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(The sitting opened at 9.00 a.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: David MATONGO

Co-President

The Co-President announced that 17 May was the international day against homophobia and transphobia.

Komi Klassou (Togo), Mariya Nedelcheva, Fatima Hajaig (South Africa), Michèle Striffler and Assarid Imbarcaouane (Mali).

Jerzy Plewa (European Commission) responded to the questions.

1. The impact of the European Common Agricultural Policy on the ACP countries

Debate without resolution

Jerzy Plewa (European Commission) made a presentation.

2. Statement by Shamsudeen Usman, Minister of National Planning and Deputy Chairman of the National Planning Commission of the Federal Government (Nigeria), President-in-Office of the ACP Council

Shamsudeen Usman addressed the Assembly.

Speakers: Horst Schnellhardt, Linda McAvan, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Liam Aylward, Rajesshree Kumaree Deerpalsing (Mauritius), François Alfonsi, Musikari Kombo (Kenya), James Nicholson, Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal), Elie Hoarau, Giancarlo Scottà, Glen Noel (Granada), Waven William (Seychelles), Christa Klaß, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Zita Gurmai,

3. Question Time to the ACP Council

Shamsudeen Usman responded to the following questions and supplementary questions:

Question No 1 by Filip Kaczmarek on refugees in EU countries.

Question No 2 by Waven William (Seychelles) on Economic Partnership Agreements.

Question No 3 by Horst Schnellhardt on ratification and implementation of the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict.

Question No 4 by Olle Schmidt on the ruling of the African Union's Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Question No 5 by Ole Christensen on Fisheries Partnership Agreements (FPAs).

Question No 6 by Marielle de Sarnez (replaced by Olle Schmidt) on electoral crisis in the Central African Republic.

Question No 7 by Niccolò Rinaldi (replaced by Catherine Bearder) on Food security and Agro fuels.

Question No 7a by Musikari Kombo (Kenya) on policy on persons with disabilities.

4. Debate with the ACP Council – catch-the-eye

Speakers: Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea), Horst Schnellhardt, Waven William (Seychelles), Musikari Kombo (Kenya), Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal).

Shamsudeen Usman responded to the questions.

5. Urgent topic No 1: The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Michael Matthiessen (European External Action Service, EEAS) and Domenico Rosa (European Commission) introduced the debate.

Speakers: Maria da Graça Carvalho, Diomandé Gbaou (Côte d'Ivoire), Norbert Neuser, Louis Michel, Moses Kollie (Liberia), Boris Mbuku Laka (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Fatima Hajaig (South Africa), Gabriele Zimmer, Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal), Giancarlo Scottà, Hamadaou Sylla (Mali), Mariya Nedelcheva, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Catherine Bearder, Peter Štátný, François Alfonsi, Michèle Striffler, Anna Záborská, Michael Matthiessen (EEAS) and Domenico Rosa (European Commission).

6. Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC IV) in Istanbul (Turkey), 9-13 May 2011

Debate without resolution

Cheick Sidi Diarra, UN Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and the Secretary-General of the UN LDC IV, made a presentation.

Speakers: Cheick Sidi Diarra, Louis Michel, Filip Kaczmarek, Ole Christensen, Komi Klassou (Togo), Gabriele Zimmer, Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea), Mariya Nedelcheva, Waven William (Seychelles), Anna Záborská, Olebile Gaborone (Botswana) and Milner Tozaka (Solomon Islands).

Domenico Rosa (European Commission) and Cheick Sidi Diarra wound up the debate.

(The sitting adjourned at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3.00 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Louis MICHEL

Co-President

7. The way to the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan (South Korea) at the end of 2011

Debate wound up by a declaration (with participation of parliamentarians from the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA))

Jon Lomøy, Director of the Directorate for Development of the OECD, and Miet Smet, President of the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA), presented the key messages of the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan.

Speakers: Domenico Rosa (European Commission), Louis Michel, Filip Kaczmarek, Komi Selom Klassou (Togo), Patrice Tirolien, Waven William (Seychelles), François Alfonsi, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), James Nicholson, Milner Tozaka (Solomon Islands), Gabriele Zimmer, N. Joyce Laboso (Kenya), Frank Engel, Mariya Nedelcheva, Hamadou Sylla (Mali), Ana Rita Geremias Sithole (Mozambique), Fatima Hajaig (South Africa) and Job Yustino Ndugai (Tanzania).

Jon Lomøy (OECD), Miet Smet (AWEPA) and Domenico Rosa (European Commission) wound up the debate.

8. Challenges for the future of democracy and respecting constitutional order in ACP and EU countries

Committee on Political Affairs

Report by François Ibovi (Republic of the Congo) and Olle Schmidt

François Ibovi (Republic of the Congo) and Olle Schmidt presented their report.

Speakers: Domenico Rosa (European Commission), Mariya Nedelcheva, Piet Vanderwalt (Namibia), David Martin, Apala Lutundula (Democratic Republic of the Congo), James Nicholson, Elie Hoarau, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Michael Gahler, Musa Hussein Naib (Eritrea), Edit Bauer, Tesfaye Daba (Ethiopia), Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal), Glen Benedict Noel (Grenada), Emmanuel Kwasi Bandua (Ghana), Musikari N. Kombo (Kenya), Komi Selom Klassou (Togo) and Donald Ramotar (Guyana).

François Ibovi (Republic of the Congo), Olle Schmidt, Michael Matthiessen (EEAS) and Domenico Rosa (European Commission) wound up the debate.

9. Water pollution

Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

Report by Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon) and Christa Klauß

Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon) and Christa Klaß presented their report.

Speakers: Bruno Gatta (European Commission), Horst Schnellhardt, Jutta Haug, Milner Tozaka (Solomon Islands), Robert Sturdy, Fiona Hall, Waven William (Seychelles), Komi Selom Klassou (Togo), Musikari N. Kombo (Kenya), Maria da Graça Carvalho, Jo Leinen and Hans-Peter Mayer.

Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Christa Klaß and Bruno Gatta (European Commission) wound up the debate.

10. **Situation in Hungary and the neighbouring region**

Exchange of views with the Hungarian authorities on water management

Illés Zoltán, Secretary of State for Rural Development of Hungary, made a presentation on water management in Hungary and its neighbouring countries.

Speakers: Edit Bauer, Olle Schmidt, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Michael Gahler and Piet Vanderwalt (Namibia).

Illés Zoltán responded to the points raised by the Members.

(The sitting closed at 6.06 p.m.)

David MATONGO and
Louis MICHEL
Co-Presidents

Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS and
Luis Marco AGUIRIANO NALDA
Co-Secretaries-General
