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*Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)*

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## **MINUTES**

of the meeting of 13 December 2017, 17:00-18:00  
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 17:00 on Wednesday, 13 December 2017, with Werner Langen, (Chair) presiding.

### **1. Adoption of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted without modifications. PE 612.489

### **2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 4 October**

The draft minutes were adopted without modifications. PE 605.458

### **3. Chairman's announcements**

The Chair welcomed the Ambassadors of Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia. The Ambassadors' presence was because the European Parliament adopted three resolutions on these ASEAN countries.

The Chair provided a concise feedback on the delegation visit to Cambodia and Laos of 30 October - 2 November. The report on Cambodia was very critical due to the dissolution of the main opposition party CNRP. Laos was also discussed in the context of the 5th year of the disappearance of civil society activist Sombath Somphone.

The Chair elaborated on the Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions of 11 December on Thailand. MEP David Martin noted the links between resuming the talks on a future EU-Thailand Free Trade Agreement and the need to conduct free and fair elections. On a positive note, the government had announced the next parliamentary elections for November 2018 and undertaken efforts to improve the regulations relating to illegal migrant workers. The delegation decided to have a separate debate on Thailand in due course.

#### **4. Exchange of views on Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam**

##### Myanmar

The Chair emphasised the importance of the EP resolution on the 'Situation of the Rohingyas' noting that the EP is not seeking to attack the government but trying to move towards a viable solution. The Ambassador took the floor to provide some explanations and an update on the situation. He pointed on the activities of terrorist groups and their planned attacks as the main trigger of the “exodus” of the Rohingyas. While acknowledging the concerns of the international community and the pressure on the Myanmar government, he noted, “his people did not deserve these words”, referring to the term “ethnic cleansing” as used by UN officials. He referred to ongoing efforts to address the humanitarian situation and to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State chaired by Kofi Annan, as well as the safe return/repatriation of refugees based on the agreement with Bangladesh.

Both, the Chair and Vice Chair Marc Tarabella raised the very recent case of the two arrested journalists on the outskirts of Yangon. The Ambassador was asked to provide explanations in writing.

MEP Lochbihler voiced her concerns regarding the feasibility of returning the Rohingya refugees and underlined the importance of seeking accountability and justice, without which any return of refugees is not possible.

The Chair also informed Members of the planned DROI/AFET ad hoc delegation to the Bangladesh/Myanmar border region and Myanmar. The ASEAN Delegation would request to send one of its Members to join the delegation.

##### Cambodia and Vietnam “urgency resolutions” under Rule 135

Members held a brief discussion on the relevant urgency resolutions concerning both countries, with a focus on Cambodia. MEPs Tarabella and Lochbihler stressed the existing challenges, noting that only seven opposition MPs remain in the country due to threats and intimidation. Civil society organisations are also under severe pressure. Therefore, cutting EU assistance to the National Election Committee is justified. Targeted restricted measures against Cambodian officials are also referred to in the EP resolution.

#### **5. Programme for 2018**

The Delegation decided to visit Indonesia and Malaysia in week 19 of 2018. It aims at establishing a common visit together with AFET for the part in Indonesia, notably the visit to the ASEAN Secretariat. Moreover, it is envisaged to visit the Philippines and Thailand in week 44.

The Chair criticised demands to establish separate parliamentary delegations among the ASEAN countries. The ASEAN as regional organisation should remain reflected in one parliamentary delegation. MEP Balz supported the criticism and asked for more opportunities to visit the region, as it consists of 10 countries.

**6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**7. Date and place of next meeting**

The Secretariat will communicate date and place of the next meeting electronically.

The meeting closed at 18:00.

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Neena Gill, Ádám Kósa, James Nicholson, Csaba Sógor

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Laos Embassy (2)

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