



Delegation for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 23 June 2022, 14.00-16.00

Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.08 on Thursday, 23 June 2022, with José Manuel Fernandes (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

OJ - PE623.077v01-00

The draft agenda was approved as shown in these minutes.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of:

- 3 February 2022

PV - PE623.076v01-00

The minutes were adopted.

3. Chair's announcements

D-BR Chair Fernandes expressed his condolences to the families of British journalist Dom Philipps and Brazilian human rights activist Bruno Pereira assassinated in the Amazon region in June.

4. Exchange of views on the results of the visit of the EU Commissioner for Environment, Virginijus Sinkevičius, in Brazil

- Davor Percan, Head of Unit, Regional & Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV, European Commission
- Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External

Action Service

- H.E. Marcos Bezerra Abbott Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU

Davor Percan, Head of Unit, Regional & Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV, EU Commission, pointed out that the visit EU Commissioner Sinkevičius to Brazil that took place from 27 to 30 April had aimed at strengthening relations between the EU and Brazil in environmental policy. He underlined the broad media coverage, which had raised awareness in Brazilian public life about this issue. The EU Commissioner met with all stakeholders in environment policies, among them the Brazilian Minister of Environment, Joaquim Leite, members of Congress, representatives of the Ministry of Mines and Energy, and representatives of civil society. Sinkevičius also traveled to the Amazon region, where he visited the deforestation control centre. The main topics addressed during these meetings were green investments, taxation, deforestation in the Amazon rainforest, sustainable mining, and the impact of the Ukraine war on the Brazilian economy.

Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, EEAS, said the visit of Mr Sinkevecius was one of a series of high-level visits from the EU to Brazil, which aimed at promoting dialogue and bilateral relations. She highlighted the relevance of Josep Borrell's visit to Brazil in November 2021 and the visit of the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank in March 2022. She also pointed out the good media coverage of the visit in the Brazilian media. Lorenzo reported about the human rights dialogue with Brazil, which was held on 16 June 2022 in Brussels.

Marcos Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU remarked that trade between the EU and Brazil does not lead to deforestation or environmental degradation. He said that it is an oddity for a Strategic Partnership that the last EU-Brazil summit meeting took place in 2014. Referring to the recent murder of the British journalist Dom Phillips and the Brazilian anthropologist Bruno, the Ambassador reiterated Brazil's commitment to fighting crime and impunity.

Interventions: Malin Björk (The Left, Sweden), Anna Cavazzini (Greens/EFA, Germany)

5. Exchange of views on the political and economic situation in Brazil and the European Union

- H.E. Marcos Bezerra Abbott Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU
- Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service

Marcos Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU, expressed his confidence in Brazilian democracy regarding the upcoming October elections, in which 152 million citizens will vote. He highlighted that Brazil has mandatory voting for citizens between 18 and 70 years old. However, 20% of voters abstained. He recognized the need for Brazil to improve gender equality in the political sphere. In the 2018 elections, only 15% of those elected were women. Regarding the economy, he highlighted that Brazilian GDP grew 4.6% in 2021 and 1% in the first months of 2022. The impact of the Ukraine war led to a higher inflation, which reached 11.3% in May. The ambassador underlined that Brazil registered a record trade surplus of US\$ 19.9 billion in the first four months of 2022.

Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, EEAS, stated that the EU-Brazil strategic

partnership needs to be reformed and adapted to the new international reality. She pointed out the enormous Brazilian potential in terms of researchers and manufacturers. In this regard, she praised plans for an EU-LAC partnership for vaccine production and distribution. Ms Lorenzo underlined that the EU-MERCOSUR Association Agreement, is an opportunity to boost cooperation in science, environment and human rights. Regarding the next elections in October, Lorenzo confirmed that the EU will not send an Election Observer Mission as Brazil does not accept EOMs from an organisation they are not member of.

Interventions: Anna Cavazzini (Greens/EFA, Germany), José Fernandes (EPP, Portugal)

6. Exchange of views on the Digital Agenda – Opportunities for EU-Brazil cooperation

- Olivier Bringer, Head of Unit for Policy Outreach and International Affairs, DG CNECT, European Commission
- Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service
- H.E. Marcos Bezerra Abbott Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU

Olivier Bringer, Head of Unit for Policy Outreach and International Affairs, DG CNECT, EU Commission praised the work of the EU in building one of the most comprehensive digital strategies, of which the Digital Compass initiatives and Global Gateway framework are important elements. He underlined that the EU-Brazil cooperation in the digital area is a promising partnership, whose flagship is the BELLA project, connecting Portugal with Brazil with an undersea cable, which provides a digital data highway that enables the first high-capacity direct data link between Europe and Latin America. He observed that digital agenda would benefit areas such as cybersecurity, earth observation data and the fight against the Covid pandemic and other diseases. He pointed out the relevance of EU industrial players based in Brazil and the progress made in areas such as regulatory convergence and the production of semiconductors. This partnership could result in better and more significant investment and innovation in 5G, semiconductors and data exchange.

Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, EEAS recalled that the digital area is increasingly becoming a global battlefield, turning the EU-LAC Digital Alliance into a vital element for joint protection and digital innovation. Lorenzo considered it a necessity to extend this Digital Alliance to other countries in the region, with Brazil playing a central role in it. She emphasized the importance of other initiatives such as Copernicus, the EU's Earth observation programme or Galileo, the EU's global navigation satellite system.

Marcos Galvão, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU, pointed out the crucial role of the digital sector for the economic future, as it presents 15% of the global GDP.

Interventions: José Fernandes (EPP, Portugal)

7. Any other business

None.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair informed the Members that the secretariat would provide the date of the delegation's next meeting in due time.

The meeting closed at 16.01.

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