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# MINUTES

**of the meeting of 27 April 2023, 15.00-16.30**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 15.08 on Thursday, 27 April 2023, with José Manuel Fernandes (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda**

OJ – PE623.084v01-00

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meetings**

- D-BR of 10 November 2022

PV – PE623.083v01-00

The minutes was adopted.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair started with explanations concerning the EU-Brazil Friendship Group, which had been formed with Federal Deputy Arlindo Chinaglia as its President. He highlighted the recent strengthening of relations with Brazil since there will be high-level visits by Commissioners Timmermans and Vestager and four parliamentary visits during May and June 2023. The Chair stressed the importance of the future visit of the President of the European Commission Von der Leyen. He concluded underlining the importance of the delegation's visit to Brazil from 14 to 18 May.

**4. Preparatory works for the Delegation for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil to Brasilia and São Paulo scheduled for 14-18 May 2023, with the participation of:**

- H.E. Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva, Ambassador of Federative Republic Brazil to the EU
- H.E. Ignacio Ybáñez, Ambassador of the EU to the Federative Republic of Brazil
- Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division, European External Action Service

**H.E. Pedro Miguel Da Costa e Silva, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the European Union**, stressed the strategic timing of these parliamentary visits, coinciding with the pivotal initial hundred days of President Lula's administration, which have outlined the guiding directives that will shape the nation. Firstly, the Ambassador highlighted the efforts undertaken to bolster social policies aimed at enhancing healthcare, promoting equitable access to education, and combatting hunger. On the environment, he expressed the country's willingness to work towards a green economy. Among the various governmental commitments, the Ambassador mentioned the reactivation of the Amazon Fund, which supports initiatives that favour the preservation of natural resources. Then, the Ambassador addressed three new developments in Brazilian domestic policy. First, he mentioned the Federal Pact, an initiative geared towards amplifying the involvement of states and municipalities in shaping public policies and decisions. The Council of the Federation was created to promote synergies between actors at different levels to reduce social and regional inequalities. Second, he underlined the introduction, on 18 April, in the National Congress of a bill to establish a new fiscal framework with the aim of guaranteeing macroeconomic stability by reducing inflation while creating the right conditions for growth. Finally, during his participation in the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, on 20 April 2023, President Lula reaffirmed Brazil's pledge to halt deforestation by 2030. Regarding the EU-Mercosur agreement, the Ambassador highlighted President Lula's keen interest in facilitating its ratification, while underscoring the concerted and ongoing efforts being made by the executive governments of Mercosur's member states to propel the process forward. He concluded by stressing that the D-Brazil Delegation's visit came at a strategic moment to reactivate the EU-Brazil strategic partnership whose potential remains unexploited.

**H.E. Ignacio Ybáñez, Ambassador of the EU to the Federative Republic of Brazil**, emphasised that this parliamentary visit marks the inaugural official visit since the commencement of President Lula's administration. He insisted that these four visits demonstrate the European interest in strengthening its strategic relations with Brazil. The Ambassador explained that a meeting between Brazil's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister Marina Silva, and the Commissioner for Environment, Oceans, and Fisheries, Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius, was scheduled for early May to have a high-level

dialogue to strengthen relations between the two partners regarding climate change and energy transition. He also stressed that a high-level political dialogue on human rights would take place at the end of May, with exchanges of views on bilateral and multilateral issues associated with human rights' promotion, which are at the core of the strategic partnership between the European Union and Brazil. Afterwards, the Ambassador mentioned the importance of the visit by the President of the European Commission, Ursula Von der Leyen, in June 2023. He concluded his remarks on this theme by suggesting organising another EU-Brazil Summit considering that the last one was in 2014. Subsequently, the Ambassador detailed the program of visits from 14 to 18 May, while highlighting the challenge of organising a program for two delegations simultaneously. He also noted that, due to the availability of interlocutors, many meetings would have to be held jointly. He confirmed that a meeting with President Lula has been requested but is unlikely to take place due to the busy agenda of the President. He underscored the possibility of exchanging views with Federal Deputy Pereira Barbosa, president of the Commission on External Relations and National Defence, as well as with the Presidents of both chambers: Senator Rodrigo Pacheco and Deputy Arthur Lira. Discussions are confirmed with Vice President Alckmin. Representatives of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Electoral Tribunal agreed to meet. The Ambassador acknowledged that these institutions played a significant role in ensuring democratic continuity after the riots on 8 January 2023. He emphasised that in São Paulo, the delegations will have the opportunity to meet with State Governor De Freitas, engage with representatives from civil society, and visit a European project on-site.

**Veronique Lorenzo, Head of South America Division at the European External Action Service**, expressed that the goal to revitalise the Strategic Partnership with Brazil is on the right path. The relationships were significantly strengthening during the last months, a fact underlined by a series of visits by high-ranking EU officials to Brazil. She stressed that the relations with the country are structured on three pillars: bilateral relations, UE-Mercosur dialogue, and collective actions in international and regional institutions. Ms Lorenzo praised the Brazilian support for the multilateral order. However, she addressed President Lula's declarations concerning the aggression of Russia against Ukraine, stating that the EU could not support a statement that minimised the distinction between the aggressor and the victim. She insisted that these declarations were not without ambiguity. However, she emphasised that the EU appreciated Brazil's support for condemning Russia in multilateral fora and that President Lula's clarifications had been considered. After, she mentioned the common interest to intensify relations regarding technological and energetical matters notably concerning green hydrogen or digitalisation. She further highlighted that the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Eamon Gilmore, will facilitate a high-level dialogue on the human rights situation, with a specific focus on indigenous populations. She explained that the EU-Mercosur Agreement was on track and that a deal had been reached not to reopen it. Ms Lorenzo said that the partners want to make progress as possible on concluding the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement ahead of the EU-CELAC Summit in July. Crucial for the negotiations is the adoption of the "additional instrument" to enhance the Agreement's sustainability provisions. A counterproposal by Mercosur to the EU draft is expected in mid-May. She concluded by mentioning Brazilian interest in the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit. Furthermore, she

emphasised Brazil's indispensable role in resolving regional crises, notably the one in Venezuela.

**The Members** welcomed the revitalisation of relations between the European Union and Brazil as well as the strengthening of strategic autonomy. They emphasised the geostrategic significance of Brazil and the need to ensure continuity in improving relations. They requested to monitor the fake news bill (Freedom, Accountability and Transparency on the Internet draft bill) scheduled for 2 May in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, as it aligns with the actions taken by the European Union regarding misinformation on social networks and platforms, as well as the role of technology companies. Lastly, they suggested the opportunity to include a parliamentary presence during the upcoming EU-CELAC meeting.

*Speakers:* Joao Albuquerque (S&D, Portugal), Anna Cavazzini (Greens, Germany)

#### **4. Any other business**

None.

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

The date and venue of the next D-BR meeting will be communicated later on.

The meeting closed at 16.40.

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