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Annex I: Record of attendance

7 October 2004
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The meeting opened at 16.17 with Raimon Obiols i Germà in the chair.

The chairman welcomed Eduardo Stein, the Vice-President of Guatemala, and the members of the diplomatic corps present at the meeting.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The chairman proposed that should there be insufficient time for dealing with item 5 it would be addressed at the next meeting.

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chairman's announcements

The chairman informed the meeting that the bureaux of the delegations for relations with Latin America would be holding a joint meeting the next day at 17.30.

3. Organisation of the delegation's work and programme of activities

The chairman reported on the calendar of meetings for 2004 and the application of the Code of Conduct on Multilingualism, which defined the rules on interpretation and the translation of texts.

The chairman announced that the programme of activities up to December would include a working party visit to Panama and El Salvador.

4. Guatemala: exchange of views with Mr Eduardo Stein, Vice-President of Guatemala

The chairman gave the floor to the Vice-President of Guatemala, Eduardo Stein. Mr Stein began by expressing his gratitude for the EU assistance to the Central American region during the civil wars of the 1980s. In the context of interregional relations, he announced the meeting in November of the Joint Committee. Some of the positive aspects of integration had been the strengthening of democracy when the current governments had taken over from previous democratic governments and progress with regard to customs integration and, to some extent, migration. The Vice-President also provided information on the reforms within the integration institutions, Parlacen in particular. The downside was the use of Central America for international organised crime and contraband, which included protected species.

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Raúl Romeva i Rueda, Astrid Lulling and Edite Estrela spoke on institutional reform in Central America, access to land ownership for women in Guatemala, gender violence and the situation in general for the women of the region.

Mr Stein referred to the institutional reforms taking place in Guatemala to address the public disillusionment resulting from the failure of economic successes to translate into better living conditions for the population or to reduce social exclusion.

On the subject of Parlacen, he stated that the discussions within governments concerning any kind of reform called into doubt its very existence. The key was to know whether to hand over powers in the name of regional integration and whether to forge links with other regional institutions. Mr Stein also referred to the impact on employment of the slump in the coffee sector and the need to resolve land disputes. In terms of the situation for women, he voiced his concern at the increase in violence, and the cruelty of the attacks in particular.

Peter Liese spoke on child adoption in Guatemala.

Raimon Obiols i Germà concluded the discussion by informing members that he had received a letter from the President of Parlacen, Mario Facussé, which he would make available to them and to which he would reply shortly.

The chairman thanked Mr Stein for attending the meeting.

5. Central America: exchange of views with the GRUCA Ambassadors

This item was held over until the next meeting.

6. Other business

There was no other business.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The delegation's next meeting would take place in Strasbourg at 17.30 on 17 November 2004. At 11.30 on 12 October, there would be a joint meeting of the five delegations responsible for relations with Latin America.

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The meeting closed at 17.20.

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Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*)
Anwesend	OBIOLS I GERMA (P), GARCIA-MARGALLO Y MARFIL (1VP) ROMEVA RUEDA (2VP) RIZZO (3VP)
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Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: BULLMANN; FOURTOU; LEICHTFRIED; LULLING; SCHROEDER; SORNOSA MARTINEZ
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Art. 183,3	
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