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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 18 April 2018, 16.00-18.00  
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 16.05 on Wednesday, 18 April 2018, with Werner Langen, (Chair) presiding.

The Chair referred to the situation in the Philippines in view of the urgency resolution. MEP Lochbihler mentioned a list of 600 'terrorists', among others the UN Special Rapporteur for indigenous people Victoria Tauli-Corpuz. In addition, the Philippine Parliament decided to re-introduce the death penalty.

Regarding the situation in Myanmar, the Chair expressed his disagreement with the European Parliament's decision not to invite Aung San Suu Kyi to the Sakharov event of 4 June. Myanmar was in a transition process. As the real political power still lies with the military, Aung San Suu Kyi cannot be held responsible.

Indonesia's Ambassador Thamrin underlined the importance of the relations between the EU and Indonesia. The EU is one of the main trade partners for Indonesia. The economy of the country is booming. The GDP will probably grow by 5% over the next years. Moreover, the country is a stable democracy. Next elections are planned for April 2019. There is also progress in tackling the corruption problem. In general, human rights are observed. Civil rights such as freedom of speech, media and religion exist. The Parliament has a strong position exercising its scrutiny role. Of course, "No country is perfect" (citation of the Ambassador). For example, the fight against money laundering, human and drug trafficking needs to be improved. Finally, the Ambassador encouraged civil servants of the European institutions to apply for the annual *Interfaith Scholarship* organised by the Indonesian Government.

The EEAS confirmed the overall positive relationship with Indonesia. Already four years ago, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement entered into force. However, the situation of human rights could be improved. In particular, the EU has a firm position against the death penalty. The European Commission gave an overview of the ongoing negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement after four rounds. The fifth round of negotiations is planned for the summer.

Malaysia's Ambassador Hasnudin bin Hamzah pointed also on the progress in his country,

notably the positive economic development. The delegation will arrive just on the Election Day in Kuala Lumpur. It is expected to start the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement in July. The EEAS referred to existing legal problems regarding the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Malaysia is an important partner in the region with an impressive economic development. However, there is a lot of untapped potential and some challenges. In this regard, the timber issue was mentioned as well as the new law against fake news and the re-delineation of the electoral constituencies.

As for the EU-ASEAN relations, the EEAS gave an overview of last year's events. Achievements in the area of security, mainly in non-traditional security such as maritime security, counter-terrorism, preventive diplomacy and mediation were underscored. Other fields of cooperation were mentioned, such as human trafficking, climate change (Paris Agreement), migration (exchange of best practices), good governance and human rights. The importance of the Air Transport Agreement was emphasised. This year, the following events will take place: In August, the HR/VP will attend the EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the ASEAN Regional Forum in Singapore. In October, President Tusk will invite the ASEAN leaders to the ASEM. The 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-EU meeting will take place at the end of the year.

The subsequent debate focused on the minority in West Papua, the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement with Malaysia and the law against fake news in Malaysia. Some members named the timber and palm oil issues as the real elephants in the room. Regarding palm oil, the Chair gave an overview of the state of play of the Renewable Energy Directive II. After the plenary's vote in January the trilogue has started and is now ongoing. The Chair made clear that the legislation might be adopted under the Austrian Presidency. He underlined that the aim of the upcoming visit to Indonesia and Malaysia was in particular to gather as much information as possible on the controversial palm oil issue. Finally, the Chair gave an overview of the draft mission programme.

The meeting closed at 17.45.

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