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# MINUTES

**of the meeting of 16 March 2022, 13h45-15h45**

**Brussels**

**Room SPAAK 1A2 (and remote participation)**

The meeting opened at 13.50 on Wednesday, 16 March 2022, with Guy VERHOFSTADT (Chair) presiding.

*(Webstreaming)*

**1. Adoption of agenda** Draft Agenda (2022)0316\_1\_EN

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**2. Chair's announcements**

The Chair announced the following changes in the EP 108 Delegation: Mr Nicolas BAY left the ID Group and has been replaced by Mr Thierry MARIANI. Ms Salima YENBOU left the Greens/EFA group. Her seat in the Delegation is currently vacant until the Conference of Presidents takes note of her replacement by another Member of the Greens/EFA group.

The Chair informed Members about the European Parliament Studies on the citizens' recommendations drafted by Directorates-General EPRS, IPOL and EXPO. For Panel 4, most of the individual fiches have been circulated to the Members dealing with Migration and EU in the World. The finalised study should be ready for distribution to the whole delegation by the end of the week. For Panel 1, which only concluded its work

recently, the aim of the services is to share information before the Plenary at the end of next week.

The Chair updated the Members on the calendar of works:

The upcoming Plenary at the end of March would be dedicated to meetings of the Working Groups on Friday 25 March and a debriefing from the Working Group Chairs to the Plenary on Saturday 26 March.:

Subsequently, the first April plenary, would have a similar pattern while in the second April plenary, the consolidated proposals of the Working Groups would need to be approved.

Pedro SILVA PEREIRA took the floor to enquire about the closing event on 9 May. The Chair informed Members that on that day there will be the presentation of the conclusions of the Conference in Strasbourg in the presence of the Presidents of the three institutions, with modalities on the presence of Conference Plenary Members and citizens (physical and/or remote) still to be decided.

### **3. Approval of draft minutes of meetings on 12 January, 9 February and 2 March 2022**

The draft minutes of the meetings on 12 January, 9 February and 2 March 2022 were approved.

### **4. Presentation on the state of play of discussions in the Plenary Working Groups**

Exchange of views

The Chair opened the point.

The nine EP Coordinators presented the state of play of discussions in their respective Plenary working groups, in the order below. The Chair announced that he would hold a meeting with the Coordinators directly after this Delegation meeting on the Conference calendar and working methods.

WG Migration: Marc ANGEL (S&D)

WG A stronger economy, social justice & jobs: Gabriele BISCHOFF (S&D) (replacing Iratxe GARCIA PEREZ).

WG Education, culture, youth and sport: Laurence FARRENG (RE)

WG Digital transformation: Assita KANKO (ECR)

WG European Democracy: Paulo RANGEL (EPP) (replacing Manfred WEBER)

Values and rights, Rule of Law and security: Daniel FREUND (GREENS/EFA)

WG Climate change and environment : Esther DE LANGE (EPP)

WG Health: Radka MAXOVA (S&D)

WG Europe in the World: Włodzimierz CIMOSZEWICZ (S&D) (replacing Andrius KUBILIUS, EPP).

## **5. Exchange of views on and endorsement of the joint statement European Parliament national Parliaments Delegations**

Exchange of views.

The Chair opened the point. On the basis of preliminary discussions held among the EP Members and Observers in the Executive Board he proposed additional elements to be agreed in the final paper.

The following Members took the floor: Ms Gabriele Bischoff; Ms Maite Pagazaurtundúa; Mr Daniel Freund; Ms Mara Bizzotto; Mr Zdzisław Krasnodębski; Mr Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Pedro Silva Pereira raised a point of order on the draft statement, enquiring about the procedure for adoption of the final version.

The Chair informed Members that the joint statement would be formally adopted in a joint meeting with national parliaments, scheduled for 24 March. Based on the interventions of Members during the meeting he noted some additions to be negotiated with the national parliaments and proposed that for the European Parliament the position would be finalised by the EP Members and Observers in the Executive Board, in which all groups are represented, in order to arrive at a text that is supported by groups representing a majority of the delegation. No objections were raised to these proposals.

The Chair concluded the point.

## **6. Exchange of views on the follow-up of the Conference**

Exchange of views

The Chair opened the point. He proposed that political groups table a resolution in the Plenary in the first week of May to state Parliament's view on the follow-up of the Conference.

The following Members took the floor: Ms Gabriele Bischoff; Mr Pascal Durand; Mr Damian Boeselager; Mr Roman Haider; Ms Margarita de la Pisa; Ms Eva Maydell; Mr Helmut Scholz; Pedro Silva Pereira; Ms Maite Pagazaurtundúa; Mr Gunnar Beck; Mr Michiel Hoogeveen, Mr Domènec Ruiz Devesa.

The Chair concluded the point, noting broad support for his proposal for the preparation, by political groups, of a European Parliament resolution on the follow up of the Conference to be voted in the first week of May, before the closing event on 9 May.

**7. Any other business**

None

**8. Next meeting**

Joint meeting with the Delegation of the National Parliaments on 24 March in Strasbourg

The meeting ended at 16.17h.

## **ATTENDANCE LIST**

### **PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE ROOM**

ANGEL, BECK, BEER, DURAND, GLAVAK, GOZI, HOMS GINEL, HOOGEVEEN, KARAS, KUBILIUS, MAVRIDES, MURE AN, NEGRESCU, OLIVIER, PEREIRA, PIETIKÄINEN, PUIGDEMONT I CASAMAJÓ, RANGEL, RUIZ DEVESA, SCHIEDER, SCHOLZ, SILVA PEREIRA, SOLÉ, UŠAKOVŠ, VERHOFSTADT, WISELER-LIMA

### **REMOTE PRESENCE**

AI-SAHLANI, BARRENA ARZA, BECK, BIZZOTTO, CLUNE, CUTAJAR, FARRENG, GLAVAK, HÜBNER, HUHTASAARI, KUMPULA-NATRI, LAPORTE, MAVRIDES, NIENAß, PANZA, RANGEL, SCHEIDER, TOIA, VANA