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# MINUTES

**of the meeting of 7 December 2023, 14.30-16.30**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened on Monday 7 December 2023 at 14.38, with Jordi Cañas (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of agenda**

OJ - PE 596.580v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meetings of**

- DMER meeting of 23 March 2023 PV - PE 596.577v01-00
- DMER – Parlasur Interparliamentary Meeting of 5 June 2023 PV - PE 596.579v01-00

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair announced the Conference of Presidents' decision on 23 November 2023 authorising the sending of a mission to Argentina from 18 to 21 December 2023 and discussed preparation for the mission.

**4. General elections in Argentina: assessment of results**

The Ambassador of Argentina to the European Union summed up the different stages of the electoral process that led to the appointment of a new president, partial changes to the Congress of Argentina, the appointment of provincial governors and Argentina's representatives in the Mercosur Parliament. He emphasised the peaceful and orderly nature of the entire electoral

process.

The Ambassador of the European Union to Argentina discussed the scale of the political changes resulting from the elections. He underscored the strong bilateral relationship, recently reflected in the signing of two memoranda of understanding on energy and sustainable value chains for strategic materials, as well as visits to Argentina by high-level EU representatives. He also expressed confidence that negotiations between the EU and Mercosur on their association agreement could be concluded soon.

Members bemoaned the fact that the agreement had not yet been concluded. They asked about the position of Javier Milei's new government on a number of topics and agreed on the importance of maintaining the good bilateral relationship. Some Members criticised the new Argentine President's more controversial political positions.

*Speakers: Jörgen Warborn (EPP, Sweden), Kathleen van Brempt (S&D, Belgium), Saskia Bricmont (Verts/ALE, Belgium), Miguel Urbán Crespo (The Left, Spain), Mónica Silvana González (S&D, Spain).*

## **5. Current situation in Venezuela: analysis of the outcome of the opposition's primary elections and of the agreement in principle adopted in Barbados**

María Corina Machado, opposition candidate in Venezuela's presidential elections, reported on the Venezuelan opposition's satisfaction about having managed to elect a single candidate for the 2024 presidential elections in Venezuela, which she hoped would be fair and free. She asked the European Parliament to observe the presidential election to ensure it was a clean process and monitor respect for human rights in Venezuela. She also expressed her concern that the controversy regarding the Essequibo region could be used by the Venezuelan regime as an argument for suspending the presidential elections, and mentioned the potential to destabilise the region.

Members asked questions about how united the opposition was around the candidate and the potential for the presidential election process to change as a result of the Essequibo region controversy.

*Speakers: Jordi Cañas (Renew, Spain), Saskia Bricmont (Verts/ALE, Belgium).*

## **6. Impact of the European Union's cooperation policies on Mercosur countries**

The DG INTPA representative said that cooperation with Mercosur countries took different forms depending on the status of its members, which ranged from high-income and lower/middle-income countries. In any case, Mercosur members participated actively in regional EU programmes in fields including forest management, the green economy, combating inequalities, public health, gender equality and combating organised crime.

The Ambassador of the EU to Paraguay gave a detailed analysis of the EU's priority areas for cooperation with Paraguay, in particular a green, resilient economy and combating inequalities. He also discussed other EU cooperation programmes implemented in Paraguay and shared information about the actual results achieved.

The representative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) said that PAHO and the EU had been strategic partners in the region and had achieved remarkable results in areas including microbial resistance, optimising surveillance systems, closer collaboration on research and innovation and development of production capacity.

The Members who spoke referred to the need to make full use of the wide range of EU programmes for cooperation with Mercosur Member States, drew attention to the need for cooperation programmes that ensured sustainability and asked for civil society to be fully involved.

*Speakers: Mónica Silvana González (S&D, Spain), Samira Rafaela (Renew, Netherlands), Saskia Bricmont (Verts/ALE, Belgium).*

**7. Any other business**

None.

**8. Date and place of next meeting**

The Chair announced that the date and place of the next delegation meeting would be communicated in due course.

The meeting closed at 16.47.

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Samira Rafaela

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S.E. Atilio Berardi Hueda, jefe de la Misión de la República Argentina ante la Unión Europea</li> <li>Amador Sánchez Rico, Ambassador of the European Union to the Argentine Republic (by video conference from Buenos Aires)</li> </ul>	Punto 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maria Corina Machado, opposition candidate for the 2024 presidential election in Venezuela (by video conference)</li> </ul>	Punto 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diana Montero Melis, jefe de unidad adjunta, Unidad para América del Sur y Operaciones Regionales, DG INTPA, Comisión Europea</li> <li>Javier García Viedma, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Paraguay (by video conference from Asunción)</li> <li>Luis Jiménez McInnis, Director para relaciones exteriores, asociaciones y movilización de recursos, Organización Panamericana de la Salud (PAHO) (por videoconferencia)</li> </ul>	Punto 6

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CESE: Carlos Silva, Ewa Tomaszewska

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