



Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 20 October 2022, from 10.00 to 11.00

Strasbourg

The meeting opened on 20 October 2022, at 10.08 with Massimiliano Smeriglio (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda OJ – PE733.914v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

There were no announcements.

**3. Exchange of views on the programme of the mission,
with the participation of:**

- H.E. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin, Ambassador-designate of Mexico to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission of Mexico to the European Union
- Jonathan Hatwell, Head of Division for Mexico, Central America and Caribbean (AMERICAS.2), European External Action Service (EEAS) (*via videoconference*)

H.E. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin, Ambassador-designate of Mexico to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission of Mexico to the European Union, commended the role played by the Joint Parliamentary Committee as the

strongest pillar of the bilateral relationship. He also explained that it constituted a forum for the exchange of first-hand information on public policies and the internal situation in the country where the Mexican counterpart could also learn about the political, economic and social situation in the EU. He highlighted common values and shared challenges, such as the current tense times caused by the war in Ukraine, the volatility of energy prices, cyber-attacks and the enduring effects of the pandemic. He noted that the visit coincided with what he hoped would be the imminent conclusion of the modernised comprehensive agreement and trusted that economic relations would be further deepened. He then provided some data regarding the economic situation of Mexico, explaining that FDI had grown by 49.2% compared to the first half of 2021, it being one of the highest recorded in developing countries anywhere in the world, and that it had received a triple B stable rating by Standard & Poor's. He emphasised the macroeconomic stability of the country and the responsible monetary policy with an investment expectation of 8% at the end of 2022 with a downward trend as of February of the following year. In addition, Mexico had a competitive fiscal deficit and a debt not exceeding 60 % of GDP, i.e. below the average of comparable economies. He pointed out that Mexico was in a situation similar to that of European economies as regards international rating agencies, the importance of which he emphasised in light of perceptions of the Mexican economy expressed at previous meetings.

He announced that during the mission, Members would note the commitment to further improving relations with the EU on a permanent basis as regards trade, investment and technology. He noted that in order to be able to respond to the challenges faced in terms of energy and food security the economy of Mexico and that of the rest of the world would have to work in a complementary manner, this being particularly so for Mexico and the EU, and further expressed his willingness to drive the relationship with the EU forward under the modernised global agreement. He explained that the Commission had tabled a compromise solution that was currently being reviewed by the legal counsel to the Mexican presidency, and expressed the hope that the agreement could be signed in the first half of 2023.

He reviewed the agenda of the mission, highlighting the meeting with the Governor of Quintana Roo, its first female governor, and praised the technical work done by the European and Mexican sides. He concluded by reaffirming his desire for a successful visit and for ties to grow ever stronger.

Jonathan Hatwell, Head of Division for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (AMERICAS.2) at the European External Action Service (EEAS), noted that Mexico was a strategic partner of the EU and underlined that interparliamentary dialogue was therefore of the utmost importance. He welcomed the mission's agenda, describing it as comprehensive and relevant and highlighted issues such as the modernisation of the global agreement, migration, gender and security. He stressed that Mexico was a mature democracy with shared values with the EU and noted that presidential and legislative elections would be held the following year. He emphasised that the EU was working with Mexico on topics of common interest such as the green agenda and social cohesion, including cooperation through the European Development and International Cooperation Instrument. Thus, efforts would be made to address global environmental challenges, strengthen public finance policies, reduce inequalities and promote the formal economy

and formalisation of jobs. He mentioned that they were also working on post-COVID health-related topics to foster self-sufficiency and, in particular, scientific cooperation and vaccine production, as well as to help Mexico become the regional centre for vaccines in Latin America. He reported that there was a vigorous dialogue on human rights, mentioning the most recent High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights that had taken place in July, and explained that work was ongoing on the follow-up, including through a forthcoming trilogue with civil society and the Mexican authorities. He outlined the challenges facing the country in terms of combating organised crime, insecurity and violence, and expressed support for the Mexican authorities in this fight. He expressed concern about the reform of the energy sector and the case brought against Mexico by the US and Canada under the US-Mexico-Canada agreement, but trusted that a mutually satisfactory solution would be found.

Massimiliano Smeriglio presented the programme of the mission in detail.

Speakers: Jordi Cañas (Renew, Spain), Diana Riba i Giner (Greens/ALE, Spain), Jose Manuel Fernandes (EPP, Spain), Maria Eugenia Rodriguez-Palop (The Left, Spain), Ibán García del Blanco (S&D, Spain), Mazaly Aguilar(ECR, Spain).

After the Members had spoken, H.E. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin, Ambassador-designate of Mexico to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission of Mexico to the European Union stressed the importance of expediting the signing of the modernised global agreement as much as possible in order for it to take place in the first half of 2023, specifically in May 2023 so that it could be submitted to the Senate in June 2023, since if the signing were to be postponed to the second half of the year, this would mean submitting it to the Senate in August for discussion in February or March 2024, which would entail risks in light of the political times in Mexico.

4. Information on logistical issues

None.

5. Other business

The meeting closed at 10.46.

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