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*Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly*

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# **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of 4 October 2023, 15.00-17.30**

**Strasbourg**

The meeting opened at 15.10 on Wednesday, 4 October 2023, with Javi López (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Chair's announcements**

The Chair announced that on 6 September, the Conference of Presidents authorised a change in location for the next EuroLat meeting originally to be held in Uruguay. Instead, it will take place in the Dominican Republic. The Chair thanked the host country for their invitation.

In addition, the Chair explained the development of this next Eurolat meeting in Santo Domingo. He announced that the meeting of the Executive Bureau would take place on 30 October. The meetings of the four working committees of EuroLat, the Working group, the Meeting with civil society and the Women's forum will be held between 31 October and 2 November in Santo Domingo.

**3. Exchange of views on the 'EU-CELAC Summit and activities with Latin America under the Spanish Presidency of the Council'**

- H.E. José Manuel Albares Bueno, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, rotating presidency of the Council

The Chair welcomed H.E. Mr José Albares Bueno, acting minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain,

highlighting the importance of his presence in light of the Spanish rotating presidency of the Council and Spain's strategic agenda towards Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), having placed the region as a priority during its Council presidency. Mr Javi López reminded that the EuroLat co-presidents participated at the EU-CELAC Summit sharing the message of the Assembly to the Heads of State and Government. He highlighted how important it was to have bi-regional conversations at this level again, as the last summit was eight years ago and the world has fundamentally changed since then, with dialogue having become increasingly relevant in light of the upcoming association agreements, the need to restore multilateralism and the consequences of the war against Ukraine.

H. E. Mr José Albares Bueno expressed the importance of establishing a strategic cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting the relevance of EuroLat and its consistent bi-regional communication in strengthening relations. The significance of such parliamentary relations was recognised in the EU-CELAC Summit Declaration<sup>1</sup>. The Spanish presidency made 2023 the year of Latin America and the Caribbean. He explained that there are some association agreements under negotiation, and there is a common agenda on human rights and climate change. The Spanish rotating presidency is conscious of the common challenges faced under the bilateral cooperation framework. Latin America is still the most compatible region with Europe as both share common values on multilateralism and human rights defence.

LAC and Europe together represent 14% of global population and 21% of global GDP, so their common voice must be heard. The EU-CELAC Summit was precisely focused on enhancing the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the bilateral cooperation. The Spanish objective is also to ensure that the cooperation continues even after the end of the Spanish presidency of the Council. In June, the European Commission's new Agenda for relations with Latin America and the Caribbean was adopted and he announced that on the 13th of November, the Council should adopt final conclusions based on this agenda and on the EU-CELAC Summit Declaration.

H. E. Mr. José Albares Bueno emphasises that huge objectives for both regions have been achieved, including mutual support in common areas of work, regional dialogue, raising awareness amongst Member States of the strategic importance of the Summit and of the importance of relations with LAC. Efforts were made to ensure both parties felt ownership over the Summit and its results. This demand for inclusion also reached civil society through the organisation of a forum with various strategic stakeholders from this sector. The Spanish presidency also sought to ensure that there would be a full follow up on all of the commitments made. Several tangible results have been achieved such as the joint Declaration of the Summit, signed by all participating states except one, which demonstrates the convergence of interests and the existence of common priorities. Heads of State and Government agreed on roadmap for the period between 2023-2025 - they established a calendar to ensure that the next summits are held every two years, the next one of which will be in Colombia in 2025; and a digital agenda between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean was created.

Likewise, under the framework of Global Gateway, some agreements were achieved in relevant domains, such as renewable energies and critical raw materials. One hundred and thirty projects are currently ongoing within this framework, with 45 billion euros earmarked for this up to

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 34. "We recognise parliamentary diplomacy as an important dimension of the relationship and commend the constructive role played by the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat) and the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly".

2026. This is a sign of the EU's strong commitment towards LAC.

During the last ECOFIN meeting in Santiago de Compostela, EU and CELAC finance ministers met for the first time, and assigned Global Gateway funds to a list of priorities, among which the protection of Amazon forest; access to water and sanitation; the development of sustainable public transports. Moreover, a monitoring mechanism with quarterly meetings was established in order to share best practices and see how to take the next steps. The first meeting of this mechanism would be in Brussels during the first quarter of next year. Moreover, the Partners in Change meeting happened at the end of the Summit with participation of young people and civil society organisations. A business roundtable was also organised on the margins of the Summit. On the 28th of September, there was a Home Affairs meeting of ministers alongside their Latin American counterparts (CLASI), with a joint declaration adopted with the purpose of strengthening relations in this area as well. He also mentioned that there will be a meeting in Seville on the 7th November addressing EU-CELAC space issues. It is important to keep this political impetus and ensure that it does not peter out.

H. E. Mr. José Albarez Bueno he current geopolitical situation and the challenges faced by democracies disclose the importance of cooperating with Latin America by strengthening common values. The European Union will only be able to boost its credibility in the region through the ratification of association agreements with Mexico, Chile and Mercosur. This will help ensure the results agreed by both regions in the Summit. For Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean are essential partners allied to us by language, culture, economic structure and common political values.

**Speakers:** Leopoldo López Gil (S&D/ Spain); Maria-Manuel Leitão Marques (S&D/ Portugal); María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos (Renew Europe/ Spain); Jordi Solé (The Greens/ Spain); Margarita de la Pisa Carrión (ECR/ Spain); María Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (The Left/ Spain); Enikő Győri (Non-attached/ Hungary); Gabriel Mato (EPP/ Spain); César Luena (S&D/ Spain); Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (Renew Europe/ Spain); Mónica Silvana González (S&D/ Spain); Ibán García del Blanco (S&D/ Spain); Jordi Cañas (Renew Europe/ Spain), Carlos Silva (European Economic and Social Committee).

## **6. Preparations for the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly meetings in Santo Domingo, from 30 October to 2 November 2023**

The chair highlighted the support of Dominican Republic, particularly its parliamentary assembly that is in charge of the logistic aspects of the meeting. He informed that the declaration of co-presidents is still under negotiation to ensure the inclusion of subjects addressed in the EU-CELAC Summit, such as migration, the digital agenda, and fight against climate change. Next Friday 6 October, a meeting with the political groups is planned in order to ensure the negotiations on this matter proceed.

**Speakers:** Mónica Silvana González (S&D/ Spain); Maria-Manuel Leitão Marques (S&D/ Portugal); María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos (Renew Europe/ Spain); Jörgen Warborn (EPP/ Sweden).

## **7. Any other business**

The chair announced the presence of Irací Luiza Hassler, mayor of Santiago de Chile, who confirmed the existence of common challenges shared by Latin America and Europe, such as

the fight against climate change. The mayor also highlighted some concrete examples in place on how to tackle these challenges in Santiago, particularly within the ethics of care framework, a topic raised by some MEPs in their interventions.

#### **8. Date and time of the next meeting**

The date and venue of the next DLAT meeting will be communicated later on.

The meeting closed at 16.36.

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José Manuel Albares Bueno, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain

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