



EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 7 July 2016, from 9.30 to 11.00
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 9.30 on Thursday, 7 July 2016, with Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Chair, in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 543.314)

The draft agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2016 in Brussels (PE 543.313)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that the Conference of Presidents had decided, at its meeting on 4 May 2016, not to authorise the 21st Meeting of the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) planned for the second half of 2016, which would have been the second meeting to be held that year. Bearing in mind that:

- Successive Joint Declarations of the EU-Mexico JPC had called on both Co-Chairs to make every effort to retain the two annual meetings that had been held in Mexico and in Europe on an alternate basis since the JPC had been established more than 10 years previously;
- As acknowledged by Parliament's Bureau and the Conference of Presidents (see President Schulz's letter of 14 October 2014), the current Rules of Procedure of the EU-Mexico JPC allowed a second annual meeting to be held when necessary;
- On 23 May 2016, following the most recent JPC meeting, which had been held in Mexico in February 2016, the Council had authorised the negotiations on modernising the Global Agreement to start, the first round of which had been held on 13 and

14 June 2016;

- The second round of negotiations was to be held in Mexico in autumn 2016; in addition, various other high-level political dialogue meetings on security and human rights were taking place, such as the meeting held in Brussels on 20 and 21 June 2016;
- Co-Chair Rabindranath Salazar had subsequently confirmed that the Mexican legislature was ready and willing to discuss all these matters in Europe on 17 and 18 October 2016.

The Chair stated that she had written to President Martin Schulz to ask the Conference of Presidents to reconsider its decision of 4 May 2016 and allow the 21st Meeting of the EU-Mexico JPC to be held in Brussels on 17 and 18 October 2016. To that end, the Chair invited Members to contact the leaders of their respective political groups to ask them to canvas for a favourable decision.

Finally, the Chair informed Members that the external study commissioned by the Committee on International Trade (INTA) entitled ‘Analysis of the upcoming modernisation of the trade pillar of the European Union-Mexico Global Agreement’ would be distributed during the meeting.

4. Status of negotiations on the modernisation of the Global Agreement and exchange of views with the permanent Rapporteur for INTA, Mr Sorin Moiša, and the Deputy Head of Division for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (EEAS), Mr Andreu Bassols

Mr. Sorin Moisa (S&D, RO), Standing Rapporteur for Mexico of the INTA Committee, started by presenting the context for a modernization of the Global Agreement. He pointed out that Mexico is one of the major economies in the world and links Latin America and North America. The EU is Mexico’s 3rd largest trade partner after China took the 2nd place in the recent years. EU is losing market share in Mexico. The speaker highlighted the loopholes present in the current agreement, such as in services, investment, agriculture, geographical indications, public procurement or regulatory cooperation. Mr. Moisa also described the mandate scope as comprehensive and explained that this first round of negotiations was focused on setting common ground and was not an exchange of offers. He stressed the offensive interests on both sides. In order to conclude, Mr Moisa noted the values shared by both parties: the need for a strong chapter on sustainable development and environmental and labour standards, anticorruption, fight against money laundry, and permanent consultation to civil society as a requirement.

Mr. Andreu Bassols, Deputy HoD for Mexico, Central America and Caribbean of the EEAS, emphasized the open and intense dialogue with Mexico and recalled the process followed so far. The need to update the Global Agreement was decided during the EU-CELAC Summit in Chile. Afterwards a ‘scoping exercise’ and a Joint Vision report with shared goals were developed. Directives for negotiation were passed by the Council on May 2016. Finally the first round of negotiations took place on 13-14 June 2016. The first round meeting was focused on methodology, calendar and general structure. Later the negotiators met in two Working Groups, on the political and cooperation pillars and on trade respectively. The foreseen schedule to finish negotiations is 2018 or 2019 due to electoral calendars.

The following spoke in the ensuing discussion: Teresa Jimenez-Becerril (Chair), Jose Blanco Lopez (1st Vice-Chair), Pina Picierno (2nd Vice-Chair), Thomas Mann, Gesine Meissner, Josep Maria Terricabras and Estefania Martinez.

In order to conclude, Mr Bassols pointed out the relevance given to the negotiations by both parties and the political will to move forward and achieve a significant improvement in the relations. Answering to D-MX Chair, he also took note of the EU-Mexico JPC to include the provisions on JPC within the institutional section of the future Agreement (rather than in an Annex as was the case with the previous one) and announced that a solution would be found along the lines of similar provisions in other Association Agreements.

Finally, Ms Lorena Larios, Minister of the Mission of Mexico to the EU, underlined the importance of these negotiations and the common principles on sustainable development, labour standards and anticorruption. She also explained the existing intense collaboration in triangular cooperation and the Human Rights dialogue.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Delegation would be held on 15 September 2016, from 09.30 to 11.00, in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 11.00.

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