



Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 17 March 2022, 13.45-15.45

Brussels

The meeting opened at 13.51 on Thursday, 17 March 2022, with Inma Rodríguez-Piñero in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

OJ - PE595.115v02-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meetings

- Meeting of D-CL of 29 November 2021

PV - PE595.114v01-00

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair pointed out that a letter had been sent on behalf of the Delegation to the new President of the Republic of Chile, Gabriel Boric, congratulating him on his appointment.

4. Situation in Chile, with particular reference to the constitution and objectives of the government of President Gabriel Boric

The Chilean Ambassador to the EU pointed that, to a large extent, the political programme of the new government was intended to meet the demands of society expressed during the social uprising of October 2019 and since then. Its key components included a tax reform to finance social reforms, the creation of a mixed pension system, a reform of the health and

education systems to make them more accessible, a reform of working hours and of the minimum wage, a reform of the state security forces, greater dialogue with indigenous peoples with a view to making them more autonomous, and the fight against water scarcity and climate change. The Ambassador said that gender equality would be a fundamental and cross-cutting issue in the country's politics. With regard to external relations, he highlighted the promotion of multilateralism and human rights, as well as the protection of the climate and oceans.

The EEAS representative stressed the high turnout in the elections and the wide margin of support for the winning candidate and hoped that this would lead to a more stable Chile. She recalled the shared agenda and values between Chile and the EU and considered that the new Association Agreement that had been negotiated would clearly illustrate the EU's engagement with Chile and a model agreement at regional level. Finally, she looked forward to intensive bilateral political dialogue in different areas and offered the EU's collaboration in developing the new government's political agenda.

Members stressed the breadth and ambition of the government's programme and asked about specific aspects of it and about cooperation between the executive and the legislature.

Speakers: María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Marc Angel, Martin Häusling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero

5. State of play of the Constitutional Convention

The Chilean Ambassador to the EU said that the new government supported the work of the Constitutional Convention and mentioned a possible request for the extension of its term of office by three months, a possibility already provided for by law.

One expert referred to an alleged decline in the prestige of the Convention, which certain polls were said to indicate, motivated by unethical behaviour by a member of the Convention and the possible frustration of an ideological sector that was allegedly not represented in recent decisions on key aspects of the new constitution. The expert also feared that the new text could divide society as opposed to unite it. However, another expert referred to the Convention as being the result of a broad political and social agreement, and to the fact that the majority required for its provisions to be approved acted as a guarantee of broad consensus.

The EEAS representative noted that the constitutional process in Chile was becoming a global reference and recalled the EU's readiness to accompany and support Chile in this process, for which it had carried out various activities together with a variety of Chilean stakeholders.

Members enquired about the state of play of negotiations on certain aspects of the future constitution, and about the possible extension of the Convention's mandate.

Speakers: María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Leopoldo López Gil, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero

6. Chile's trade relations, with particular reference to the EU-Chile Association Agreement and Chile-China trade relations.

The Chilean Ambassador to the EU stressed that the 2002 EU-Chile Association Agreement had been very successful, and that the new agreement which had been negotiated deepened cooperation and extended it to other areas. With regard to China, he pointed out that the bilateral economic and trade relationship was important, as evinced by the fact that China was Chile's biggest trading partner.

The Commission representative stressed that the new agreement which had been negotiated was in line with the main components of the political agenda of the new Chilean Government and stressed the need for Chile to ensure equal treatment with regard to access to its resources and market.

The EEAS representative stressed that the modernised agreement proposed an association between Chile and the European Union of a multidimensional nature not limited to just economic and trade aspects, thus offering an alternative model for relations.

7. Any other business

In view of the imminent completion of the posting of Patricio Torres as Chilean Ambassador to the European Union, the Chair thanked him, on behalf of the Delegation, for his excellent work at the head of the Embassy and wished him all the very best.

8. 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 15.43.

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