau of the Committee: Michèle Rivasi (Greens/EFA) as Co-Chair, Laura Agea (EFDD), as First Vice-Chair and Alessandra Mussolini (EPP) as Second Vice-Chair.

The meeting continued with Michèle Rivasi (Co-Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of agenda (AP101.731)

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of

- 15 March 2014 in Strasbourg PV- AP101.679v01-00

The minutes were approved.

3. Co-chairs' announcements

The Co-Chair explained the reasons for the cancellation of the September meeting, related to the preparation of the hearings of the incoming Commissioners.

The Co-Chair announced that due to the late decision to hold the session in Strasbourg, it had not been possible for the Italian authorities to organise a workshop; the workshop was replaced by the screening of the documentary film

"Virunga".

****Voting time****

4. **Social and economic consequences of malnutrition in ACP countries**

Co-Rapporteurs: Alban Bagbin (Ghana) and Norbert Neuser

- Consideration of amendments AA- AP101.717v01-00
- Adoption of draft report DR- AP101.717v01-00

The EU Co-rapporteur, Norbert Neuser made introductory remarks on the report.

Amendments adopted:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (with an oral amendment), 15, 16, 17, 18 (1st part), 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.

Amendments rejected:

26, 37, 55, 56.

Amendment fallen:

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Decision: The amended report was adopted unanimously.

5. **The challenges and opportunities of education and vocational training in ACP countries**

Co-Rapporteurs: Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea) and Francesc Gambús

- Appointment of co-rapporteurs
- Consideration of working document DT - AP101.733v01-00

Members appointed Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea) and Francesc Gambús as Co-rapporteurs.

Co-rapporteur Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea) underlined that education is instrumental for poverty eradication, political participation, socio-culture transformation, enhancing economic growth, creating gender equality and empowerment of women, and ultimately improving the living conditions and life styles of the majority of the people. ACP countries have made different achievements in education, some with remarkable success while others are confronted with challenges leading them not to fulfil their commitments. The provision of equitable access to quality education for all, increasing the

effectiveness and efficiency of the delivery system, should be at the top of the national development agenda in ACP countries.

Speakers: Michèle Rivasi, Laura Agea, Catherine Bearder, Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), Zamel Mohamed El Mokhtar (Mauritania), Adjedowe Weidou (Chad), Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Oumar Ben Mohamed (Niger) and Marja Karjalainen (European Commission).

Members underlined the need for well-trained and qualified teachers in order to produce graduates that meet the demands of the job market. In this regard, the promotion of linkages with the private sector to co-finance the training of young people was encouraged. Members also noted the importance of meeting the training needs of girls and disabled people, as well as adult education.

6. Decision on the title of the next report

Members exchanged views on the title of the next report.

Decision: The title of the next report will be, *How to improve the economic and social conditions in developing countries, including the contribution of family businesses, in order to prevent health disasters.*

The meeting continued with Netty Baldeh (Gambia) in the chair.

7. Follow-up by the Commission on the resolution adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly on mining for oil and minerals on the seabed in the context of sustainable development

- Exchange of views with the European Commission

Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission) explained that the Commission had ordered a comprehensive study on seabed mining to give an overview on the current and latest state of knowledge of deep-sea mining. The Deep Sea Minerals (DSM) project - launched in 2011 and is implemented in 15 Pacific ACP States by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) - is helping to expand the economic resource base of Pacific ACP States by developing a sustainable marine minerals industry. The MIDAS project (Managing Impacts of Deep-sea resource exploitation) - funded under the EC Framework 7 Programme - is a multi-disciplinary research programme that will investigate the environmental impact of extracting mineral and energy resources from the deep-sea environment. During 2014, the Commission successfully held a public consultation on the topic of seabed mining.

Speakers: Michèle Rivasi, Catherine Bearder, Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), Zamel Mohamed El Mokhtar (Mauritania), Piemicola Pedicini, Teoniso Hunt (Samoa), Adjedowe Weidou (Chad), Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Oumar Ben Mohamed (Niger) and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

Members underlined the need to guarantee that seabed mining is transparent and is in the best interest of populations involved as well as the protection of the environment and biodiversity. ACP countries were therefore called on to ensure that multinational companies exploiting natural resources in their territories exercise transparency in their activities.

8. The Ebola crisis and its impact on ACP and EU States

- Presentation by the European Commission
- Exchange of views

The representative of the European Commission underlined the EU contribution in containing the Ebola outbreak in the affected countries as well as supporting micro-economic stability in these countries. Members noted that the Ebola outbreak constitutes a threat to global peace and security, and unprecedented public health emergency. Members commended the contribution of the international community to the efforts towards the containment of the Ebola outbreak. Members supported the call for an International Donors Conference in support of the Ebola affected countries, particularly in reconstruction efforts in the post-Ebola period.

Speakers: Michèle Rivasi, Ibrahima Bundu (Sierra Leone), Ousmane Sylla (Ambassador, Guinea), Zamel Mohamed El Mokhtar (Mauritania), Netty Baldeh (Gambia) and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

9. Urgent and topical subjects

- Exchange of views

None.

10. Any other business

Speakers: Michèle Rivasi and Catherine Bearder.

Members were informed of the discussion on safe sanitary equipment for girls and the Concord lunch debate on Monday, 1st December 2014, on strengthening the Cotonou Agreement.

11. Date and place of next meeting

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The next meeting will take place on 19 and 20 March 2015 in Brussels, Belgium.

The meeting closed at 18h41.

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