



Delegation for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil

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of the interparliamentary meeting of 14 July 2022, 14.00-16.00

Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.06 on Thursday, 14 July 2022, with José Manuel Fernandes (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

PE 623.080v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

2. Opening of the Inter-parliamentary Meeting

Welcome speech by José Manuel Fernandes, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil

Welcome speech by Rodrigo Agostinho. Federal Deputy, Vice-President of the Friendship Group Brazil-European Union, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Environmental Caucus of the Brazilian Congress

José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, Portugal), Chair of the Delegation of the EP for the relations with Brazil, introduced the meeting underlining the importance of the relations between the EU and Brazil, which was the first South American country to establish diplomatic relations with the EU and, currently, it's one of the most important strategic partners. However, he reminded that in recent years the relations between the EU and Brazil have experienced a setback, and he reiterated the commitment of the EP to strengthen the ties with Brazil and work together towards a renewed bilateral cooperation. He also flagged three key areas of cooperation: research and science; green transition; strengthening of democracy.

Rodrigo Agostinho, Brazilian deputy for the State of São Paulo, expressed his appreciation for

the work of the Delegation of the EP and for the constant dialogue that the Delegation of the EU to Brazil has been fostering throughout the years. He underlined that Brazil is a country with one of the most biodiversity in the world, it hosts around 20% of the world's biological diversity. However, he also reminded that deforestation, illegal activities (especially with regards to the exploitation of resources) and a weakening of human rights standards, have become a serious concern in Brazil. Agostinho affirmed that the visit of the EP to Brazil will be a key moment to discuss several common priorities, and he underlined that Brazil wants to cooperate with the EU in order to include the protection of human rights and the preservation of the environment as key elements of the cooperation between both the EU and Brazil, and the EU and Mercosul.

3. Exchange of views on the state of play of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement

Introductory speech:

Jordi Cañas, Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Mercosur, European Parliament

Jordi Cañas (Renew, Spain), Chair of the Delegation of the EP for the relations with Mercosur, strongly reaffirmed the importance of the Association Agreement between the EU and Mercosur, a key and strategic instrument in order to strengthen the political and economic relations between the two blocs. He underlined that Brazil is a key country in this regard, as it is Mercosur's largest economy and the biggest country in the region. He affirmed that the cooperation between the two blocs must not be confined to the trade sphere, it is crucial to prioritise the political aspects of the cooperation, with a focus on environment, security and economy. He agreed with Mr. Agostinho on the importance of including the protection of human rights and the preservation of the environment in the agreement, and he flagged that the agreement is already the first of a new generation of agreements the EU is promoting.

4. Exchange of views on the geopolitical consequences of the Ukraine war

5. Exchange of views on the fight against climate change and defence of human rights

6. Conclusions

Due to last minute cancellations of confirmed participants from both the Brazilian and European sides and the need for Mr Agostino to leave the meeting earlier in order to catch a flight, items 4 to 6 could only be addressed briefly..

José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, Portugal), affirmed that the EU has been able to deliver a rapid and effective response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine through six packages of sanctions. He also reminded that preventive actions should have been taken, energy dependence on Russia was already an issue long before the Ukraine war and required a prompter response. The Russian invasion showed how important our strategic autonomy is, but also how important it is to strengthen our links with the countries that share our values and aims.

Fernandes reminded that the EU is worried about what is happening in the Amazon forest. The recent murders of the British journalist Dom Philipps and the human rights activists Bruno Pereira raised again strong concerns on the defence of human rights in Brazil. Fernandes also underlined that the EP has recently approved a resolution on the human rights situation in Brazil, in which MEPs condemn the assassination of the two activists.

7. Any other business

None.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The date and venue of the next D-BR meeting will be communicated later on.

The meeting closed at 14.47.

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Rodrigo Agostinho. Federal Deputy, Vice-President of the Friendship Group Brazil-European Union, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Environmental Caucus of the Brazilian Congress	Item 2

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