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MINUTES
of the meeting of 7 October 2008, from 11.30 to 12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 11.30 on Tuesday, 7 October 2008, with Ona Juknevičienė (Chairwoman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 409.274)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2008 (PE 409.264)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Announcements by the Chair

Mrs. Juknevičienė welcomed the Ambassador for Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Ison Mustafoev, and the representative of the Kyrgyz Embassy, Mr. Danar Mukashev.

She noted that the meeting would be the only preparatory meeting for the forthcoming Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (PCC) with the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek on 27 to 30 October and with Uzbekistan in Brussels on 4 to 5 November 2008.

4. Preparations for the 6th EU-Kyrgyz Republic PCC, Bishkek, w/c 27 October 2008

Mrs. Juknevičienė stressed that anyone else who wanted to attend the PCC and who had not yet done so should inform the secretariat as a matter of urgency.

She stressed that she wanted to meet with the beneficiaries of EC-funded projects and whether they felt these projects were beneficial.

The representative of the European Commission, Mr. Carlos Freitas da Silva, gave a short speech, expressing the condolences of President Barroso about the earthquake in the Kyrgyz

Republic on 5 October, and the loss of life and destruction it caused. He stressed that the reform process in the Kyrgyz Republic was a necessary one and that the EU supported the deepening of relations with the Kyrgyz Republic. He added that it was necessary to update relations and review the status of cooperation. He said that high level meetings and dialogue between the EU and Central Asian countries had also been intensified, and was satisfied by the level of progress received so far.

Mrs. Juknevičienė wanted to hear from MEPs who would volunteer to be first speakers on topics for the PCC in the Kyrgyz Republic. She also expressed the condolences of the committee to the Kyrgyz Republic regarding the recent earthquake.

Mr. Caspary said he wanted to take the topic on trade relations.

Mr. Dombrovskis said he could speak on the EU assistance programmes to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mrs. Juknevičienė said that Mr. Callanan would probably want to cover the category of human rights. Mr. Callanan subsequently agreed. She added that she would take the topic of combating terrorism, organised crime and money laundering, and also she would cover the agenda item of the general political situation in Central Asia.

Mr. Mukashev stressed the importance of strengthening relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and the EU, and that his country was working to intensify those relations. He added that there were a lot of important events coming up designed to do this. Although there was no finalised programme so far for the PCC, he said things were moving very rapidly. He added that, on the Kyrgyz side, he was still awaiting confirmation from the high level leadership in the Kyrgyz Republic regarding the meetings that were requested by the European side, and explained that they had been delayed so far because of the three summits which were coming up. However, he assured the committee that the meeting would be successful and would pave the way for cooperation.

Mrs Juknevičienė said it would be appreciated if the programme and meetings with officials in the Kyrgyz Republic could be finalised.

5. Preparations for the 7th EU-Uzbekistan PCC, Brussels, 4 to 5 November 2008

Mrs. Juknevičienė mentioned the organisation of a human rights seminar at the request of the Uzbekistan colleagues, which was in the dossier.

She asked for volunteers to be first speakers on specific items at the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.

Mr. Callanan wanted to talk about democratic processes, human rights and civic liberties in Uzbekistan.

Mrs. Juknevičienė said that she would be happy to take social, economic and financial issues.

Mrs. Jeggle said that she would take environmental issues.

The Uzbekistan Ambassador underlined the process of social and economic development in

Central Asia, and that great importance was attached to cooperation and the PCC. He said that a round table and celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was being planned. He was confident that the meeting would help to strengthen mutual understanding, cooperation and trust.

The representative for the European Commission, Galia Agisheva, gave a briefing, saying that Uzbekistan was an area of increasing importance to the EU, and that they were trying to work out the best way to improve cooperation. She referred to the review of sanctions on Uzbekistan in November. She mentioned the issues of human rights and democratisation, and the second round of human rights talks in Brussels in June 2008. Other areas of significance mentioned included drugs, border management, corruption and organised crime including human trafficking. She added that the EU-Uzbekistan Cooperation Council's meeting on the 16 September 2008 covered some important topics, including rule of law and human rights, trade and the economic relations, regional cooperation in Central Asia and international issues. She stressed the importance of regional cooperation in Central Asia for conflict prevention and social economic development in the region. She mentioned the EU-Uzbekistan bilateral seminar on media freedom, where such groups as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch were represented, comprising an important part of the dialogue on human rights. She noted improvement in bilateral trade relations with an increase in trade, with growth continued in 2007, amounting to 2.12 billion euros. She suggested that Uzbekistan focus on diversifying exports for EU markets, and comply with WTO regulations. She concluded that engagement was the best way to promote development.

Mrs. Juknevičienė referred to the media seminar in Tashkent and asked the Uzbek Ambassador why no press had been allowed to cover this event. She also mentioned the expiration of sanctions in November 13th, whereby the arms embargo was likely to be maintained, but the visa embargo would be lifted.

The Uzbek Ambassador replied that the media seminar was organised bilaterally and that it was an agreement of this organisation that only 15 persons from both sides, Uzbekistan and the EU could be present. He had proposed to invite more people but the condition was only 15 people from both sides.

Mr Callanan thought it would be a shame to lift sanctions, especially when there had been no proper investigation of the Andijan massacre in 2005. He referred to Uzbekistan as one of the most repressive regimes in the world, and strongly stated that sanctions should not be discarded for the sake of improving EU-Uzbekistan relations.

Mrs. Juknevičienė reiterated that the round table on human rights that would be taking place was an initiative on the part of the colleagues in Uzbekistan. Furthermore, she said she would like to see statements from both sides, and also from NGOs, and representatives from the Commission and the Council. She concluded by reminding the delegation of the deadline on sanctions and stated that the official view of the Parliament needed to be determined. She also reminded delegates of the upcoming round table on 4 and 5 November, and that names were needed of speakers for certain topics.

6. Any other business

There was no other business

7. Date and Place of Next Meeting

Mrs Jukneviciene announced that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 2 December, from 16h15 to 17h15hrs.

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Elisabeth Jeggle
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Martin Callanan, Daniel Caspary, Valdis Dombrovskis, Vural Öger

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Agisheva, Freitas Da silva, Hack, King (RELEX)

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Mustafoev (Ambassador of Uzbekistan)

Daniar Mukashev (Mission of Kyrgyzstan)

Други участници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης Παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Parteicipanti ohra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Altı participantı/Iní účastníci/Drugi udelezenci/Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare

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