



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

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of the meeting of 12 September 2018, 15.00-16.00
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 15.05 on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, with Werner Langen (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without modifications.

2. Chairman's announcements

The Chair informed Members on the upcoming ASEP10 event with parliamentarians from 51 ASEM partner countries taking place on 27 and 28 September in Brussels. The main topic will be the impact of climate change on economy, security and migration, to be discussed in three thematic panels.

3. Feedback on the 39th AIPA General Assembly in Singapore 3-5 September 2018

The Chair debriefed Members in his capacity as Chair of the EP delegation to the 39th ASEAN Interparliamentary (AIPA) General Assembly from 3.-5. September in Singapore. The EP has an observer status at AIPA and attends the General Assembly annually. The Political Committee of AIPA discussed mainly security related issues, such as terrorism, maritime and cyber security. Debates were overshadowed by the Rohingya crisis, like last year. Due to the principle of unanimity, the Political Committee did not adopt a resolution.

The delegation delivered a written and a shortened oral statement in Singapore. In his statement, the Chair touched upon the role of ASEAN in the region, the joint EU and ASEAN interests, trade issues, the establishment of a strategic partnership and the EU position on the South China Sea. In addition, the delegation expressed the EP's positions on democracy, human rights, and rule of law in Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines and in Malaysia.

In particular, the delegation Chair and the AIPA Secretary General signed a declaration of intent between the European Parliament and AIPA to hold one additional annual inter-regional

dialogue meeting, alternating between Brussels/Strasbourg and a location in an ASEAN country. This would allow for a more structured dialogue between both institutions and deeper exchanges on a broad range of policy issues. To this end, the AIPA Secretary General plans to visit Brussels in November this year. A long-term goal could be to establish a Joint EP-AIPA Interparliamentary Forum consisting of between 22 and 25 members from each region aiming to address issues of joint interest. AIPA intends to start this enhanced future dialogue with debates on climate change and environmental challenges.

Members thanked the Secretariat for the organisation and the good programme.

4. Exchange of views with the EEAS on the Philippines and Thailand in view of the upcoming delegation visit

The delegation exchanged views with the EEAS on the latest developments in the Philippines, Thailand and the EU-ASEAN relations in view of the upcoming delegation visit.

Philippines: The EEAS underlined the common interest to fight terrorism and violent extremism in Mindanao. President Duterte is personally involved in the peace process. Development and humanitarian assistance have been increased in the period between 2014-2020. The Philippines benefited in particular by the GSP Plus trade facility, which led to a 36.4% trade increase with the EU. The EU concerns are twofold: According to the GSP Plus report of January 2018 more engagement is required. Second, the war against drugs creates serious rule of law concerns, in particular regarding the extrajudicial killings. In this context, the country's withdrawal from the ICC was mentioned.

Thailand: The EEAS pointed on the country's role as traditional partner of the EU. Political contacts resumed after the December 2017 Foreign Affairs Council. The Government has undertaken several steps towards the next general elections. Elections are scheduled for the period between 24/2 and 5/5 next year. To this end, all 10 organic laws have been promulgated. Moreover, 5 election commissioners have been nominated and political parties can restart seminars and assemblies to prepare the elections. Finally, the EU is involved in a dialogue on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as well as on labour rights.

MEP Martin mentioned China's role in the region and the fear of the ASEAN countries. He expressed concerns regarding the Philippines' behaviour after gaining the GSP Plus status. Regarding Thailand, he elaborated on the restrictions for parties and free media and questioned therefore the credibility of the upcoming elections and a newly elected government. However, he acknowledged the serious improvements of Thailand on the situation of migrant workers, notably in the fisheries industry.

MEP Lochbihler mentioned the executions of the death penalty in Thailand and asked about the role of the new King.

MEP Kappel underlined the importance to keep the contact with the government by urging it at the same time to hold elections as soon as possible.

MEP Kelly emphasised that disengaging would not be an option, even if we disagree. The EU could be a credible, as it does not claim a global leadership as China does.

The Chair pointed out that the EU should concede on human rights and fundamental values.

MEP Ashworth mentioned the differences between our cultures. We should not try to lecture

the government in Asia, but to influence them. There are obviously three elephants in the room: The Rohingya crisis, the role of the US and the role of China.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The Secretariat communicated date and place of the next meeting electronically.

The meeting closed at 16.02.

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