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# **MINUTES**

**Meeting of 11 December 2020, 9.00-11.00**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 9.01 on 11 December 2020, with José Manuel Fernandes (Chair D-BR) and Stéphane Séjourné (Chair DMER, in remote connection) presiding.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

OJ – PE596.560v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meetings**

- Meeting of D-BR of 23 January 2020

PV – PE623.071v01-00

The minutes were adopted.

- Meeting of DMER of 5 December 2019

PV – PE596.558v01-00

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Chair's announcements**

DMER Chair announced the appointment of DMER Member Samira Rafaela as Member responsible for gender mainstreaming in the Delegation. He also welcomed the newly appointed Ambassador of Argentina to the European Union, H.E. Pablo Grinspun.

D-BR Chair announced the appointment of D-BR Member Anna Cavazzini as Member responsible for gender mainstreaming in the Delegation.

**4. Exchange of views on the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement State of play, with the participation of:**

**H. E. Carlos Pérez del Castillo, Ambassador of the Republic of Uruguay to the European Union, (Pro Tempore Presidency of Mercosur)**

**Rupert Schlegelmilch, Director, Directorate D (America), DG TRADE, European Commission**

**Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service**

The EU-Mercosur Association Agreement was considered a key geopolitical and geostrategic cooperation instrument by the Ambassador of Uruguay to the EU (Mercosur pro-tempore presidency) and by the EEAS and DG TRADE representatives, and the reopening of the negotiations was excluded. They pointed to the comprehensive and ambitious nature of the agreement, and underlined the wide-ranging commitments in the area of environmental and climate change-related issues. They also stated the readiness of both parties to work on additional commitments in this area, possibly by means of declarations or letters annexed to the Agreement.

Member expressed diverging views on the enforceability of the cooperation pillar of the Agreement and on its potential for compliance with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the achievement of environmental and biodiversity-related goals. Some Members showed concern over the Agreement's effects on the EU agricultural sector and geographical indications, but other Members expressed fear that failure to ratify the Agreement may constitute a historic setback in EU relationship with Latin America.

**Speakers:** Jordi Cañas, Kathleen Van Brempt, Anna Cavazzini, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Dino Giarrusso

**5. Exchange of views on deforestation in the Amazon, with the participation of:**

**H. E. Marcos Galvão, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the European Union**

**Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service**

The Ambassador of Brazil to the EU said that according to the Institute for Ecological Research (IPE) deforestation in the Amazon region increased by 9,5% between August 2019 and July 2020, which represents a lower rate than in the previous 12-month period, and attributed part of the problem to illegal activities. He argued that the Armed Forces and environmental enforcing agencies have a difficult task owing to the limited means available, and stated that Brazil is open to dialogue and cooperation on this topic. The EEAS representative understood the concerns regarding deforestation in Brazil and its effects on sustainable development, indigenous rights and biodiversity. He confirmed contacts between Commissioner Dombrovskis and Brazil's Vice-President Hamilton

Mourão and Minister on Foreign Affairs Ernesto Araújo, as well as with Uruguay's Foreign Affairs Minister Francisco Bustillo (Mercosur pro-tempore presidency) on this issue.

Members agreed that protecting the Amazon forest is a global responsibility and stressed the importance of cooperation with Brazil. They focused on the negative impact of some of the policies followed by the Brazilian Government, but expressed diverging views on the impact that the EU-Mercosur Agreement may have on halting deforestation of the Amazon and on the fulfilment by Brazil of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

**Speakers:** Manuel Pizarro, Jordi Cañas, Anna Cavazzini, Miguel Urbán Crespo, Dino Giarrusso, Mónica Silvana González, Samira Rafaela

**6. Exchange of views on the situation in Venezuela,  
with the participation of:**

**Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service**

Speakers generally agreed that the legislative elections in Venezuela held on 6 December 2020 - boycotted by a majority of the opposition parties and considered as illegitimate by most of the international community - were a lost opportunity for a peaceful, negotiated and democratic way out of the political crisis, which remains the key goal and will require a spirit of compromise from all Venezuelan political actors. The EEAS representative affirmed that the EU will continue to support the opposition forces and defended the EU sanctions to Venezuelan individuals linked to the regime. Members expressed concern about a lack of legitimacy of the Venezuelan National Assembly from 5 January 2021 and the ensuing democratic vacuum in the country, and stressed the constructive role that the incoming Biden presidency and other international actors may play in addressing the crisis.

**Speakers:** Javi López, Leopoldo López Gil, Jordi Cañas, Samira Rafaela

**7. Exchange of views on the evaluation of the results of the municipal elections in Brazil,  
with the participation of:**

**H. E. Marcos Galvão, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the European Union**

**Javier Niño Pérez, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service**

The Ambassador of Brazil to the EU pointed to the lack of incidents during the municipal elections in Brazil, despite the difficult environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the quick availability of results, but regretted the underrepresentation of women and afro descendants among the candidates. He pointed out that the centrist

Brazilian Democratic Movement party (PMDB) got, overall, the best score in the elections. The EEAS representative congratulated Brazil for the elections that took place in a peaceful and effective way and recalled the strategic importance of the EU partnership with Brazil. The Member who took the floor considered that those political options that have shown a high sense of responsibility during the pandemic have been preferred at the elections.

**Speakers:** Manuel Pizarro

**8. Other matters**

None.

**9. Date and place of next meetings**

The Chair informed that the date and place of the next meeting will be announced in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.09.

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