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# MINUTES

**of the remote meeting of 30 November 2020, 12.15-14.00**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 12.25 on Monday, 30 November 2020, with Pilar del Castillo Vera (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 617.519-v01)**

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 26 September 2019 (PE 617.516-v01)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

- Regarding Peru, on 16 November, the Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, David McAllister and DAND Chair Pilar del Castillo Vera released a statement expressing their concern and appealing to a political constitutional solution for the Peruvian crisis. The DAND Chair underlined the importance of the 11 April 2021 upcoming elections. She announced a pre-electoral dialogue between the EU Ambassador in Lima and the EEAS, where the topic of the political situation in the country and the follow-up on the electoral recommendations made by the EU 2020 Election Observation Mission (OEM) would be discussed. The Peruvian elections are among the 2021 priorities of the DEG, which, on 13 November, gave the green light to send an OEM. MEP Benoît Biteau intervened to express his support for the statement made by the Chairs and emphasizing the importance of hearing the voice of the Peruvian people.

- HR/VP Borrell requested an electoral mission of experts to follow the next Presidential elections in Ecuador, taking place on 7 February 2021. DEG had agreed; however, since an ordinary electoral observation mission cannot be sent due to pandemic restrictions, he raised the possibility of sending an ordinary mission in the hypothetical case of a second round of the elections.
- On 24 November, the Council approved the extension of the EU trust fund to Colombia, backing up the efforts the country made in the consolidation of peace.
- In Bolivia, Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS) candidate, Luis Arce, won the 2020 October elections.
- On 26 November 2019, the CDC decided that every delegation should have a member in charge of the promotion of gender equality in the delegation's activities. As there were no volunteers in the DAND delegation, the Chair will assume these functions.

#### 4. Exchange of views on the current political situation and state of play concerning the COVID-19 pandemic in the countries of the Andean Community, with the participation of:

- H.E. Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinell, Ambassador and Head of Mission of Peru to the EU
- H.E. Felipe García Echeverri, Ambassador and Head of Mission of Colombia to the EU
- H.E. Isabel Albornoz, Deputy Head of Mission of Ecuador to the EU
- Michael Dozcy, Head of the EU Delegation in Bolivia
- Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Managing Director for the Americas, EEAS
- **H.E. Ambassador Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinell**, Ambassador of Peru in Belgium and Head of Mission to the EU, presented the numbers of the pandemic: with almost 1 million infected in the country, Peru is one of the most affected countries in the world. The Ambassador mentioned the ambitious recovery plan presented by the previous government, with 31 billion euros in funds to counteract the economic impact, estimated to be between 12% and 14% of the national GDP. The social impacts have been considerable with 1.3 million people losing their jobs in Lima alone and an increase in extreme poverty. However, the government is optimistic about the recovery with the expectation that by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester the GDP values will reach the 2019 levels. The contraction in exports has started to show some signs of improvement since September.

The Ambassador thanked the EU and its parliament for the redirection of some of the cooperation funds to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. Ambassador Reinell presented the political events that took place in the latest weeks and that led to Francisco Sagasti becoming the President of Peru until the elections in April. There was also an emphasis on assuring the Delegation that investigations were taking place about the deaths of two protesters. The new government is in the process of appointing a new head of the Peruvian police and created a commission with the participation of the civil society in order to recommend actions to improve the police force system.

- **H.E. Ambassador Felipe García Echeverri**, Ambassador of Colombia in Belgium and Head of Mission to the EU, presented the economic impacts of the pandemic in the country, pointing out that the numbers were better than the average of the region, explaining the government measures that led to that result. He focused his intervention on digitalization, an area where Colombia is trying to lead the way. He reiterated the government support for the implementation of the peace agreement. Ambassador García also explained that in the areas of the country that have seen more violence during the conflict with the FARC, an investment package was created in order to increase the access to water, electricity and internet.

The Ambassador thanked the EP for the extension of the trust fund for Colombia until 2021 and urged the members to continue the funding after 2021. He presented the progresses made in the country on topics such as environment protection, reduction of CO2 emissions and deforestation. A special mention was made to the difficulties that the managing the continue flow of Venezuelan migrants entering Colombia entails in these times of the pandemic. As there are not enough resources to deal with the migration, the Ambassador requested some cooperation funds to be redirected to that effect. There are dialogues taking place between Colombia and the EP and the Commission to advance cooperation in the area of digitalization. Colombia holds the *pro-tempore* presidency of the Andean Community (CAN) and it intends to revitalize it by focusing on the environment, digitalization and innovation. It is a great opportunity to revive the dialogue between the CAN and the EP.

- **H.E. Ambassador Isabel Albornoz**, Deputy Head of Mission of Ecuador to the European Union, referenced the impact of the reduction of the oil prices in the country's GDP and explained the protests and social turmoil that happened in autumn 2019 due to the proposal to change the subsidies to fuels.

Regarding COVID-19, there are more than 13 thousand deaths in the country, but the economic situation does not allow for a large period of confinement. Ecuador was forced to find financing in the international markets with a restructuring of its national debt by replacing the current bonds. It is currently negotiating with China, its largest lender. The extreme poverty index has increased to 19.2% in the country. For the first time, there was a trade balance surplus, but it was mostly generated by the reduction in imports created by the economic crisis. The electoral campaign will start at the end of December leading to the elections on 7 February 2021 and, if needed, a second round on 11 April 2021. The President of Ecuador and 137 members of the National Assembly will be elected.

- **Michael Doczy, Head of the EU delegation to Bolivia**, explained the electoral process that led to the victory of Luis Arce (MAS) and referenced the new national elections that will take place in March. The political situation in the country is still very polarized with tensions in the judicial branch with former President Evo Morales trials and new charges being brought up against Ministers of the former cabinet of President Jeanine Añez. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is conducting an independent investigation on potential human rights violations the months preceding and following the 20 October 2019 election. Bolivia registered almost 9 thousand deaths due to COVID-19.

- **Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Managing Director of EEAS for the Americas**, focused on the importance of shifting the perception of Latin America and the Caribbean as a strategic partner and not only as a commercial partner, in particular on topics such as a green and digital agenda.
- The members of the delegation focused their interventions on the impact the pandemic is having on the education of children with limited access to the internet as well as women being more affected by the economic impacts. The possibility of a commercial deal with Bolivia was raised.

*The following MEPs spoke: Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión.*

## **5. Any other business**

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

It was not decided on a date and place for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 14.25.

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<p>Pilar del Castillo Vera, Izaskun Bilbao Barándica; Benoît Biteau</p>
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<p>Maria Manuel Leitão Marques</p>
<p>Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Zamjenici/ Supplenti/Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantysnariai/Póttagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/ Namestniki/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter</p>
<p>Margarita De la Pisa Carrión, Veronika Vrecionova, Leopoldo López, José Ignacio Zoido</p>

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H.E. Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinel, Ambassador of Peru to the EU, H.E. Felipe García Echeverri, Ambassador of Colombia to the EU; H.E. Isabel Alborno, Deputy Head of Mission of Ecuador to the EU

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Stefania Boschetto, Javier Fernández (Head of Latin America Unit)	
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Frédérique Albert, Rebecca Alrutz	

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