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MINUTES

of the meeting of 10 November 2022, 14.30-16.30

Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.37 on Thursday, 10 November 2022, with José Manuel Fernandes (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

OJ - PE623.082v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

2. Election of Bureau members of the delegation

João Albuquerque (S&D) was elected first Vice-chair of the Delegation by acclamation. He replaces Manuel Pizarro (S&D) who was appointed Minister of Health in Portugal.

3. Approval of minutes of meeting of:

- 23 June 2022 PV - PE623.079v01-00
- 14 July 2022 (IPM) PV - PE623.081v01-00

These minutes were approved.

4. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed Members that a group of representatives of Brazilian think tanks would visit the EU institutions. He suggested holding a meeting with MEPs and these experts to have an in-depth discussion on the political situation in Brazil after the elections. The tentative date would be 29 November.

5. Exchange of views on the results of the presidential elections in Brazil and its consequences for the EU-Brazil relations, with the participation of:

- H.E. Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU
- Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service
- Diana Montero Melis replacing Felix Fernández-Shaw, Director for Latin America, the Caribbean and relations with all Overseas Countries and Territories, European Commission, DG INTPA
- Rupert Schlegelmilch, Director for The Americas, Agriculture and Food Safety, European Commission, DG TRADE
- Monica Sodre, Chief Executive Officer, Rede de Ação Política pela Sustentabilidade (Political Action Network for Sustainability [RAPS] - NGO), São Paulo

H.E. Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU said that the general elections held in October 2022 were the largest in Brazilian history: 156 million people were qualified to vote throughout the 5,570 cities in Brazil and 181 cities abroad. A record number of 697,000 individuals registered to vote outside Brazil in the presidential elections. He pointed out that the voting took place using 577,125 electronic ballot boxes in 472,075 polling stations in Brazil and overseas.

The Ambassador reported that in the first round of the general elections on 2 October the voters were called to vote for the President, 27 governors, 27 senators, and all 513 federal representatives. Voter turnout was 79.09%. Since none of the candidates for president obtained an absolute majority, a second round of voting was necessary, which took place on 30 October. At that time, voter turnout was 79.41%, this is, more than 124 million people. Luís Inácio Lula da Silva was elected the 39th President of the Federative Republic of Brazil with 60.3 million votes or 50.9% of all valid ballots cast, whereas President Jair Messias Bolsonaro received 58.2 million votes (49.1%). The new President will take office on 1 January 2023. The Ambassador underlined that the 2022 election set a new record in terms of the number of women who ran for office: 33.3% at federal, state and district levels. 91 members of the Chamber of Deputies will be women, which is 17.7% of all members. Women were also elected for four of the 27 Senate seats elected, and two women were elected as state governors. Seven indigenous candidates were elected to the Chamber of Deputies against only one indigenous member in previous legislatures. There was a 40% increase in the total number of indigenous candidates compared to the 2018 elections. 141 black candidates were elected to federal legislative positions and will hold 27.4% of the seats in Congress.

Mr da Costa e Silva said that eight international election observation missions with more than 500 observers had verified the efficiency and fairness of the 2022 general elections with independence and full access to facilities, electronic systems and polling places. The Ambassador stressed that Brazil uses cutting-edge information security technology to ensure integrity, authenticity and voting secrecy. He praised the Supreme Electoral Court's

work in combating the spread of false information. He concluded by informing Members that the work of the transition team in direct collaboration with the current Brazilian Government had already begun.

Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service said it had been a very clear but narrow victory for Lula, ultimately reflecting calls for political change in Brazil but at the same time showing the consolidation of a more conservative agenda. She praised the work of the Supreme Electoral Court (TSE) noting that the elections had been peaceful and well organised and that the few incidents had been handled very effectively. The reaction of the Brazilian institutions and the political establishment was clear proof of the maturity and reliability of the Brazilian democratic institutions. She highlighted that the future government of president-elect Lula would face very different conditions from what they were in the early 2000s when he first came to power due to the challenging socioeconomic context in Brazil as well as the geopolitical context. She stressed that hunger has returned in Brazil after the COVID-19 pandemic and that the new government may have to contend with an economic slowdown. Inflation and rising food and energy prices are a significant challenge and the fiscal space for social spending is quite limited. Lorenzo pointed out that the new administration will face polarization and governance issues in Congress as right-wing parties hold majorities in both chambers.

Ms Lorenzo said that the massive challenges of the last years have also led to a reflection on how to strengthen the links with like-minded partners of the EU. This resulted in the publication of the “Road to 2023”, which reflects the EU’s and Member States’ interest to revitalize the partnership with Latin America since the region has traditionally been the EU’s closest ally. The Russian war in Ukraine and its social and economic global impact highlighted the importance of ensuring reliable global partnerships. She admitted that the Strategic Partnership with Brazil has not lived up to its true potential, but now the political momentum is there to revitalize this important partnership. She pointed out that the priorities which president-elect Lula put forward in his victory speech align very well with the values and priorities of the EU. Among them, she highlights the focus on the social agenda, combating hunger, poverty, and the priority on health, education and jobs. She underlined the importance of Lula’s commitment to revive Brazil internationally as well as his readiness to revitalise the partnerships with the US and with the EU. She hailed Lula's strong commitment to combating climate change, fighting deforestation in the Amazon and promoting sustainable development. She announced that the EEAS would reach out to the other services of the Commission to articulate what the revived partnership with Brazil could look like in the coming years, with sustainability at its core.

Ms Lorenzo stressed that cooperation is key in bilateral relations, for example investing further in the energies of the future, including green hydrogen. Regarding the Mercosur Agreement, she argued that this agreement was much broader than a mere free trade agreement. It is foremost a tool to deepen dialogue and cooperation with all the Mercosur countries on the important challenges like sustainable supply chains, protection of the environment or supporting the role of indigenous communities. She said the next 12 months would be a unique opportunity to advance the Mercosur deal across the board. She concluded by saying that the long overdue EU Brazil summit should finally take place.

Diana Montero Melis, Deputy Head of Unit of DG INPA informed members that the work towards the summit with the Latin America and the Caribbean planned for next year had

begun. The EU wishes to further increase cooperation with Brazil, in the fields of green transition, digital transformation, human development including education, health and vaccines and inclusive sustainable economic recovery. She stressed that the EU and Brazil as strategic partners share several policy priorities in areas that are relevant, such as digitalization, research, innovation, energy transition, bioeconomy and sustainable value chains, which are all embedded in the Global Gateway strategy. She also pointed out a 1.2 billion lending operation by the Member States, the Commission and the EIB.

She acknowledged that there is not a huge EU budget for Latin America and the Caribbean and in particular for Brazil, for which around 70 million euros are earmarked under the regional programme. She said that in Brazil there was a European initiative on the Green Deal - which will deal directly with the Amazon region - and on digital transformation. She noted that there was huge potential for collaboration on many issues, but to maximize its impact, support from financial institutions, the private sector, government institutions, civil society organizations and local authorities is needed. Finally, she highlighted the excellent relationship that the EU has with civil society organizations and local authorities in Brazil.

Rupert Schlegelmilch, Director for the Americas, Agriculture and Food Safety, European Commission, DG TRADE, hailed the Brazilian elections as an important transition towards democratic stability. He highlighted the crucial role played by the EU delegation in Brazil. He stated that the country is a key EU partner and a strategic economic and geopolitical ally. He explained that the Association Agreement with Brazil was not only a trade agreement but also a social and political agreement. Schlegelmilch stressed the political determination of both parties to update and improve the agreement, recalling the importance of adopting a European approach to make it work. Mr. Schlegelmilch emphasised the importance of technological investments in Brazil. He explained that technology and sustainability are keywords in EU-Brazil relations and that today, due to the invasion of Ukraine, it is crucial to improve this relationship. He concluded by expressing his confidence that the new Brazilian government will be a great ally and valuable partner for the EU.

Monica Sodré, Chief Executive Officer, Rede de Ação Política pela Sustentabilidade (Political Action Network for Sustainability [RAPS] - NGO), São Paulo, pointed out that the elections had been held peacefully, despite some isolated and marginal incidents. She stressed that the electronic voting system had been proven for over 20 years, and it was effective and efficient. The Defence Ministry, which had previously proposed parallel counting of ballots, submitted a report to the TSE, which acknowledged that the elections were held in a legal, lawful and honest way, putting an end to speculation of fraud. She highlighted the resilience of the institutions, especially, the Federal Supreme Court and the Supreme Electoral Court. She confirmed an undeniable division in society, which did not start with Bolsonaro's mandate but was exacerbated during his Presidency. She recalled that almost half of Brazilians did not vote for President Lula, as he won with a very narrow margin. Ms. Sodré highlighted some relevant aspects concerning the governability in the coming years. She pointed out that in the elections to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, the right increased considerably the number of its representatives, with the party of the incumbent President, the right-wing Liberal Party, becoming the largest group in the Chamber of Deputies. President-elect Lula has no majority in Congress, which will force him to negotiate with other parties from the centre. Another governability issue will be the role of the current President of the Chamber of Deputies, Arthur Lira, who was closely connected with Bolsonaro, and with whom Lula will have to negotiate. However, Sodré

expressed her hope that as Brazilians had been able to promote the governability of the country in the past, there was no reason to believe this would not be the case in the future.

Ms Sodré stated that the environment and climate issues had historically been associated with the left parties and emphasised that this issue needed to be brought closer to the right and centre parties, in particular with a view to economic opportunities and not only disasters and extreme events. She mentioned that issues of concern such as environmental licensing and Brazil's withdrawal from international commitments would already be resolved in the coming month and a half. She stressed that given the difficult fiscal situation, the priorities were to find paths towards a balanced budget. Regarding the environment, there has been an erosion of the institutions, whose budgets had been deliberately slashed with serious consequences for controlling deforestation. She said there was space for policies to reduce inequality, ensure food security and end hunger. She stressed that Lula's commitment to climate is demonstrated by his first post-election international trip to COP27 and his intention to create a climate ministry. Sodré stressed the importance of closer relations between the European Parliament and the Brazilian Congress, as well as with the Parliaments of the Member States since they play a fundamental role in environmental policies.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair informed the Members that the secretariat would provide the date of the next delegation meeting in due time.

The meeting closed at 16.23.

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