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Executive Bureau

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MINUTES

of the meetings of 2 November 2021, 15.30-18.30

and 3 November 2021, 9.00-13.00

Seat of the Andean Parliament

Congress of the Republic of Colombia

Bogota (Colombia)

The meeting opened at 15.55 on Tuesday, 2 November 2021, at the seat the Andean Parliament in Bogotá (Colombia), with Javi López, Co-President of the Assembly for the European Parliament component, and Oscar Darío Pérez Pineda, Co-President of the Assembly for the Latin American component, presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

AP103.120v01_00

The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 6 May 2021 (Brussels, Belgium) **AP102.959v01_00**

The draft minutes of the meeting were approved.

3. Co-Presidents' announcements

The Co-President of the Latin American component reported that the Andean Parliament had approved the award of its highest honour, the Simón Bolívar Prize for Latin American Integration, to Javier Fernández Fernández, a former official of the European Parliament who, since the creation of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and until his retirement, had served as Co-Secretary-General of the European Parliament component.

The Co-President of the Latin American component also reported that at the meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Latin American component, held on 24 September 2021, it was decided that the Co-Presidents of the other bodies of the Assembly of the Latin American component would be invited to participate as observers in that meeting.

The Co-Presidents recalled that at the Executive Bureau meeting of 6 May 2021 it was agreed to create a Working Group on Combating Hunger and Improving Food Security, which would be formally established at the next Assembly meeting.

4. Exchange of views on general issues in the bi-regional relationship, particularly the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union.

The Co-President of the European Parliament component stressed the importance of science, effective action by public authorities, universal health provision, multilateralism, and the importance of prevention with regard to health and the environment as key factors in overcoming the pandemic, and called for the adoption of an economic and social recovery agenda and the strengthening of the bi-regional relationship.

The Co-President of the Latin American component underlined the challenges that the Member States of its component had to face in terms of the purchasing and equitable distribution of vaccines, and the uneven results obtained so far. He also recalled the serious economic and social effects that the pandemic has had in Latin America.

Other members reiterated the need to relaunch the bilateral relationship on the basis of solidarity and the lessons learned from the pandemic. Attention was drawn to the importance of scientific and technical cooperation and the serious effects that the pandemic has had, particularly on more vulnerable groups, as well as on supply and logistics chains. Finally, reference was made to the desirability of suspending patents for vaccines and increasing production capacity.

Speakers: Javi López, Oscar Darío Pérez, César Luena, Karinne Niño, Jordi Cañas, Julia Perié, Sandra Pereira, Adolfo Mendoza, Jorge Pizarro, Adolfo Rodríguez Saa.

5. Presentation of a draft joint declaration by the Co-Presidents and exchange of views

The Co-President of the European Parliament component presented the draft joint declaration of the Co-Presidents of the Assembly, drafted pursuant to Article 18 of the

Rules of Procedure. The Co-President underlined the willingness of the Co-Presidents to achieve maximum consensus. There was then an extensive discussion on the wording of the draft declaration.

Speakers: Karinne Niño, Jordi Cañas, Herman Tertsch, Adolfo Mendoza, Sandra Pereira.

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The meeting was adjourned at 17.50 on Tuesday, 2 November 2021, and was resumed at 10.05 on Wednesday, 3 November 2021, at the Congress of the Republic of Columbia in Bogotá (Colombia), with Javi López, Co-President of the Assembly for the European Parliament component, and Oscar Darío Pérez Pineda, Co-President of the Assembly for the Latin American component, presiding.

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6. Consideration and adoption of a joint declaration by the Co-Presidents

The Co-President of the European Parliament component reported on the changes made to the draft declaration following the previous day's debate. Acknowledging the efforts made by the Co-Presidents in the search for a consensus and the work carried out by the co-secretariat, the members of the Executive Bureau gave their approval to the Co-Presidents' joint declaration, with the exception of Herman Tertsch, who had his and his political group's rejection of the wording noted in the minutes.

7. Programme of activities for the Assembly in 2022

The proposal of the Co-Presidents to hold the 14th plenary meeting of EuroLat, as well as its standing committees, fora and working groups, during week 14 of 2022 (11-15 April) in Argentina was accepted, subject to the agreement of the European Parliament component, the agreement of the relevant authorities of the host country and the epidemiological situation at the time of the meeting.

It was also decided to explore the possibility, during the second half of 2022, for the standing committees, fora and working groups to meet in the Czech Republic (rotating presidency of the Council of the Union) or, alternatively, in one of the places of work of the European Parliament, preferably during week 44 (first week of November 2022), subject, once again, to the agreement of the European Parliament component and to the epidemiological situation at the time of the meeting.

Speakers: Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, Karinne Niño, Adolfo Mendoza.

8. Exchange of views with national authorities

Carlos Arturo Morales López, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and External Relations of the Republic of Colombia, presented the axes of his country's foreign policy,

namely Colombia's strategic relationship with the European Union based on their shared principles and values; greater integration of the Andean States and greater integration of the Andean Community into the international community;

the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and an increase in vaccine production capacities; migration; and peace and human rights in Colombia, while highlighting the value of the EU Trust Fund.

Maritza Martínez Aristizábal, Vice-President of the Senate of the Republic of Colombia, highlighted the inequality in access to vaccines and the need for greater solidarity in that regard, while calling for greater facilities for the production of vaccines locally. She also referred to the fight against climate change and hunger, while outlining measures adopted by Colombia in these areas.

Jennifer Arias, President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Colombia, paid tribute to the victims of COVID-19, praised the solidarity shown during the pandemic and enumerated the measures adopted by her institution to face this challenge and others, such as climate change. She also referred to the protection of women from violence and the need to tackle organised crime and violence on social networks, as well as disinformation.

This was followed by the presentation of the Simón Bolívar Prize for Latin American Integration to Javier Fernández Fernández, former official of the European Parliament.

The Co-Presidents highlighted the recipient's role in the founding of EuroLat in 2006, his dedication to bi-regional integration and his great vocation for public service.

9. Other business

It was suggested that the communication strategy for future meetings of the Assembly should be strengthened in order to ensure its meetings and activities reach the broadest possible audience.

Speakers: Adolfo Mendoza, Jordi Cañas, Herman Tertsch.

10. Date and place of next meeting

It was stated that the date and place of the next ordinary meeting of the Executive Bureau (subject to the required approval) would be communicated in due course.

The meeting closed at 12.55.

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<p>Carlos Arturo Morales López, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs and External Relations of the Republic of Colombia</p> <p>Maritza Martínez Aristizábal, Vice-President of the Senate of the Republic of Colombia</p> <p>Jennifer Arias, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Colombia</p> <p>Javier Fernández Fernández, former official of the European Parliament, former Co-Secretary of the European component of the EuroLat Assembly</p>

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