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Meeting of 27 January 2020, 17.30–18.30

Brussels

The meeting opened at 17.30 on Monday, 27 January 2020, with Massimiliano Smeriglio (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE611.570)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair, Massimiliano Smeriglio (S&D, IT), informed Members that Argentina was once again playing an active role in the region. He also expressed his regret at Brazil's decision to leave CELAC and called for the latter to be supported.

3. Exchange of views with Ambassador Mauricio Escanero on 'Mexico's Presidency of CELAC in 2020: prospects for revitalising political dialogue and strengthening bi-regional cooperation between CELAC and the EU'

Ambassador Escanero welcomed the good relations between the EU and Mexico, and stressed that the new association agreement was in the final stages of negotiation, and expected to be signed by the Mexican presidency at the 8th EU–Mexico summit in the second half of 2020. The ambassador stressed that negotiations on the new agreement had been constructive, thanks to good relations between the parties, and that political dialogue, development cooperation and the expansion of the trade chapter, which would be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, had been better structured. The agreement also included a new anti-corruption chapter.

On 8 January 2020, Mexico had taken over the rotating presidency of CELAC for a period of one year. The last meeting had captured the region's enthusiasm, with the participation of 19 Ministers from Latin America and the Caribbean; all but two members of the community had thus been represented. He also mentioned that Mexico's presidency would be constructive, with a regional agenda and a focus on rebuilding dialogue and cooperation.

He expressed Mexico's wish to strengthen its relations with the EU in terms of political dialogue and strengthening bi-regional cooperation. The aim was to enhance cooperation platforms to ensure they produced tangible and collective results. Work was also under way to relaunch of the science and knowledge platform in June 2020. Dialogue among the sector's agencies on development cooperation was planned for March 2020.

The ambassador also pointed out work was ongoing with the COPOLAD programme in areas related to public safety, notably on 'El PAcCTO'. Furthermore, there was a desire to establish another, even stronger, mechanism, similar to El PAcCTO, and to extend it to Caribbean countries and the oceans.

All potential synergies between EuroLat and CELAC would be fostered. The ambassador also highlighted the ongoing work of the Generation Equality Forum, convened by UN Women and hosted by France and Mexico. There would be two forums, one on 7–8 May and the other on 7–10 July 2020, at which topics such as the global agenda and gender equality would be broached. He requested that a delegation from the European Parliament be allowed to attend these forums.

The Mexican Government had taken decisive action to address its current challenges. Mexican foreign policy was feminist in nature and strove to achieve gender equality and uphold human rights. The Mexican Government had undertaken various initiatives to achieve gender equality in the areas of state security and public administration. Efforts in the area of human rights had also been stepped up, examples being the government's apology to the journalist Lydia Cacho and compliance with human rights case law at an inter-American level. Moreover, these efforts to protect human rights had been reflected in measures taken at various levels of government, both nationally and regionally. Human rights are the guiding principles of the National Guard, which works together with the UN to ensure that these principles are implemented and enforced.

Speakers: Clara Aguilera (S&D, ES), Hermann Tertsch (ECR, ES)

4. Preparations for the 27th meeting of the EU–Mexico JPC: proposed draft programme, presentation of the topics chosen and the respective rapporteurs

The Chair, Massimiliano Smeriglio (S&D, IT), stated that the Conference of Presidents had been asked to authorise a meeting of the EU–Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee. However, authorisation had only been granted for 3 February 2020, and not both days as requested. This decision did not only affect this delegation. The order of business had been adapted to current events.

The topics for presentation had been decided upon in Mexico in February 2019 and had been limited to:

- Ways of combating gender violence in Mexico and the EU and progressing towards equality
 - EP rapporteur: Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (GUE, ES)

- Mexican delegation rapporteur: Beatriz Silvia Robles Gutiérrez (Morena)
- Exchange of good practice on environmental protection measures
 - EP rapporteur: Javi López (S&D, ES)
 - Mexican delegation rapporteurs: Jesús Sergio Alcántara Nuñez (PVEM), María del Pilar Lozano Mac Donald (MC) and Nancy de la Sierra (PT)

The political and social situation and the EU–Mexico Global Agreement would become part of the opening address. All other topics would be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in Mexico.

Speaker: Hermann Tertsch (ECR, ES) raised the issue of protecting Bolivians accused of terrorism in Mexico, and the protection that Mexico provided to Venezuela.

5. Other business

None.

The meeting closed at 18.30.

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