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MINUTES

of the extraordinary joint meeting DCAM - Monitoring Group of INTA on Central America
of 8 February 2017, 14.00-15.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.05 on Wednesday, 8 February 2017, with Sofia Sakorafa (Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America) and Reimer Böge (Chair of the Monitoring Group on Association Agreement EU-Central America) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE576.446v01-00)

The Chair presented the draft agenda and submitted it for approval. The draft agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes

2. Chair's announcements

There were no announcements,

3. Exchange of views with Alexander Mora, Minister for Foreign Trade of Costa Rica

Alexander Mora, Minister for Foreign Trade of Costa Rica spoke on three key issues:

1) State of play of the implementation of the trade pillar of the Association Agreement EU-Central America

Trade Minister Mora stressed the importance of the Association Agreement in further integrating the region. An adequate evaluation of the Agreement's impact is difficult as Costa Rica's export pattern has been affected by adverse climatic shocks and changes in the export industry. Nevertheless, if these elements are excluded, the rest of Costa Rican goods exports to the EU have continued to steadily grow.. The legal certainty provided by the Association Agreement will also increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Costa Rica. Almost 18% of total FDI Costa Rica received during the last decade came from the EU.

2) Presidency of SIECA (Secretariat of Central American Economic Integration)

During Costa Rica's Pro-Tempore Presidency of SIECA an action plan for the establishment of a Customs Union in Central America will be launched. During the second semester of the year, Panama will give continuity to the actions proposed. Much attention will be given to trade facilitation, the showcase for it being the Digital Platform of Central American Trade. This regional computer tool will allow the automation of procedures and the reduction of import and export times between Central American countries. The Platform is partly financed by EU cooperation funds. Finally, this semester the negotiations will begin for an SIECA-OECD cooperation program with the objective of strengthening the technical capacity of SIECA and the economic integration subsystem.

3) Accession of Costa Rica to OECD

Costa Rica is making good progress in the accession reviews, on which currently 21 out of the 22 committees are working. The last review is scheduled to begin in March this year. As the first committee, the Trade Committee of the Organization concluded the process and issued a favourable opinion on Costa Rica's accession in the field of foreign trade. Costa Rica's President Solís has officially set the goal to conclude the accession process by May 2018.

In the following debate, MEPs raised the question of the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion. Minister Mora said that supplementary measures were being implemented in the region following the guide lines of the OECD. Furthermore, the consequences of a possible renegotiation of NAFTA were discussed, with the Minister saying that NAFTA is a very old agreement (1994), and modernising it might not necessarily be a bad thing. He stressed that the region's trade agreement CAFTA is of a completely different nature and that he does not expect a problem for it from the new US administration.

Speakers: Reimer Böge (EVP, DE), Sofia Sakorafa (GUE, EL), Ernest Urtasun (Greens/EFA, ES), Laima Liucija Andrikiienė (EVP, LT), Caterina Chinnici (S&D, IT)

The meeting closed at 15.05.

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53 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Τοčka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Τοčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

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H.E. István Alfaro (Ambassador of Costa Rica to the EU), Andrés Vargas Ramírez (Counsellor Embassy of Costa Rica), Alejandro Patiño (Head of trade Embassy of Costa Rica), Viviana Monge (Embassy of Costa Rica), Andrés Pérez Sáenz (Embassy of Costa Rica), H.E. José Briz (Ambassador of Guatemala to the EU), H.E. Dario Chirú (Ambassador of Panama to the EU), H.E. Lautaro Sandino (Ambassador of Nicaragua to the EU), Pablo Campos Servellón (Embassy of El Salvador), José Eduardo Atala (Embassy of Honduras), Acsamary Guzmán (Embassy of Dominican Republic), Lloyd García (Embassy of Honduras), Myriam de la Roca (Embassy of Guatemala), Orlando Rossi (representative of Parlatino in Europe)

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Alexander Mora, Minister for Trade of Costa Rica

Съвет/Consejo/Rada/Rådet/Rat/Nõukogu/Συμβούλιο/Council/Conseil/Vijeće/Consiglio/Padome/Taryba/Tanács/Kunsill/Raad/Conselho/Consiliu/Svet/Neuvosto/Rådet (*)

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Fernando Ponz (Deputy Head of Unit), Gonzalo Sans (Desk Costa Rica and Panama)

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