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*Delegation for relations with Mercosur*

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# **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of 13 October 2022, from 12.00 to 14.00**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 12.10 on Thursday 13 October 2022, with Jordi Cañas (Chair) in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

OJ - PE596.572v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meetings**

- DMER meeting of 20 June 2022

PV - PE596.571v01-00

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair pointed out that a number of documents for Members' information had been included in the meeting papers.

**4. Exchange of views on the outcome of the Delegation's mission to Uruguay and Paraguay from 19 to 23 September**

Speakers highlighted the high political level of the visit, the host countries' gratitude for the visit, the quality and variety of stakeholders with whom meetings had been held in Uruguay and Paraguay, including representatives from the executive and legislative branches and from the private sector, social partners and civil society representatives, which had played a part in the dialogues' value and utility. The mission had served to take

a bilateral relationship that was already deep, close and cordial to the next level. The speakers representing the European Union highlighted, and expressed their gratitude for, the recent Uruguayan and Paraguayan support for the European Union in international forums in defence of the principles of democracy and rules-based multilateralism. They also recalled the many links between the two regions, which is expected to lead very soon to stronger relations between the European Union and Mercosur (and, by extension, the whole of Latin America and the Caribbean). It was possible that the forthcoming high-level meetings expected to take place between the European Union and CELAC member states would make a decisive contribution to that end.

All the speakers agreed that the adoption of the EU-Mercosur association agreement would represent a quantitative and qualitative leap forward in the relationship between the two parties and provide a much more effective structure for bilateral cooperation. The Commission undertook to finalise the additional commitments on environmental matters shortly. Approval of those commitments from both sides could unblock the process of discussing and adopting the association agreement.

Members stressed the importance of Uruguay and Paraguay in the context of the current food crisis; welcomed the fact that the programmes the EU was implementing in those countries were going well, and pointed out that the EU faced many of the same challenges as Uruguay and Paraguay, concluding that the adoption of the association agreement would be an appropriate instrument for addressing those challenges. They also expressed support for the Paraguayan Government's request that the EU send an Election Observation Mission to Paraguay for the elections to be held there on 30 April 2023.

**Speakers:** *Leopoldo López Gil, José Manuel Fernandes, Mónica Silvana González, Jordi Cañas, Josep Puxeu (EESC).*

## **5. Other business**

None.

## **6. 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 13.37.

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| Nicola Danti, José Manuel Fernandes, Jörgen Warborn   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Pablo Sader, Ambassador of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay to Belgium and Luxembourg, Head of Mission to the European Union.</li> <li>• H.E. Rigoberto Gauto Vielman, Ambassador of the Republic of Paraguay to Belgium and Luxembourg, Head of Mission to the European Union</li> <li>• Paolo Garzotti, Head of Unit, Trade Relations with Latin America, DG TRADE, European Commission</li> <li>• Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service</li> <li>• H.E. Paolo Berizzi, Head of the European Union Delegation to Uruguay</li> <li>• H.E. Javier García de Viedma, Head of the European Union Delegation to Paraguay</li> </ul> | Item 4 |

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