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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 12 October 2017, 14.00-15.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.10 on Thursday, 12 October 2017, with Sofia Sakorafa (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 576.458v01-00)**

The draft agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

**2. Approval of minutes of 27 April 2017 (PE 576.455v01-00)**

The minutes of the delegation meeting of 27 April 2017 were approved without any changes.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair informed the Members that the delegation visit to Cuba envisaged for 30 October to 3 November 2017 had to be postponed on request by the Cuban authorities who cited the devastations caused by the hurricane Irma as reason for the request. The Chair said the visit should be take place still in 2018.

The Chair informed the Members that a delegation visit to Nicaragua/El Salvador is envisaged for 12 to 16 February 2018, pending authorisation by the CoP.

**4. Exchange of views on the conclusion of the Development Committee mission to Honduras, which took place from 18 to 22 September 2017**

The Chair of the DEVE Delegation to Honduras, Ms Lola Sánchez Caldentey, presented her report of the visit of a DEVE Delegation to Honduras (18 to 22 September 2017) to the Members. She said that Honduras is still facing many obstacles in the attempt to achieve sustainable economic growth and social development, including a dependence on export revenues, stemming mainly from a limited number of agricultural products and a growing textile sector (the maquilas), where working conditions are of serious concern. Other serious problems are the high level of violence, organised crime, impunity and corruption. Honduras has one of the world's worst homicide rates, although it has fallen substantially since 2012. The

human rights situation has deteriorated over the last few years, and has reached a critical point with the assassination of environmental activists Berta Cáceres and Nelson García in March 2016.

Ms Sánchez stressed the need to implement important reforms, in order to address the serious problems that affect Hondurans: poverty, inequality, corruption, crime and violence, generalised impunity, lack of respect for human rights, and informal work. It was also noted that the overall situation in the country has improved in recent years and that the EU's development cooperation has played an important role in this, thanks, in particular, to the work of the EU Delegation in Honduras.

Cooperation with the EU is crucial for Honduras, being the second largest receiver of EU development aid in Latin America and the Caribbean after Bolivia. The indicative amount for the 2014-2020 period is EUR 235 million. The main identified priorities are: food security, with a focus on family agriculture (EUR 100 million); employment and decent work (EUR 85 million); and the rule of law (EUR 40 million).

The DEVE Delegation Chair criticised particularly rampant violence against women; every 18 hours a woman is killed in Honduras. She said that the most vulnerable (women, migrants, LGTBI people, indigenous communities and the poor) suffer the most, and condemned the intolerably high levels of femicide and LGBTI murders in the region.

Ms Sánchez underlined that, in the social sphere, things are improving thanks to the establishment of the new Economic and Social Committee (with the support of the EU), a body which facilitates the dialogue between authorities and Civil Society. The implementation of legislation is often a problem, for example, in the field of human rights.

The DEVE Delegation Chair criticised the fact that Honduras has not implemented some of the latest EU Electoral Observation Mission recommendations from 2013 yet. Generally, she concluded, the cooperation of the EU with Honduras is rather satisfactory. The overall situation in the country has improved in recent years and the EU's development cooperation has played an important role in this, thanks, in particular, to the work of the EU Delegation in Honduras.

Mr Aldo Dell'Ariceia, Head of Division for Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, of the European External Action Service (EEAS), welcomed the report by the DEVE delegation Chair, which is stimulating an improvement, both in the way the EEAS is working, and in the political dialogue with Honduras.

Cooperation with the second largest receiver of development aid in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the largest in Central America, is crucial. Therefore, the country is also scrutinised very carefully by the European Court of Auditors, which published a special report on the effectiveness of EU support to priority sectors in Honduras in 2016.

Mr Dell'Ariceia underlined that the fight against poverty and the protection of human rights are cross-cutting elements of the EU's cooperation with Honduras. He underlined the importance of prior consultation with the local population on projects, in line with ILO Convention 169.

Mr Dell'Ariceia underlined the efforts in rain forest protection and the importance of the EU FLEGT Facility, in the framework of which the EU and Honduras have concluded a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) which aims to address illegal logging, improve forest governance and promote trade in legal timber products.

Mr Kostas Berdos, DG DEVCO, Direction Latin America and Caribbean (European Commission), expressed his satisfaction with the report, which correctly states that the cooperation and role of the European Commission has contributed much towards improving the situation in Honduras.

DG DEVCO underlined the importance of continuing this cooperation, because a lot still has to be done, especially in the field of human rights and the fight against corruption. He outlined that the EU, in its support for Honduras, is concentrating on three key areas: food security, employment and the rule of law. The main implementation modality for EU aid is budget support. Mr Berdos further emphasised the importance of good implementation policies for EU funded projects.

H.E. Mr Roberto Ochoa Madrid, Ambassador of Honduras to the EU, did not attend the meeting, claiming lack of time and instructions from his Ministry.

The following Members spoke: José Inácio Faria (EPP, Portugal), Sofia Sakorafa (Chair, GUE/Greece)

## **5. Exchange of views on the political situation in Guatemala**

Mr Aldo Dell'Ariceia, Head of Division for Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, of the European External Action Service (EEAS), presented his view of the political crisis gripping Guatemala since President Jimmy Morales tried to expel the Commissioner of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), Commissioner Velásquez, from the country on 27 August 2017, a decision which was voided by the Constitutional Court. He said the EU has been following the events closely and with great concern.

Mr Dell'Ariceia stressed the important role that both the CICIG and Guatemala's Prosecutor General, Ms Thelma Aldana, have played in the fight against corruption and impunity, the promotion of reforms, and the strengthening of the national institutions in Guatemala. He underlined the importance of allowing the CICIG to develop its activities without political interference. He stressed that the EU remains committed to supporting Guatemala in its fight against corruption and impunity, and to promote and defend the rule of law. He called for an open and respectful dialogue between all institutions.

Mr Dell'Ariceia said there were new cases of corruption which were recently revealed and which need to be prosecuted. He said that the efforts to combat corruption and impunity are essential also for the consolidation of security and economic development, in the interest of all people in Guatemala.

H.E. José Alberto Briz Gutierrez, Ambassador of Guatemala to the EU, did not attend the meeting claiming lack of time and instructions from his Ministry.

The following Members spoke: José Inácio Faria (EPP, Portugal)

## **6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

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

The Chair announced that the next delegation meeting would be held on Monday, 4 December

2017 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 15.05.

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Pascal Arimont, José Inácio Faria, Ulrike Rodust
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Marina Albiol Guzmán, Pilar Ayuso

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Aldo Dell'Ariceia, Sylvain Schultze
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