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*Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee*

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# **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of 15 April 2021, 16.45-18.45**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 16.50 on Thursday, 15 April 2021, with Inma Rodríguez-Piñero (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

OJ - PE595.110v01-00

At the proposal of the Chair, items 4 and 5 of the draft agenda were held jointly.

The draft agenda was adopted with the change proposed by the Chair.

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting**

- D-CL Meeting of 25 June 2020

PV - PE595.105v01-00

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair informed Members that a letter signed jointly by the Co-Chairs of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee EU-Chile had been sent to the HR/VP Josep Borrell and to the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andrés Allamand. In this letter, the Co-Chairs call for the inclusion in the institutional provisions of the future EU-Chile Association Agreement of an explicit reference to the meeting on a biannual basis of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) provided for in that Agreement.

The Chair reminded Members that the 27th meeting of the EU-Chile JPC, scheduled to take place in Santiago de Chile on 4-6 March 2020, had to be postponed owing to the Decision by the President of the European Parliament of 2 March 2020 on measures to be taken in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak. She announced that, in coordination with the Chilean delegation, a new request for authorisation would be made so as to hold the meeting of the EU-Chile JPC as soon as circumstances permit.

#### **4. The Joint Parliamentary Committee EU-Chile: achievements and challenges**

**and**

#### **5. Situation in Chile, with particular reference to the elections of April 2021, the work of the Constitutional convention and the post-COVID economic and social recovery**

The Chilean co-Chair of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee pointed to the high economic and social cost of COVID-19 in Chile, which also forced the postponement of the election calendar for 2021 (including the election of members of the constitutional convention and the elections of regional governors, mayors and municipal councillors, re-scheduled to take place on 15-16 May). He said that paradoxically, an exemplary vaccination campaign in Chile was offset by a recrudescence in contaminations, increased restrictions and lockdowns, and a strained health system. He stressed the importance of the EU-Chile relationship and of the meetings of its parliamentary body, namely, the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

The Ambassador of Chile to the EU referred to the titanic economic effort made by the government, in agreement with the legislative, to overcome the economic and social crisis originated by the pandemic. He also mentioned the structural reforms currently being negotiated in fields such as taxation and pensions. Finally, he thanked the EU for its support during the Chilean constituent process.

The EEAS representative recalled that the relation with Chile is based on a shared view on an important number of global topics, and said that the EU is willing to pursue cooperation with Chile during the constituent process by providing EU expertise on the matter.

Members praised Chile for a constituent process that is based on gender equality and inclusion of minority groups, in particular indigenous peoples, and civil society at large. They welcomed EU's support to Chile in that process, and hoped that this country's successful vaccination campaign will pave the way for a quick economic and social recovery.

**Speakers:** *Maria Soraya Rodriguez Ramos, Leopoldo Lopez Gil, Krzysztof Hetman, Eugenia Rodriguez Palop, Inma Rodriguez-Pinero*

#### **6. Modernisation of the Association Agreement EU-Chile: state of play of the negotiations**

Members were informed about progress made in the negotiation of a renewed Association Agreement EU-Chile and the expected key issues in the 10th round of trade negotiations starting on 19 April. The Ambassador of Chile to the EU stressed the importance of this Agreement, as it will be driving the bilateral relations for the next decades. DG TRADE representative stated

that the modernised agreement may be a crucial instrument to invigorate the Chilean and EU economies after the crisis originated by COVID-19, and enumerated the main topics of discussion of the 10th round of trade negotiations. The EEAS representative confirmed that negotiations on the political and cooperation parts of the agreement are almost concluded, with the few remaining issues awaiting progress at the trade chapter level.

*Speakers:* Samira Rafaela

## **7. Disinformation and foreign interference: situation in Chile**

The Ambassador of Chile to the EU stated that disinformation and foreign interference weaken democracy and its institutions, and informed that Chile has been in contact with the EU on this issue and taken note of EU initiatives, such as web pages to counter disinformation. The representative from the EEAS showed readiness to support Chilean initiatives and share knowledge and experiences in this field, and referred to the EU Code of Practice on Disinformation, the European Digital Media Observatory and the Action Plan on Disinformation. A Member recalled the suspicion of disinformation and foreign interference practices during the social outbreak in Chile in October 2019.

*Speakers:* Leopoldo López Gil, Marc Angel

## **8. Any other business**

None.

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

The Chair announced that the date and place of the next delegation meeting would be communicated in due course.

The meeting closed at 18.46.

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Pablo Lorenzini Basso, Co-Chair (Chilean component), JPC EU-Chile

Patricio Torres, Ambassador of Chile to the European Union

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