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*(Information)*JOINT ASSEMBLY OF THE CONVENTION CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE AFRICAN,  
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION (ACP-EU)

PORT-LOUIS

*(Mauritius)*

## MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 20 APRIL 1998

*(98/C 274/01)**(The sitting opened at 2.40 p.m.)*

## 1. Formal opening sitting

The following spoke: Mr Luc Marie, Lord Mayor of Port Louis, Lord Plumb, Co-President, Mr Thebe David Mogami, Co-President, Mr Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius, and Sir Ramesh Jeewoolall, Speaker of the Mauritian National Assembly.

*(The sitting adjourned at 4 p.m.)*

IN THE CHAIR: Lord PLUMB and Mr Thebe David MOGAMI

*Co-Presidents*

## 2. Membership of the Joint Assembly

Lord Plumb, Co-President, announced that the list of members of the Joint Assembly, as forwarded to him by the authorities of the ACP States and the President of the European Parliament, would be attached to the minutes.

3. Adoption of draft agenda and order of business  
(AP/2337)

The draft agenda and order of business were adopted.

## 4. Substitutes

Mr Colino Salamanca (for Mrs Sauquillo Pérez del Arco)

Mr Lüttge (for Mr Baldarelli)

Mr Rocard (for Mrs Kokkola)

Mr Cot (for Mr Hume)

Mrs Reding (for Mrs Mouskouri)

Mr Rübig (for Mr Rack)

Mr Bébéar (for Mr Stasi)

Mr Fabre-Aubrespy (for Mrs Sandbæk)

## 5. Documents received

The Co-President announced that he had received the following motions for resolutions:

— AP/2347, by the Delegation to Papua New Guinea, including Bougainville, and the Solomon Islands, on the situation in Bougainville

- AP/2351, by Mr Somparé (Guinea), on Nigeria
- AP/2352, by Mr Somparé (Guinea), on Sierra Leone
- AP/2353, by Mr Fernández Martín, Mr Cunha, Mrs Maij-Weggen, and Mr Robles Piquer, on behalf of the PPE Group, on bananas
- AP/2354, by Mr Casini, Mr Gillis, Mr Escudero, Mr Schiedermeier, and Mrs Glase, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation of refugees in the ACP countries in the context of humanitarian aid policy
- AP/2355, by Mr Wieland, Mr Carlo Casini, and Mr Escudero, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the code of conduct for arms export
- AP/2356, by Mr Wieland, Mr Carlo Casini, and Mr Escudero, on behalf of the PPE Group, on anti-personnel mines and the Ottawa process
- AP/2357, by Mr Corrie, Mrs Glase, Mr Robles Piquer, and Mr Fernández Martín, on behalf of the PPE Group, on women's role in the popular economy in the ACP countries and the importance of micro-credits in development policy
- AP/2358, by Mr Corrie and Mr Chanterie, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Kenya
- AP/2359, by Mr Berend, Mr Wieland, and Mr Stasi, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the effects of the EURO on the ACP countries, including on the CFA Franc
- AP/2360, by Mr Stasi and Mr Berend, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in the Great Lakes Region of Africa
- AP/2361, by Mr Stasi and Mr Chanterie, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AP/2362, by Mr Viola and Mr Carlo Casini, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Somalia
- AP/2363, by Mr Schiedermeier and Mrs Maij-Weggen, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Sudan
- AP/2364, by Mr Schwaiger, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Zambia
- AP/2365, by Mr Cunha and Mr Fernández Martín, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Angola
- AP/2366, by Mrs Maij-Weggen and Mr Schiedermeier, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Nigeria
- AP/2367, by Mr Robles Piquer, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Sierra Leone
- AP/2368, by Mr Schwaiger, Mrs Maij-Weggen, Mr Cunha, Mr Gillis, Mrs Glase, and Mr Rübig, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in the Southern African region, and the current position regarding the EU-South Africa negotiations
- AP/2369, by Mrs Sandbæk, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on West Africa
- AP/2370, by Mrs Carlotti, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the new prospects for the rule of law, security and democratization in Africa
- AP/2371, by Mr Pons Grau, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Kenya
- AP/2372, by Mrs Junker, on behalf of the PSE Group, on bananas
- AP/2373, by Mrs Junker and Mr Vecchi, on the situation of refugees in the ACP countries in the context of humanitarian aid policy
- AP/2374, by Mrs Junker, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the Code of Conduct on arms exports, anti-personnel mines and the Ottawa process
- AP/2375, by Mr Fernández Martín, Mr Cunha, Mr Corrie, Mr Stasi, and Mr Escudero, on behalf of the PPE Group, on measures to promote the popular economy in ACP countries through the support to the 'Network' project sponsored by the Association of National Chambers of Commerce, Industry, and Other Economic Operators
- AP/2376, by Mr Pettinari and Mr Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on bananas
- AP/2377, by Mr Pettinari and Mr Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on democratization and conflict prevention
- AP/2378, by Mr Pettinari and Mr Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on antipersonnel mines
- AP/2379, by Mr Fernández Martín, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Cuba's application for membership of Cariforum and of the ACP group of countries in the context of the current situation in the Caribbean
- AP/2380, by Mrs Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Mr Pons Grau, and Mrs García Arias, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in the region of the Great Lakes
- AP/2381, by Mr Torres Couto, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Angola
- AP/2382, by Mrs Dury, on behalf of the PSE Group, on human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AP/2383, by Mr Fassa, Mr Nordmann, and Mrs André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the role of women in local urban economies and micro-credit

- AP/2384, by Mr Fabre-Aubrespy and Mr Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on the effects of the Euro on the ACP countries and the CFA Franc
- AP/2385, by Mr Nordmann, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the peace process in Angola
- AP/2386, by Mr Bertens, Mrs André-Léonard, and Mr Fassa, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on democratization in Africa and conflict prevention by a European code of conduct for arms exports
- AP/2387, by Mrs André-Léonard, Mr Fassa, and Mr Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AP/2388, by Mrs André-Léonard, Mr Fassa, Mr Bertens, and Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the arrest of Etienne Tshisekedi in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AP/2389, by Mr Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Cuba
- AP/2390, by Mr Bertens, Mr Nordmann, Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Mrs André-Léonard, and Mr Fassa, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the new prospects for democratization and conflict prevention opened up by the establishment of the International Criminal Court
- AP/2391, by Mr Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on Jamaica's withdrawal from the ICCPR
- AP/2392, by Mr Bertens, Mrs André-Léonard, Mr Nordmann, Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck, and Mr Fassa, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on anti personnel mines in the context of the Ottawa Conference
- AP/2393, by Mr Bertens, Mr Fassa, and Mrs André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the European Union's attitude to Nigeria
- AP/2394, by Mr Bertens, Mr Fassa, and Mrs André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Sierra Leone
- AP/2395, by Mr Bertens, Mr Fassa, Mrs André-Léonard, and Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Sudan
- AP/2396, by Mr Fassa, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in the Western Sahara
- AP/2397, by Mr Aldo, Mr Girão Pereira, Mr Andrews, Mr Baldini, and Mrs Baldi, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Castagnède and Mr Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group, and Mr Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on bananas
- AP/2398, by Mrs Baldi, Mr Andrews, Mr Caccavale, Mr Aldo, Mr Baldini, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Nigeria
- AP/2399, by Mr Girão Pereira, Mr Caccavale, Mr Andrews, Mr Aldo, and Mrs Baldi, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Angola
- AP/2400, by Mrs Baldi, Mr Andrews, Mr Aldo, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the role of women in the popular economy and the importance of micro-credits
- AP/2401, by Mrs Baldi, Mr Aldo, Mr Andrews, Mr Baldini, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on anti-personnel mines
- AP/2402, by Mr Aldo, Mrs Baldi, Mr Andrews, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the prospects for democratization in Africa and conflict prevention
- AP/2403, by Mr Caccavale, Mr Aldo, Mr Andrews, Mr Baldini, Mr Girão Pereira, and Mrs Baldi, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AP/2404, by Mr Girão Pereira, Mr Aldo, Mr Andrews, Mr Baldini, Mr Caccavale, and Mrs Baldi, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Sierra Leone
- AP/2405, by Mr Andrews, Mrs Baldi, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on refugees and humanitarian aid
- AP/2406, by Mr Caccavale, Mrs Baldi, Mr Baldini, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Somalia
- AP/2407, by Mr Andrews, Mrs Baldi, Mr Baldini, Mr Caccavale, and Mr Girão Pereira, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the situation in Zambia
- AP/2408, by Mr Aldo and Mr Andrews, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the effects of the Euro on the ACP countries and the franc area
- AP/2409, by Mr Macartney and Mr Castagnède, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Sierra Leone
- AP/2410, by Mr Castagnède, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the Euro and the ACP countries, and in particular the CFA franc
- AP/2411, by Mr Macartney and Mr Castagnède, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Sudan
- AP/2412, by Mr Castagnède, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the peace process in Angola
- AP/2413, by Mr Macartney and Mr Castagnède, on behalf of the ARE Group, on Nigeria
- AP/2414, by Mr Castagnède and Mr Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the prospects for democratization in Africa and conflict prevention

- AP/2415, by Mr Castagnède and Mr Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation of refugees in the ACP countries in the context of humanitarian aid policy
  - AP/2416, by Mr Castagnède and Mr Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group, on antipersonnel mines in the context of the Ottawa Conference
  - AP/2417, by Mr Vecchi, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Somalia
  - AP/2418, by Mr Miranda and Mr Pettinari, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Angola
  - AP/2419, by Mrs Aelvoet, Mr Telkämper, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on a code of conduct for arms exports and anti-personnel mines
  - AP/2420, by Mr Telkämper, Mr Lannoye, and Mrs Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group, on intellectual and cultural property rights
  - AP/2421, by Mr Telkämper, Mrs Aelvoet, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on Angola
  - AP/2422, by Mr Telkämper, Mrs Aelvoet, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on Sierra Leone
  - AP/2423, by Mrs Aelvoet, Mr Telkämper, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on migration
  - AP/2424, by Mr Telkämper, Mrs Aelvoet, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on bananas
  - AP/2425, by Mrs Aelvoet, Mr Telkämper, and Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the V Group, on women in development
  - AP/2426, by Mrs Kinnoek, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Sudan
  - AP/2427, by Mrs Kinnoek, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Nigeria
  - AP/2428, by Mrs Kinnoek, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the current negotiations between the European Union and South Africa
  - AP/2429, by Mrs Junker, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the political situation in Zambia
  - AP/2430, by Mrs Junker, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the impact of the euro on the ACP States and as regards the CFA franc
  - AP/2431, by Mrs Junker, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the role of women in the popular economies of the ACP countries and the significance of micro-credits for development policy
  - AP/2432, by Mr Nordmann, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on bananas
  - AP/2433, by Mr Robles Piquer, Mr Gillis, Mr Wieland, Mr Schwaiger, Mr Viola, and Mr Stasi, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the new outlook for the rule of law, respect for human rights, and democratization in Africa, and conflict prevention
  - AP/2434, by the representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Djibouti, on the role of the IGAD
  - AP/2435, by the representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Djibouti, on the role of women in the popular economy of the ACP countries
  - AP/2436, by the ACP Group, on sugar
  - AP/2437, by the ACP Group, on bananas
  - AP/2438, by the ACP Group, on rum
  - AP/2439, by the ACP Group, on the political situation in Equatorial Guinea
- 6. General Report on intra-ACP cooperation**
- **General rapporteur: Mr Weldegiorgis (Eritrea)**
  - **Introductory statement**
  - **Exchange of views**
- The following spoke: the rapporteur, Junker, Corrie, the Representative of Sudan, Schwaiger, the Representative of Madagascar, Aelvoet, Robles Piquer, and Rübig.
- IN THE CHAIR: Mrs KINNOCK
- Vice-President*
- The following spoke: the Representatives of Burkina Faso and Djibouti, Wurtz, the Representatives of Haiti and Jamaica, Gröner, and the Representative of Kenya.

*(The sitting closed at 6.30 p.m.)*

T. D. MOGAMI and Lord PLUMB

*Co-Presidents*

N. P. MAGANDE and M. MICHEL

*Co-Secretaries-General*