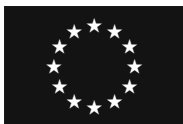


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In the presence of HE Mr Antonio ARENALES FORNO, Guatemalan Ambassador to the European Union, and HE Mr Lester MEJÍA SOLÍS, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the European Union, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the European Commission

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The meeting opened at 4.20 p.m. with the Chairman, Mr Obiols i Germà in the chair.

The chairman welcomed the diplomats attending the meeting, and especially HE Mr Antonio ARENALES FORNO, Guatemalan Ambassador to the European Union, and HE Mr Lester MEJÍA SOLÍS, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the European Union, as well as Nicolas BULTE, the European Commission representative.

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 25/1/2006

The minutes of the meeting of 25/1/2006 were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

The chairman informed the meeting on:

- the first World Congress of Presidents of the Integration Parliaments, held in Guatemala on 26 June 2006, at the end of which a Final Declaration was adopted;
- the proposal by Alain LIPIETZ to hold a Seminar on Transnational Justice in Colombia on 3-4 November;
- the Delegation visit to Nicaragua and Honduras, which would take place from 30 October to 4 November 2006;
- the temporary Presidency of the Central American Integration System (SICA), to be held by Costa Rica;
- the opening of negotiations on an EU-Central America Association Agreement and the organisation of a hearing for the autumn;
- the commemoration of the signing of the peace accords in Guatemala.

Willy MEYER spoke on the participative approach to the negotiations on the Association Agreement and on the commemoration of the peace accords.

4. Exchange of views on the situation in Nicaragua

The chairman gave the floor to the Nicaraguan Ambassador, Mr Lester MEJÍA SOLÍS, who spoke on the elections that would be held in his country on 5 November and on the candidatures that had been submitted. He also pointed out that the electoral roll in the process of being updated in Nicaragua.

In ending he referred to the progress made in the sphere of regional integration and to the sound economic shape in which his country found itself and which had led to an increase in exports and a reduction in its debt.

5. Exchange of views on the situation in Honduras

Mrs Sonia CARPIO, chargé d'affaires at the Honduran Embassy, described the political and economic situation in her country. The new government led by President ZELAYA, who had been elected in November 2005, had set the combating of poverty as a priority. In this respect, measures had been adopted to stimulate job creation and develop projects in the fields of education, health and culture. The strengthening of security was another of the government's priorities. The executive was to this effect bringing forward proposals aimed at improving living conditions for the young and combating violence against women (*Plan nacional contra la violencia hacia la mujer*) and against organised crime (especially drugs trafficking).

Mr BULTE, the Commission representative, welcomed the prospect of wider cooperation between the Commission and Parliament on the future Association Agreement between the EU and Central America. He also spoke on the forthcoming elections in Nicaragua, to which in all probability a European Union election observation mission would be sent.

With regard to the situation in Honduras, he said that the Commission supported the efforts being made by the new government to develop the country by, in the first place, combating poverty and civil insecurity.

6. Other business

There was no other business.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation would take place in Brussels at 3 p.m. on Tuesday 10 October 2006, or in Strasbourg at 4.15 p.m. on 24 October (to be confirmed).

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The meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

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