

ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND TRADE

Constituent meeting

Saturday, 29 March 2003, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Palais du Parlement
International Room
BRAZZAVILLE (Republic of the Congo)

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 2.22 p.m. with Mr Ali Niangado (Mali), oldest Member, in the chair.

I. Election of the Bureau

1. Election of the co-chairs:

Mr Richard Howitt and Mr Jean Pierre Lekoba (Republic of the Congo) were elected by acclamation.

The Chairman announced that Mr Howitt was unable to be present and that Ms Karin Junker would substitute for him.

Mr Lekoba (Republic of the Congo), Co-Chairman, in the chair.

2. Election of the vice-chairs:

Mr Bashir Khanbhai and Mr Ali Niangadou (Mali) were elected by acclamation.

The chairman announced that an amendment to the Rules of Procedure would be voted on 3 April to allow for the election of two additional vice-chairs. As it would be inappropriate to pre-judge the outcome of the vote he announced that any necessary adjustments would be made at a later date.

II. Ordinary meeting

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (APP/3492)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Exchange of views on the working programme of the committee on the basis of Article 25 and Annex I of the Rules

The Chairman outlined the responsibilities on the Committee, which are:

1. Economic development and trade cooperation, as well as capacity-building for development and partnership;
2. Macroeconomic and structural reforms, economic sector development and tourism (Articles 22-24 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement);
3. New ACP-EC trading arrangements, market access and the gradual integration of ACP States into the world economy (Articles 34-37 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement);
4. Trade and labour standards (Article 50 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement);
5. Rural development, fisheries and food security (Article 53 and 54 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement);
6. All issues concerning development finance cooperation including follow-up of the implementation of the European Development Fund.

The following members spoke : Junker; Khanbhai; Kinnock; Lekoba (Republic of the Congo, Co-Chair), Kinkela Savy (Democratic Republic of the Congo); Matongo (Zambia); Hay Webster (Jamaica); Thomas (St. Vincent and the Grenadines); Guinness (Mauritius); Osei-Prempeh (Ghana); Sardjoe (Suriname).

Decisions:

The following themes were chosen for the two reports:

- implementation of the EDF
- trade including commodities

The first report on the EDF would be for adoption at the session in autumn 2003 and the second report on trade would be for adoption at the session in spring 2004.

Appointment of co-rapporteurs and corresponding contact-persons.

The following Members spoke: Tsheole (South Africa); Junker, Guinness (Mauritius), Hay Webster (Jamaica), Thomas (St. Vincent and the Grenadines), Osei-Prempeh (Ghana).

Decisions:

- Co- rapporteurs on the EDF: names to be communicated later
- Co-rapporteurs on Trade: Harlem Désir (EU), Jamaica (ACP)

3. Any other business

No other business.

4. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 10 July in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 3.32 p.m.

LISTE DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Présents/Present

ACP

Masalila (Botswana)
Lekoba (Congo, République du)
Kinkela Savy (Congo, République
Démocratique du)
Amon-Ago (Côte d'Ivoire)
Weldegiorgis (Eritrea)
Workie (Ethiopia)
Obiang Ndong (Gabon)
Osei-Prempeh (Ghana)
Hay Webster (Jamaica)
Kamotho (Kenya)
Niangadou (Mali) (Doyen d'âge, VP)
Gunness (Mauritius)
Thomas (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
Neri (Samoa)
Fofanah (Sierra Leone)
Tsheole (South Africa)
Sardjoe (Suriname)
Ndzimandze (Swaziland)
Matongo (Zambia)

EP/PE

Corrie (PPE-DE)
Khanbhai (PPE-DE)(VP)
Berenguer (PSE) (sup. Fruteau)
Junker (PSE) (sup. Howitt) (acting Chair)
Kinnock (PSE)
Speroni (NI) (sup. Souchet)

Egalement présents/Also present:

ACP: Molosi (Botswana), Poyssila, Loubota, Obambi (Congo, République du), Issa-Selemani, Tshibola (Congo, République démocratique du), Wudu, Awiaga (Ghana), Lesrima (Kenya), Diallo (Mali), Bernice, Potelwa, Pelle (South Africa), Ndzimandze, Dlamini, Zeeman (Swaziland)

Do Rosario (Angola), Gado Boureima (Niger)

Observateurs/Observers:

Silvio Castro (Cuba)

Commission:

Malin

Groupes politiques/Political groups:

Haglund (PPE-DE)
Vallin (PSE)
Garcia (GUE/NGL)
Tsigereda (VERTS-ALE)

Co-secrétariat ACP / Co-secretariat ACP:
Coulibaly, Condé

Co-secrétariat PE / Co-secretariat EP :
Friedel, McLauchlan, Bassot

Assistance/Assisted by : Lorentzen