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Committee on Development

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 26 July 2004, 15.00 - 18.30,
and 27 July 2004, 10.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.10 on Monday, 26 July 2004, with Luisa Morgantini, chairwoman, in the chair.

All members were welcomed, especially new ones and those from the new Member States.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

Speakers: John Bowis, José Ribeiro e Castro, Michael Gahler, Milan Horáček and Margrietus J. van den Berg.

Decision: to send a letter to the Angolan authorities concerning the assassination of an opposition political leader.

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Chair's announcements:

Announcements were made concerning the draft agenda for the following DEVE meeting (30 August-1 September).

Commissioner Nielson would attend the October meeting.

3. Commission's announcements:

Paul Malin (DG DEV) spoke on the recent and forthcoming communications and proposals.

Speakers: John Bowis, Margrietus J. van den Berg, José Ribeiro e Castro, Glenys Kinnock, Frithjof Schmidt.

4. Question Time

A question on the reform of the European sugar market was considered by the Commission to require a political response from a Commissioner rather than one from a staff member. As no Commissioner was present, no answer could be given.

Speakers: Margrietus J. van den Berg, Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, Glenys Kinnock.

5. Cooperation between the EC, Latin America and Asia: aid for uprooted people after the end of 2004 (amending regulation)

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- Presentation by the Commission

The Commission proposal to extend the application of the current Regulation on operations to aid Uprooted People in Asia and Latin America was presented by Thomas Gnocchi (DG RELEX).

Speakers: Nirj Deva, Glenys Kinnock, John Bowis.

6. Human rights - the European Union's policy and this policy's future

- Exchange of views

An exchange of views on thematic and regional priorities for the EU human rights policy in developing countries followed the presentations of Rolf Timans, from the Human Rights department of the Commission, Dick Oosting, from the European office of Amnesty International and Giampiero Alhadoff, representing CONCORD.

Speakers: Michael Gahler, Nirj Deva, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Anders Wijkman, Frithjof Schmidt, John Bowis, José Ribeiro e Castro, Milan Horáček, Jana Hybášková, Glenys Kinnock.

Margrietus J. van den Berg, Vice-Chairman, in the chair

7. Election assistance and observation

- Exchange of views

Speakers: Rolf Timans (European Commission), Glenys Kinnock, Milan Horáček and Nirj Deva.

Luisa Morgantini, Chairwoman, in the chair

8. Observation of the elections in Indonesia

- Exchange of views on
- the legislative elections of 5 April 2004
- the first round of presidential elections - 5 July 2004

Glyn Ford, EU Chief Observer, and Nirj Deva, head of the EP Delegation summarised their experiences.

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*The meeting adjourned at 18.30 and resumed the following morning at 10.20 with
Luisa Morgantini, Chairwoman, in the chair*

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The Chair presented the results of the coordinators meeting earlier this morning.

- confirmation of draftsmen for opinions continuing from last legislature;
- attribution of reports and opinions to political groups;
- decision to maintain DEVE's Human Rights Group and request for indication of a representative by each political group;
- decision to select Burma for the first DEVE human rights slot in August;
- priorities for election observation missions and request for special training for MEPs; priorities would be Indonesia (presidential elections), Mozambique and Burundi;
- recommendation that the Chair draft the two urgent opinions on fisheries agreements between the EU and Madagascar and Mauritius;
- decision to request that an EP delegation, to include a DEVE member, attend the 2nd World Congress Against the Death Penalty;
- recommendation that the first reading report on the ALA Regulation be confirmed, the codecision procedure remaining incompletely.

Speakers: John Bowis and Anders Wijkman

9. Appointment of rapporteurs

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2130/2001 on operations to aid uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries (COM(2004)0126 final-COD 2004/0040): Chair (GUE-NGL);
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the access to Community External Assistance (COM(2004)0313 final- COD 2004/0099): (EPP-ED);
- Draft Budget 2005: Anders Wijkman (EPP- ED);
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations, which, within the framework of the Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries (COM(2002)0639final-COD 2003/0250): Fernando Fernández Martín (EPP-ED);
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament

and the European Economic and Social Committee on Developing countries, international trade and sustainable development: the function of the Community's generalised system of preferences (GSP) for the ten-year period from 2006 to 2015 (COM(2004)0461 final): PES

10. Adoption of draft calendar for the second half of 2004

The calendar was adopted.

11. Chair's announcements on recent studies: STOA, Policy Support Department

Speakers: Anders Wijkman

12. 2005 Draft Budget

- Consideration of working document

Anders Wijkman introduced his working document.

The Chair proposed the debate be continued in the afternoon session.

13. Generalised System of Preferences (COM(2004)461 final)

Karl Falkenberg (DG TRADE) presented the Commission's communication on "Developing countries, international trade and sustainable development: the function of the Community's generalised system of preferences for the ten-year period from 2006 to 2015".

Speakers: Glenys Kinnock, Anne Van Lancker and Jürgen Schröder.

Decision: to request authorisation for an own-initiative report.

14. Situation in Darfur (Sudan)

- Exchange of views

Interventions were made by the following guests:

- H.E. Ali Youssif Ahmed, Ambassador of Sudan,
- Roger Moore, Commission,
- Cheikh Niang, head of the African Union's Brussels office,
- Colonel Peter Stamps, member of EU Military Staff.

Speakers: Nirj Deva, Glenys Kinnock, María Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Emma Bonino, Jana Hybášková, Seconde (Mauro) Zani and Linda McAvan.

The Ambassador and the Commission representative replied to Members.

Decision: - to request an European Parliament mission be sent to Darfur;
- to draft oral questions to the Council and Commission for approval by

Members at the end of the meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 12.50 and resumed at 15.15 with Margrietus J. van den Berg, Vice-Chairman, in the chair

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15. Questionnaires for Commissioners-designate

- Consideration and possibly approval

Speakers: Maria Martens, Secondo (Mauro) Zani, Françoise Castex, Jan Zahradil, Glenys Kinnock, José Ribeiro e Castro and Gay Mitchell.

16. 2005 Draft Budget (continuation)

Anders Wijkman completed the presentation of his working document.

Speakers: Zbigniew Zaleski, Glenys Kinnock, Jan Zahradil, Danutė Budreikaitė, Margrietus J. van den Berg and Margrietus J. van den Berg.

Luisa Morgantini, Chairwoman, in the chair

17. Any other business

Oral questions to the Council and Commission on the situation in Darfur were approved.

Decision: to send a letter to Elmar Brok, Chair of AFET, proposing a joint request that a delegation be sent to observe the second round of the Indonesian presidential elections (20 September).

Speakers: Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez and Maria Martens.

18. Date and place of next meeting

Monday, 30 August, 15.00-18.30

Tuesday, 31 August, 09.00-18.30

Wednesday, 1 September, 09.00-12.30, in Brussels.

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The meeting closed at 17.00

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD
OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI
PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puheenjohtajisto/J.L. Presidium: (*) Luisa Morgantini (P), Margriet J. van den Berg (VP), Michael Gahler (VP) and Danutė Būdreikaitė (VP).
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter:
Παρόντες	Alessandro Battilocchio (2), Marie-Arlette Carlotti (2), Thierry Cornillet, Nirj Deva, Koenraad Dillen (2), Alexandra Dobolyi (2), Fernando Fernández Martín, Milan Gaša, Hélène Goudin, Milan Horáček, Jana Hybášková, Filip Andrzej Kaczmarek, Glenys Kinnock, Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, Girts Valdis Kristovskis, Maria Martens, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Gay Mitchell, Józef Pinior, José Javier Pomés Ruiz (1), José Ribeiro e Castro, Toomas Savi, Frithjof Schmidt, Jürgen Schröder, Feleknas Uca, María Elena Valenciano Martinez-Orozco, Jan Zahradil and Seconde (Mauro) Zani.
Present	
Presentes	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αντιπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Présents	John Bowis, Françoise Castex (2), Giovanni Claudio Fava (2), Fiona Jane Hall (1), Jan Jerzy Kułakowski, Bernard Lehideux (1), Manolis Mavrommatis, Linda McAvan, Csaba Öry, Miloslav Ransdorf (2), Eoin Ryan (1), Karin Scheele (2), Horst Schnellhardt (2), Britta Thomsen (2), Anne Van Lancker, Anders Wijkman, Anna Záborská (2), Zbigniew Zaleski and Gabriele Zimmer.
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Art. 178,2	Emma Bonino (2)
Art. 183,3	Glyn Ford (1) (Point 8 OJ)
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 Ondervoorz./Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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- (1) Monday, 26 July 2004
 (2) Tuesday, 27 July 2004

Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do Presidente/Puheenjohtajan kutsusta/
På ordförandens inbjudan:

Radet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)

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Kommissionen: (*)
Falkenberg, Dr Fransen, Gnocchi, Knors, Malin, Moore and Timans.

Cour des comptes:

C.E.S.:

Andre deltagere/Andere Teilnehmer Επίσης Παρόντες/Also present Otros participantes/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti Andere aanwezigen/Outros participantes Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare		Oosting (European office of Amnesty International), Alhadeff (Concord), S.E. Ali Youssif Ahmed (Ambassador of Sudan), Colonel Peter Stamps (Member of EU's Military Staff), Cheikh Niang (African Union)
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