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# MINUTES

**of the meeting of 26 September 2019, 10.30-11.00**

## **Brussels**

The meeting opened at 10.38 on Thursday, 26 September 2019, with Ruža Tomašić (acting as provisional chair) presiding.

The Chair announced the ad hoc substitutes taking part in the votes:

Dubravka Šuica (EPP, HR) was substituted by Rainer Wieland (EPP, DE).

### **1. Election of the Delegation Chair**

Ms Sarah Wiener, on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group, nominated Mr Romeo Franz as the Chair of the Delegation. Mr Franz confirmed that he is a full Member of the Delegation, expressed consent with his nomination and confirmed having completed the declaration of financial interests and the declaration relating to the Code of appropriate behaviour.

Given the absence of any other candidate, Romeo Franz was declared elected by acclamation and took the chair.

### **2. Election of the Delegation Vice-Chairs**

Chair Romeo Franz (Greens/EFA, DE) stated that the quorum was reached, and asked for nominations to be submitted. He recalled the need to respect Rule number 213 on gender and nationality diversity within the Bureau.

Rainer Wieland (EPP, DE) asked for the floor and drew the Chair's attention to a potential problem, i.e. that the S&D Group and EPP Group have both nominated Croatian candidates for position of Vice-Chairs. Mr Wieland recalled that consequently, this would be a breach of Rule 213 (1). He also made reference to Rule 223, which says that the political groups shall ensure as far as possible that Member States, political views and gender are fairly represented. Furthermore, he argued that the burden of ensuring the diversity balance cannot exclusively fall on the political group nominating the second Vice-Chair and pleaded for more flexibility. Rainer Wieland proposed to either accept both candidates or to adjourn the meeting to solve this impasse.

The Chair stated that he wanted to continue with the election of the first Vice-Chairs. Rainer Wieland replied that he had made a request and invited the S&D Group to react to it.

Julie Ward (S&D, UK) voiced that diversity was already present in the Bureau, as the chair is from the Greens/EFA Group and a minority. Julie Ward continued by saying that the S&D Group maintains their nomination of Tonino Picula (S&D Group, HR) as first Vice-Chair and highlighted their candidate's professional experience in the Delegation's work.

The Chair formally rejected Mr Wieland's request.

Lukas Mandl (EPP, AT) expressed concern that the current nominations disregard gender balance in the Bureau and it would be a bad signal to both outside and inside the EU due to the impactful roles that the Delegation and the EU have in the region.

Rainer Wieland (EPP, DE) pointed out that the EPP Group was in a difficult position because they had the right of nomination for the second Vice-Chair but the rules would disable the EPP Group to nominate their potential candidates due to the prior votes in the Delegation. Lukas Mandl could not be nominated, as he is male. Meanwhile, a similar problem would arise if the EPP Group nominated Željana Zovko (EPP, HR) because she is Croatian, which could also cause complaints. Rainer Wieland requested to adjourn the election of the Delegation Vice-Chairs. Moreover, the EPP Group had already proposed their potential candidates in July 2019, but only received information about the nominees of other political parties in the previous week. However, they did not have time to change the composition of their Delegation due to the short notice. Therefore, the EPP Group could either propose a Croatian female or a male as Vice-Chair, which would be against the rules.

Sarah Wiener (Greens/EFA, AT) voiced that the Greens/EFA Group rarely have the opportunity to put forward a Delegation Chair, but stressed the importance of having a women in the Delegation Bureau. Nevertheless, she stressed that the Greens/EFA Group could not disrespect their political agreements and so she proposed to have a vote on the first Vice-Chair and return to the second vote for Vice-Chair at a later point when a solution is found.

The Chair echoed Sarah Wiener's proposal and suggested it to Rainer Wieland.

Rainer Wieland officially asked again to postpone both Vice-Chair elections. Additionally, Rainer Wieland reiterated that the rules of Article 223 regarding balance in the Delegation Bureau should apply to every political party and not only to the political party putting forward a nominee for the second Vice-Chair. In the case of elections, gender parity would precede the nationality rule. Rainer Wieland noted that if no complaints from Members emerge, the proceedings could continue. However, a postponement would be favourable if complaints arise.

The Chair proposed again that the vote for the first Vice-Chair takes place and that the meeting will be suspended afterwards. The next meeting would occur at a later date.

Ruža Tomašić (ECR, HR) agreed with Rainer Wieland that an election should be postponed. Additionally, Ruža Tomašić pointed out that the potential candidate of the EPP Group, Željana Zovko, would be an ideal candidate because she understands the complex situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Julie Ward voiced support for the Chair's proposal.

The Chair wanted to proceed with a vote for the first Vice-Chair.

Lukas Mandl pointed out that an election would reflect badly upon the Delegation which should not set a negative example for the public. He insisted that the two Vice-Chairs were interdependent, it was thus logically impossible to vote for one Vice-Chair and to postpone the vote for the other Vice-Chair. Furthermore, Lukas Mandl stated that he was curious about the work in the Delegation if the Chair did not care much about gender balance.

The Chair put Mr Wieland's request for a postponement of the elections of the two Vice-Chairs to a vote.

The vote was done by a show of hands. A majority of the Members of the Delegation voted for a postponement of the elections of the two the Vice-Chairs (5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention) and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting closed at 11.02.

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Romeo Franz (elected Chair)
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Rainer Wieland, Sarah Wiener

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