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Committee on Political Affairs

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 19 March 2015, 15:00-18:30,
and 20 March 2015, 09:00-12:30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 15.30 on Thursday, 19 March 2015, with Charles Goerens (EP Co-Chair) presiding.

The Co-Chair announced the language regime.

1. Adoption of agenda

OJ – AP101.762v01-00

The agenda was adopted as reflected in these minutes.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of Saturday 29 November 2014 in Strasbourg

PV – AP101.735v01-00

The minutes were approved.

3. Co-chairs' announcements

Members took note that the Vanuatuan authorities had informed the Bureau of the ACP Assembly that it would not be possible for them to host the 29th session of the ACP-EU JPA in Port Vila in June 2015, due to the damage caused by cyclone Pam.

One minute of silence was held in memory of the victims of the disaster.

The Co-Chair informed the Committee that the Bureau had decided the following for the 29th Session to be held from 17 to 19 June 2015 in an ACP country (tbc):

Topics for urgent motions for resolution:

1. The natural disaster in Vanuatu (and neighbouring states): the way forward including regional cooperation
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

The deadline for tabling urgent motions for resolution is 5 May 2015 at noon.

Keynote debate:

Seas/Oceans (in case the session takes places in the Pacific region)

Topics for debate without resolution:

1. Natural resources
2. Improving internal revenue generation capabilities within ACP states

The deadline for submitting questions for oral answer to the Commission and Council is Friday 27 March 2015 at noon.

4. Cultural diversity and human rights

Co-Rapporteurs: Abdoulaye Touré (Côte d'Ivoire) and Davor Ivo Stier

- Consideration of draft report DR – AP101.753v01-00
- Presentation by Marie-Claire Foblets (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
- Exchange of views

Davor Ivo Stier and Louis André Dacoury-Tabley (Côte d'Ivoire), replacing Co-rapporteur Abdoulaye Touré, presented the draft report. Marie-Claire Foblets presented her views on the topic.

Speakers: Davor Ivo Stier, Louis André Dacoury-Tabley (Côte D'Ivoire), Marie-Claire Foblets, Kashetu Kyenge, Seb Dance, Charles Goerens, Elisabeth Tison (EEAS) and Santosh Vinita Kalyan (South Africa).

Decision: The deadline for tabling amendments was set for 12.00 on 4 May 2015.

5. ACP-EU reaction to recent developments in Cuba. Which impact on the relations of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly with Cuba?

- Exchange of views with Norma Goicochea Estenoz, Ambassador of Cuba in Belgium

Ambassador Estenoz commended the good cooperation with the EU and EU Member States in the areas of trade and cooperation, and hoped for a positive outcome of the ongoing negotiations on the political level.

Speakers: Sabine Lösing, Joyce Laboso (Kenya), Mikael Phillips (Jamaica), Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kongo (Cameroon), Ana Rita Sithole (Mozambique), Laurent N'gon-Baba (Central African Republic), Charles Goerens, Ben Nupnau (EEAS), Norma Goicochea Estenoz and Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe).

The meeting adjourned at 17:00 and resumed, after the transfer by bus to the ERCC, at 17.40

with Co-Cair Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe) in the chair

6. The Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) of the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO)

- Presentation and visit of the Centre

Juha Auvinen, Head of Unit, and Loic Lallemand presented the activities of ECHO in the area of humanitarian aid and civil protection, in the presence of Jean-Louis de Brouwer, ECHO's Director of Operations.

Speakers: Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe), Laurent Ngon-Baba (Central African Republic), Louis André Dacoury-Tabley (Côte d'Ivoire), Tine Leuelu (Tuvalu), Irene Juru (Zimbabwe) and Santosh Vinita Kalya (South Africa).

The meeting adjourned at 19:00 and resumed the following morning at 09.15 with Co-Cair Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe) in the chair

7. Irregular migration and trafficking in human beings and human rights

- Presentation by Irina Todorova, Regional Migrant Assistance Specialist, International Organisation for Migration, Regional Office in Brussels
- Exchange of views

Irina Todorova introduced the activities of the International Organisation for Migration and gave an overview of the global migration trends, with a focus on the anti-trafficking response and a possible role of Parliaments.

Members insisted on addressing the root causes of irregular migration, in particular inequality, resources allocation, political instability, poor conditions with regard to health, education and employment in the countries of origin and the failure of certain control aspects with regard to employment and housing conditions in the countries of destination.

Speakers: Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe), Worlea-Saywah Dunah (Liberia), Joyce Laboso (Kenya), Daniel Guyader (EEAS) and Irina Todorova (IOM).

8. Evaluation of the African Peace Facility after ten years: effectiveness and prospects for the future"

- Appointment of co-rapporteurs
- Presentation by the EEAS, the Commission and Ambassador Ajay Kumar Bramdeo, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the European Union in Brussels
- Exchange of views

Kristin De Peyron (EEAS) and Ajay Kumar Bramdeo (African Union) introduced the subject.

Speakers: Charles Goerens, Joyce Laboso (Kenya), Worlea-Saywah Dunah (Liberia), Laurent N’gon-Baba (Central African Republic), Persille Mwidogo (Burundi), Kristin De Peyron (EEAS) and Ajay Kumar Bramdeo (African Union).

Decision: Mariya Gabriel and Kombo Gberi (Cameroon) were appointed co-rapporteurs.

9. Follow-up by the Commission to the resolution adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg on the challenge of national reconciliation in post-conflict and post-crisis countries

Kristin De Peyron (EEAS) presented the follow-up by the EEAS to the resolution entitled "the challenge of national reconciliation in post-conflict and post-crisis countries" adopted at the 28th session of the JPA, held in Strasbourg from 1 to 3 December 2015.

Speakers: Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe).

10. The political situation in ACP and EU Member States

- Exchange of views

Members presented the political situation in their respective countries.

Speakers: Laurent N’gon-Baba (Central African Republic), Fernand Sanou (Burkina Faso), Louis André Dacoury-Tabley (Côte D’Ivoire), Koffi Azilan (Togo), Elmi Obsieh Wais (Djibouti), Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kongo (Cameroon), Hassabelrasoul Amir Abdelmadig Omer (Sudan) and Persille Mwidogo (Burundi).

11. Any other business

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the consequences of the floods of January and February 2015 and of the current persistent drought in Malawi.

Speaker: Joseph Chiteyeye (Malawi).

12. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 13 June 2015 in an ACP country (tbc).

The meeting closed at 11:55.

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Present 19 March 2015¹

Present 20 March 2015²

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