



## ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### Committee on Political Affairs

#### MINUTES

of the meeting of 19 September 2013, 15.00 – 18.30, Room: ASP A3E-2  
and  
20 September 2013, 9.00 – 12.30, Room: ASP A3G-2

Brussels

*The meeting opened at 15.05 with Michael Gahler in the chair*

**1. Adoption of agenda (AP101.518)**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2013 (AP101.389)**

The minutes were approved with one correction in point 4. Ana Rita Geremias Sithole was added to the speakers who presented the draft report.

**3. Co-Chair's announcements**

The Co-Chair informed the committee of the following decisions taken by the JPA Bureau concerning the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, to be held from 25 to 27 November 2013 in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia):

- Subjects of urgent motions for resolutions
  - Security in the Great Lakes region
  - The situation in the Comoros archipelago

The deadline for tabling motions for resolutions on these two subjects was set for 12.00 on Tuesday 22 October.

- Workshops
  - Housing development programme to ensure urban sustainability in Ethiopia
  - Micro and small enterprises development in creating job opportunities for youth and women

- Keynote debate:
  - Institutional cooperation between the African Union and the European Union
- Exchange of views with the Ethiopian authorities:
  - Green growth economy in ensuring sustainable development in Ethiopia
- Debates without resolution:
  - The attainment of MDGs in Africa
  - Towards a new governance in the financing of development, with three sub-items:
    - the use of natural resources
    - fiscal reform and the redistribution of wealth
    - decentralised cooperation
  - The fight against female genital mutilation

The Co-Chair informed the Committee of the Bureau decision of 18 September to propose two new amendments to the Rules of Procedure. In accordance with Article 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, such amendments are decided by the Assembly on the basis of proposals from the Bureau, having consulted the Committee on Political Affairs.

The deadline for tabling amendments to the proposals of the Bureau was set at 24 October 2013 at noon. Possible amendments would be submitted to the vote at the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs of 23 November 2013 in Addis Ababa.

#### 4. **Respect for the rule of law and the role of an impartial and independent judiciary**

Co-Rapporteurs: Dharamkumar Seeraj (Guyana) and Filip Kaczmarek

- Consideration of draft report (AP101.521)
- Exchange of views

Krzysztof Lisek (on behalf of Filip Kaczmarek) and Dharamkumar Seeraj presented the draft report.

**Speakers:** Assarid Ag Imbarcaouane (Mali), Francesco Enrico Speroni, Guillome Albert Gomez (Republic of Guinea), Lansina Diomande (Côte d'Ivoire), Olle Schmidt, Komi Selom Klassou (Togo), Christophe Lutundula (DRC), Mariya Gabriel, Laurent Ngon-Baba (Central African Republic), James Kembi-Gitura (Kenya), John Attard-Montalto, Fitz Jackson (Jamaica), Petra Hagelstrom (Commission) and Dharamkumar Seeraj (Guyana).

**Decision:** The deadline for tabling amendments was set for 12.00 on 24 October 2013.

#### 5. **ACP and EU, partners in crisis management operations?**

- Presentation by Jo Coelmont, Senior Associate Fellow Egmont - The Royal Institute for International Relations
- Exchange of views

Jo Coelmont analysed the impact and effectiveness of the EU crisis management operations in Africa since 2001 and stressed the importance of conflict prevention, the need for a comprehensive approach and for a longer term common EU-Africa vision on security which should benefit to both sides.

**Speakers:** Bernard Friedling (EEAS), Ana Gomes, Assarid Ag Imbarcaouane (Mali), Boniface Yehouetome (Benin), Laurent Ngon-Baba (Central African Republic) and Mariya Gabriel.

## **6. Political dialogue under Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement**

- Exchange of views with the European External Action Service

José Costa Pereira (EEAS) highlighted political dialogue meetings between the ACP States and the European Union, held in the frame of Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement, in 11 different ACP countries since the last meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs.

**Speakers:** Ana Gomes, Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe), Michael Gahler, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Assarid Ag Imbarcaouane (Mali) and Lansina Diomande (Côte d'Ivoire).

## **7. Follow-up by the EEAS and the Commission on the resolution on "The threats posed again by military coups on democracy and political stability in the ACP countries and the role of the international community" adopted in Brussels**

Vincent Ringenberg (EEAS) summarised the actions taken as a follow-up to the resolution on the threats posed again by military coups on democracy and political stability in the ACP countries and the role of the international community adopted at the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly, held in Brussels from 17 to 19 June 2013. This follow-up notably covered sanctions, the follow-up of the findings of elections observation missions and the reinforcement of the International Criminal Court.

**Speakers:** Ana Rita Geremias Sithole (Mozambique), Mariya Gabriel and Francesco Enrico Speroni.

*The meeting adjourned at 18.15 and resumed on 20 September 2013 at 9.15 with Lautafi Selafi F. Purcell (Co-Chair) in the Chair*

## **8. The political situation in ACP and EU Member States**

The following subjects were discussed: the importance of the German elections for the EU and for the solidarity with ACP countries, the situation in Mali after the presidential elections, the elections in Zimbabwe, the relationship between the Union of the Comoros and

the island of Mayotte, the post-electoral situation in Côte d'Ivoire, Togo and Guinea, the ICC, the human rights situation in Djibouti and the situation in the Central African Republic.

**Speakers:** Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Ana Gomes, Assarid Ag Imbarcaouane (Mali), Makhosini Hlongwane (Zimbabwe), Djhe Ahamada (Comoros), Lansina Diomande (Cote d'Ivoire), Jacob Oulanya (Uganda), Elmi Obsieh Wais (Djibouti), Laurent Ngon Baba (Central African Republic), James Kembu-Gitura (Kenya), Francesco Enrico Speroni, Komi Selom Klassou (Togo), Vincent Ringenberg (EEAS) and Guillome Albert Gomez (Republic of Guinea).

## 9. Human Trafficking affecting EU and ACP countries

- Presentation by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- Exchange of views

Monika Peruffo from the ACP Observatory on Migration and Pascal Reyntjens from the International Organisation for Migration made presentations on human trafficking in ACP and EU countries.

**Speakers:** Mariya Gabriel, Djhe Ahamada (Comoros), Fitz Jackson (Jamaica), Worlea Dunah (Liberia), Charles Goerens, Boniface Yehouetome (Benin), Pascal Reyntjens, Monika Peruffo and Gert Bogers (Commission).

## 10. The global spread of terrorism: the role of the Internet and social media

- Appointment of co-rapporteurs
- Presentation by Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College London
- Exchange of views

Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens, Head of Research and Information at the International Centre for the study of Radicalisation at King's College, London, made a presentation on the global spread of terrorism: the role of the Internet and social media.

**Speakers:** Tesfaye Daba (Ethiopia), Mariya Gabriel, Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens and Colin Smith (EEAS).

**Decision:** Moses Kollie (Liberia) was appointed as ACP Co-rapporteur. The EP Co-rapporteur would be designated in the following days.

## 11. Any other business

Elmi Obsieh Wais (Djibouti) intervened on an incident at the Embassy of Djibouti in Brussels.

## 12. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 23 November in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia).

*The meeting closed at 12.20*

## LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

### **ACP**

Selafi Purcell (Samoa) Co-Chair  
Mangouala (Gabon) Co-Vice-Chair

Yehouetome (Benin)  
Ngon-Baba (Central African Republic)  
Ndouane (Republic of Congo)  
Diomande (Côte d'Ivoire)  
Wais (Djibouti)  
Naib (Eritrea)  
Dago<sup>1</sup> Wakjira<sup>2</sup>(Ethiopia)  
Gomez (Guinea)<sup>1</sup>  
Seeraj (Guyana)  
Polycarpe (Haiti)  
Jackson (Jamaica)  
Dunah (Liberia)<sup>2</sup>  
Imbarcaouane (Mali)  
Sithole (Mozambique)  
Nhleko (Swaziland)<sup>2</sup>  
Klassou (Togo)  
Oulanyah (Uganda)

### **EP/PE**

Gahler (PPE)<sup>1</sup> replacing the Co-Chair  
Martínez Martínez (S&D) replacing the  
Co-Chair

Gabriel (EPP)  
Schmidt (ALDE)<sup>1</sup>  
Speroni (EFD)

<sup>(1)</sup> present on 19.09.2013

<sup>(2)</sup> present on 20.09.2013

### **Also present/Également présents:**

#### **ACP**

Avelino, Tyova, Teixeira (Angola), Ogwidan, Agnidozan (Benin), Banyankiyubusa, Barekebavuge (Burundi), Douma, Kimpolo, Beakingui (Republic of Congo), Basiala Maka, Kapune, Mukendi (RDC), Ahamada Chanfi (Comores), Minata, Baudoua-Kouadio, Toure (Côte d'Ivoire), Said, Abdillahi (Djibouti), Tekle (Eritrea), Nzeh Ellang, Mangouala, Kombila Itsitsa, Berre, Nang Ndong (Gabon), Diallo, Touré, Sylla (Guinea), Clarke (Jamaica), Karwitha, Ndindiri, Kabando, Onguka (Kenya), Makande, Kaunda (Malawi), Sidibe (Mali), Nemba Uaine, Dava, Mate (Mozambique), Skrywer (Namibia), Buraimo, Udo, Okorie, Ufuoama (Nigeria), Masozera, Musare (Rwanda), Sanbou, Mass (Senegal), Ismail, Musa, Yansa, Amir (Sudan), Djamin (Suriname), Masuku (Swaziland), Batengue (Togo), Kaweesa, Kagoro, Katungwe (Uganda), Kachali (Zambia), Muchada, Samasuwo, Juru, Zanza, Hlongwane (Zimbabwe)

#### **European Parliament/Parlement européen**

Lisek (EPP), Attard-Montalto (S&D), Gomes (S&D), Gurmai (S&D), Goerens (ALDE), Sinclair (NI)

#### **EEAS/SEAE**

Ringenberg, Friedling, Smith

#### **Commission**

Bogers, Hegelstam, Pape

**Political groups/GROUPES POLITIQUES**

Palassof (EPP), Vallin (S&D), Pfund, Lindholm (ALDE), Eekman (GUE/NGL)

**External Policies DG/DG Politiques externes**

Manrique Gil

**Other participants/Autres participants**

Joe Coelmont (Royal Institute for International Relations), Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens (International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation), Monika Peruffo (ACP Observatory on migration), Pascal Reyntjens (International Organisation for Migration)

**External**

Ahmed (UIP-IGAD)

**EU Co-Secretariat/Co-secretariat UE**

Pellegrims, Pribaz

**ACP Co-Secretariat/Co-secretariat ACP**

Raymond, Chilimboyi

**Assistance**

Urban, König