



MINUTES

of the meeting of 6 February 2023, 17.00 - 18.00

Brussels

Room ASP 1E1

The meeting opened at 17.00 on Monday, 6 February 2023 with Ulrike Müller (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 14 November 2022.

The minutes are adopted.

3. Communication by the Chair

The Chair informed the participants that interpretation is available in German, English and French.

The Chair recognized the political accomplishments and leadership of outgoing Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, and expressed admiration for her decision to step down as Prime Minister.

The Chair then looked forward to the forthcoming EU/New Zealand IPM in Wellington and Christchurch, which will take place on 20-22 February 2023. The delegation group consisted

of ten MEPs from seven political groups, representing a significant diversity within the European Parliament. The chair provided an overview of meetings in New Zealand, includes meetings with politicians, representatives from the private sectors, NGOs, and academics.

4. Preparation of the forthcoming 27th EU-New Zealand Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (Wellington & Christchurch 20 -24 February) exchange of views with H.E. Ambassador Carl REAICH, Mission of New Zealand to the EU

Mrs Diana Reaich, NZ Deputy Head of Mission and EEAS Deputy Head of Division, opened by apologizing for the absence of Ambassador Carl Reaich, who was unable to attend due to illness. Mrs Reaich thanked the Chair for her kind words regarding the outgoing Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, and provided information about the new Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, as well as the Deputy PM and new ministers. She also mentioned the upcoming election date, which is set for 14 October 2023.

Mrs Reaich provided an update on current popular agendas in New Zealand society, including inflation, crime, the health care system, debates on carbon goals, and co-governance in New Zealand. She then updated the delegation on the state of the New Zealand economy, noting that it is resilient, but with slow GDP growth post-pandemic, and expected rise in the unemployment rate. Mrs Reaich outlined New Zealand's bilateral priorities with the EU, including support for Ukraine in response to Russia's illegal aggression, signing a Free Trade Agreement with the EU (expected by the end of 2023), and cooperation through Horizon Europe, which provides access for New Zealand researcher to European science and research space.

In response to MEP Vana's question regarding the situation and discussion of violence against woman in New Zealand and the reduction of voting age. Mrs Reaich first outlined the seriousness of the issue of violence against women. She stated that four out of ten women have experienced violence and indigenous people are affected more than others are. Then, she indicated that the reduction of the voting age from 18 to 16 was still in the legislative process and unlikely to take place in the upcoming election.

In response to MEP Winkler's question regarding the political division, in the context of upcoming election, between the two political groups on FTA and climate policy, Mrs Reaich explained that New Zealand's trade policy is largely bipartisan. Both parties have commented on the FTA regards to their interests, but the commitment to the FTA is certain. She indicated that climate policy is a highly political charged issue, depending on the groups represented, but there is a shared commitment to achieving the climate goals.

In response to MEP Cutajar's question regarding the areas of focus for Horizon Europe, mental health issues in New Zealand, and the shortage of medication supply, Mrs Reaich stated that New Zealand's focus would be on research in the areas of climate, culture and equity. About mental health issues, she mentioned that it has been a challenge since the pandemic and that the government is paying more attention on healthcare system to address the issue. Finally, she stated that New Zealand is heavily dependent on the global supply chain and is still very interested in working to improve it.

In response to the Chair's question about the current relationship between Australia and New

Zealand: Mrs Reaich stated that Australia is New Zealand's only formal ally, even though the relationship has not always been easy. She agreed that the change of government in Australia has made the relationship easier and emphasized that there is now a closer political alignment than there was a couple of years ago.

In response to MEP Pelletier's question on violence against women: Mrs Reaich indicated that the New Zealand government is shifting its approach from punishment to a longer-term response. This includes education, strengthening the role of families, and addressing the issue within society as a whole.

In response to MEP Løkkegaard's question on the perspective of the FTA as a role model, Mrs Reaich mentioned that the FTA includes provisions addressing the Paris Agreement and labour rights, reflecting New Zealand's values in the market. She emphasized that the FTA reflects the understanding the context and values are crucial in trade.

5. Preparation of the forthcoming 27th EU-New Zealand Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (Wellington & Christchurch 20 -24 February): exchange of views with Deputy Head of Division Philipp GROSS for Asia and Pacific, EEAS.

This part of the meeting was in camera.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

7. Date and place of next meeting

To be communicated.

The meeting closed at 18.00

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<p>Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Monika Vana, Iuliu Winkler</p>

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Deputy Head of Mission, Diane Reaich , Clotilde Sipp, (New Zealand Embassy)

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