



Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community

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of the meeting of 13 October 2022, 16.00-19.00

Brussels

The meeting opened at 16.08 on Thursday 13 October 2022, with Pilar del Castillo Vera (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

OJ – PE617.526v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Welcoming remarks and introduction to the MEPs participating in the meeting by the Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community

The Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community, introduced and welcomed the participants, recalling the importance of the bilateral relationship between the EU and Ecuador.

3. Greetings and introduction to the Members of Congress participating in the meeting by the Chair of the Delegation from Ecuador

- Gustavo Mateus, Member of the National Assembly, Speech by the Chair of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, presentation of the group (*by videoconferencing*).
- Fernando Flores, Member of the National Assembly, Speech by the Chair of the Specialised Standing Committee on International Relations and Human Mobility, presentation of the committee (*by videoconferencing*).

The Chair of the Ecuadorian Delegation, Gustavo Mateus, Chair of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, introduced the working group. He expressed his pride in chairing the working group. He pointed out that the purpose of the working group was to further the agendas for cooperation and strengthen bilateral relations between Ecuador and the EU. Fernando Flores, Chair of the Specialised Standing Committee on International Relations and Human Mobility, presented his committee's work.

4. Exchange of views on waiving the Schengen area visa requirement for Ecuadorian nationals travelling to Europe for a limited period, with the participation of:

- Francisco Javier Zarzalejos Nieto, shadow rapporteur for the report of the LIBE Committee
- Gustavo Mateus, Member of the National Assembly, Speech by the Chair of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, presentation of the group (*by videoconferencing*).
- Nathalie Viteri, member of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Social Cristiano Party (*by videoconferencing*)
- Peter Calo, member of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Pachacutik (*by videoconferencing*)
- Fernando Cedeño, Member of the National Assembly, work undertaken by the Specialised Standing Committee on International Relations and Human Mobility (*by videoconferencing*)

Francisco Javier Zarzalejos Nieto, MEP for the Group of the European People's Party and shadow rapporteur for the LIBE Committee report on the proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Kuwait, Qatar), stressed the importance of placing Ecuador on the list of countries exempt from the requirement for an entry visa for the Schengen area. He showed that there was a consensus between the two main groups in the European Parliament, the EPP and the S&D on adding Ecuador to the list.

He stated that Ecuador was an important trading partner of the EU, and the country's status as a signatory to the Multiparty Trade Agreement, alongside Peru and Colombia, meant that it was entitled, under the principle of regional coherence that dictated that countries in the same geographical region should receive similar political and economic treatment, to this extension of visa-free travel for its citizens. He stressed that Ecuador had undertaken major technical and legal reforms and had introduced biometric passports (essential for visa applications). He pointed out that the country had issued almost 800 000 biometric passports the previous year. Ecuador had introduced a legal framework providing legal coverage for returning Ecuadorian nationals that had illegally entered European territory. Ecuador had consented to the conditions for entry into EU territory. He added that these constituted providing full information coverage to citizens and promoting an active policy on the rejection rate. He stated that the refusal rate was normally between 10 and 12 per cent, and Ecuador's rate was slightly higher (14%), while acknowledging that this was trending

upwards. He concluded by saying that the draft document was currently under negotiation with a view to drawing up the final version.

Speakers: Francisco Javier Zarzalejos Nieto (EPP, Spain), Gustavo Mateus; Nathalie Viteri, Fernando Flores (Member of the National Assembly and Chair of the Standing Committee on International Relations).

5. Exchange of views on the new impetus in EU-Latin America relations. Presentation of the roadmap, with the participation of:

- Javier Niño, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Javier Niño, Deputy Executive Director for the Americas, European External Action Service (EEAS) presented the roadmap for 2023. Mr Niño stated that this project aims to place Latin America in a central position on the EU's external relations map. He added that this was a very ambitious project for 2023, which would culminate in a meeting of heads of state and government under aegis of the Spanish Presidency of the Council. This would require a change in the EU's mentality towards the Latin American region. He expressed his intention for this relationship not to end in 2023, but would rather to become more strategic in the future. He stated that the first point on the roadmap would be a ministerial meeting in Buenos Aires with the participation of the High Representative and the Foreign Minister of Ecuador. He outlined the main lines of action of this strategic alliance: the central place of human beings, artificial intelligence, the fight against climate change, the path towards energy independence, security, combating organised crime and cooperation in general with a view to improving social conditions in both regions.

Speakers: Fernando Flores (Member of the National Assembly and Chair of the Standing Committee on International Relations); Marjorie Chávez (Member of the National Assembly, Specialised Standing Committee on International Relations) Pierina Correa (Member of the National Assembly); Javier Niño.

6. Exchange of views on cooperation between the European Union and Ecuador in combating organised crime, with the participation of:

- Juan Gama, Co-Director, EL PAcCTO (*by videoconferencing*)
- Marjorie Chávez, Member of the National Assembly, Specialised Standing Committee on International Relations and Human Mobility (*by videoconferencing*)

Juan Gama, Co-Director of EL PAcCTO (Assistance Programme against Transnational Organised Crime in Latin America) gave an overview of the programme's objectives and achievements. He stated that collaboration with Ecuador started in 2010. He cited El PAcCTO's main initiatives: cooperation between European and Ecuadorian intelligence services; the establishment of a specific training programme on prison intelligence; joint investigations into cases of money laundering; establishing a public intelligence prosecutor's office to combat cybercrime; and introducing of a specialised jurisdiction to prosecute organised crime. He stated that Ecuador had been a pioneer in launching this initiative. He announced that El PAcCTO 2.0 would be launched in April 2023, and stressed

the importance of digital partnerships in harmonising crime-fighting policies in Latin America.

Speakers: Marjorie Chávez, Juan Gama, Jordi Solé (Greens/EFA, Spain); Jordi Cañas (Renew, Spain).

7. Concluding remarks by the Chair of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, with the participation of:

- Gustavo Mateus, Member of the National Assembly, Speech by the Chair of the Ecuador-European Union Interparliamentary Friendship Group, presentation of the group (*by videoconferencing*).

8. Other business

9. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair stated that the next meeting would be an in-person event in the week of 15 May 2023 in Ecuador, although the final decision would be announced as soon as the Conference of Presidents had authorised the mission.

The meeting closed at 18.18.

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