



Delegation for relations with Mercosur

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 19 February 2018, 16.45-18.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 16.50 on Monday, 19 February 2018, with Francisco Assis, Chair, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 596.545v01-00)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 14 December 2017 (PE 596.546)

The draft minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed members that the meeting documents included:

- two Council documents on the new sanctions imposed against Venezuela as a result of the current political situation in the country;
- the Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the latest developments in Venezuela;
- a copy of the letter sent to President Antonio Tajani on behalf of the 'I am Venezuela' Alliance for the Republic on the events taking place in Venezuela;
- a European External Action Service (EEAS) press release on the posting of an Electoral Observation Mission to Paraguay for the general elections on 22 April 2018.

4. Report on visit to Brazil (30 October – 2 November 2017)

The Chair announced that this matter had already been discussed at the joint DMER/D-BR meeting on 14 December 2017 in Strasbourg. The report on the visit to Brazil, which took place on 30 October – 2 November 2017, was now available in all language versions. Consequently, the Chair asked those present to adopt the report.

As there was no opposition, the report was considered approved.

5. State of play in EU-Mercosur negotiations on the future association agreement

Exchange of views with:

- Adrianus **Koetsenruijter**, Head of Division, South America, European External Action Service
- Zachary **Abraham**, Unit for Trade Relations with Latin America, DG Trade, European Commission

Mr **Koetsenruijter** reported to members on the state of play in negotiations on the EU-Mercosur association agreement. Although a number of questions had been settled, there were still outstanding issues, such as: the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; various matters linked to irregular migration; and cooperation (how to ensure that the EU engages in cooperation with Mercosur even though its countries are no longer considered to be developing). The scope of the agreement was very broad and negotiators were seeking an outcome that would benefit both parties, which would of course take time. Although no precise date could yet be indicated, there was a strong desire that the next round of negotiations, which would begin on 20 February 2018 in Asunción (Paraguay), should be the final one.

Mr **Abraham** reported to members on the outcomes of the various meetings that had been held in the framework of the negotiations, particularly the ministerial meeting of 30 January 2018, in which instructions had been given to the negotiators ahead of the final phase. Regarding the trade part, the matters still to be agreed upon included: market access for goods (dairy products, spare parts for vehicles); rules of origin; and the protection of geographical indications. Mr Abraham also highlighted the firm commitment of both parties to reach an agreement and the strong political support in place.

Speakers: Martin **Hausling** (Verts/ALE, Germany), Carlos **Zorrinho** (S&D, Portugal), José Ignacio **Salafranca** (PPE, Spain) and Francisco **Assis** (S&D, Portugal).

6. Presentation of programme of the Mercosur pro tempore Presidency. Exchange of views with HE Rigoberto Gauto, Paraguayan Ambassador to the European Union

Taking into account the justified absence of Ambassador Rigoberto Gauto, this item would be addressed at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Delegation.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next DMER meeting would take place in Brussels on 23 April 2018 at 16.45.

The meeting closed at 17.50.

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