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BRUSSELS

**Wednesday, 5 October 2005**

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Brussels, 14 October 2005  
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The meeting opened at 11.35 a.m. with Mr OBIOLS I GERMÁ in the chair.

The chairman welcomed the Vice-President of Guatemala, Mr Eduardo STEIN BARILLAS, the other members of the Guatemalan delegation, and the members of the Diplomatic Corps in attendance.

## **1. Adoption of draft agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **2. Chairman's announcements**

The chairman announced that:

- the new President of the PARLACEN would take office in a ceremony in Guatemala City on 28 October 2005;
- The forthcoming mission by a Delegation Working Party to Costa Rica and El Salvador from 30 October to 5 November 2005 (yellow week) had been approved. The members interested in taking part should inform the Secretaries of their respective political groups directly.

In the presence of the Vice-President of Guatemala, Mr Eduardo STEIN BARILLAS:

## **3. Exchange of views on the situation in Guatemala**

The chairman reminded members of the recent mission by a Delegation Working Party to Guatemala and Panama, in connection with which, the EP had adopted a resolution on 7 July 2005 on international adoptions in Guatemala.

He also mentioned the extremely serious problem of the 'maras', gangs of young people sowing insecurity in towns and indulging in violent and bloody clashes even inside prisons. The problem, which originated in the USA, was starting to appear in some European cities as well.

The chairman then introduced the Guatemalan Vice-President, Mr STEIN BARILLAS.

Mr STEIN BARILLAS apologised for the absence of Mrs Rigoberta MENCHÚ, Peace Ambassador, who was unable to attend the meeting. He then spoke of the Tenth Anniversary of the signing of the Peace Agreement of 1996 as an auspicious chance to review the balance sheet; urban insecurity as a result, mainly, of the 'maras'; the need to respect the sadly sidelined indigenous agendas (provided for in the Peace Agreement); and the policies of the Guatemalan Government, whose 2006 budget assigned considerable funds to social programmes.

ROMEVA I RUEDA, FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN, ESTRELA, SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA and the chairman spoke on the following subjects: adoption of children in Guatemala, murders of women, the abolition of the death penalty, Guatemala's accession to the International Criminal Court, the fight against corruption, tax reform and what had been adopted with regard to the DR-CAFTA Free Trade Treaty.

Mr STEIN BARILLAS replied, mentioning the difficulties facing his government: troop reductions, the inability of the judicial services to operate everywhere on national territory, the

rise of organised crime, incomplete tax reform, inadequate current legislation, riots in prisons and in the mines. The government's work was directed towards resolving all of these problems.

Mrs ALTOLAGUIRRE, the Deputy Foreign Minister, commented on the problem of the adoption of children in Guatemala, stating that the legal problem caused by the incompatibility of international and Guatemalan legislation was now virtually resolved.

**4. Other business**

There was no other business

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

The next meeting would be held in Brussels on Tuesday, 11 October 2005 at 4.15 p.m.

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The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

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Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter:  ESTELA, FALBR, LIESE, PAVILIONIS
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