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— Peace process in Togo

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3. **Statement by Mrs Kirsti LINTONEN, Under-Secretary of State, President-in-Office of the EU Council**

Mrs Lintonen presented her statement.

4. **Statement by Mr Séverin ADJOVI, Minister of Commerce, Arts and Tourism (Benin), President-in-Office of the ACP Council**

Mr Adjovi presented his statement.

5. **Question Time to the ACP Council**

Mr Adjovi replied to questions no 1 by Mrs Kinnock on the use of EDF funds for debt forgiveness and no 2 by Mr van den Berg on the participation of civil society in implementation of a successor agreement between the ACP and the EU. He then replied to supplementary questions put by Mrs Kinnock and Mr van den Berg.

6. **Question Time to the EU Council**

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 5 by Mr Souchet on development and world trade and to a supplementary question put by Mr Souchet. A supplementary question put by Mr Khanbhai on debt relief was ruled out of order by the Co-President.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 7 by Mrs Sandbæk on the WTO and to a supplementary question put by Mrs Sandbæk.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 8 by Mrs Kinnock on ACP-EU cooperation in the WTO and to supplementary questions put by Mrs Kinnock and by the representative of St Lucia.

As Mrs Keppelhoff-Wiechert was not present, her question no 10 on rum would be answered in writing.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 4 by Mr Schwaiger on the future of EU-ACP relations and to supplementary questions put by Mr Schwaiger and by the representative of Dominica.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 16 by Maes, Rod, Lucas, Kreissl-Dörfler and Schörling on Somalia and to two supplementary questions put by Mrs Maes.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 17 by Mr Fernández Martín on Cuba and to a supplementary question put by Mr Fernández Martín.

Mrs Lintonen replied to questions no 11 by Mr van den Bos on Kosovo and the ACP countries and no 18 by Mrs Maij-Weggen on the development cooperation budget and to supplementary questions put by Mr van den Bos, Mrs Maij-Weggen (two questions), Mrs Kinnock, Mr Schwaiger, Mrs Maes and the representative of Senegal.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 21 by the Republic of the Congo on criteria for intervention by the European Union and to supplementary questions put by the representative of the Republic of the Congo, Mr Imbeni, Mrs Maes and Mrs Sandbæk.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 19 by the Hon. Baah-Danquah (Ghana) on commodity (the falling price of gold) and to a supplementary question put by the representative of South Africa.

As Mrs Dybkjær was not present, her question no 13 on a European Union humanitarian corps would be answered in writing.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 20 by the representative of Eritrea on the Eritro-Ethiopian conflict and to a supplementary question put by the representative of Eritrea.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 14 by Mr Schörling, Mrs Maes, Mr Rod, Mrs Lucas and Mr Kreissl-Dörfler on the EU's common policy toward asylum seekers and to a supplementary question put by Mrs Schörling, Mr Howitt and the representative of South Africa.

As Mr Rutelli was not present, his question no 12 on the International Criminal Court would be answered in writing.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 15 by Lady Nicholson on a moratorium on the death penalty and to a supplementary question put by Lady Nicholson.

Mrs Lintonen replied to question no 1 by Mr Lannoye, Mrs Lucas, Mr Rod, Mr Schörling and Mrs Maes on the Biosafety Protocol negotiations and to a supplementary question put by Mr Rod.

7. **The current state of negotiations on the future of ACP-EU relations**

— **Consideration of a motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Kinnock (continuation)**

The following spoke : Khanbhai, the representative of Namibia,

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CLAIR

Co-President

The representative of Dominica, the representative of St Lucia, van den Berg, the representative of Papua New Guinea, Gemelli, the representative of Kenya, the representative of the Dominican Republic and a representative of the NGO ENDA (Senegal).

Mrs Kinnock replied to points made by the above.

The debate would be continued in the afternoon session.

(The sitting adjourned at 13.05 and resumed at 15.15)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CORRIE

Co-President

The Chairman announced that the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee had decided to submit the following three proposals for the Sakharov Prize to the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament:

- Mr Xanana Gusmao, leader of the East Timor Independence Movement,
- Mrs Angelina Acheng Atyam, Vice-Chair of the Concerned Parents Association in Uganda,
- and Radio B2/92 in Belgrade.

8. Question time to the Commission

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 3 by the Green/ALE Group on Lomé and the WTO, and to a supplementary question by Mrs Schörling.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 4 by Mr Souchet on Development Cooperation and the WTO, and to a supplementary question by Mr Souchet.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 5 by Mrs Junker on behalf of the PSE Group on Post-Lomé negotiations, WTO negotiations and fair trade with the ACP States, and to a supplementary question by Mrs Junker.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 6 by Mr van den Berg on securing trade preferences during the negotiations on the successor agreement between the ACP and the EU, and to a supplementary question by Mr van den Berg.

As Mr Fernández Martín was not present, his question no 11 on the amendment of the COM in bananas would be answered in writing.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 12 by Mrs Kinnock, on the EU's banana regime and to a supplementary question by Mrs Kinnock.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 13 by Mrs Keppelhoff-Wiechert on sugar and to a supplementary question by Mrs Keppelhoff-Wiechert.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 19 by the Bahamas on rum.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 20 by the Green/ALE Group on an impact study on trade liberalisation, and to a supplementary question by Mr Kreissl-Dörfler.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 1 by Baroness Nicholson on behalf of the ELDR Group on child soldiers and child abduction and to a supplementary question by Baroness Nicholson.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 2 by Mrs Sandbæk on the post-Lomé agreement and to a supplementary question by Mrs Sandbæk.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 9 by Mr van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the informal sector in the ACP countries.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 10 by the Green/ALE Group on direct access for ACP NGOs to the European Fund and to a supplementary question by Mr Rod.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 16 by Mrs Maij-Weggen on coordinating development aid between the EU and the Member States and to a supplementary question by Mrs Maij-Weggen.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 17 by Mr Baah-Danquah (Ghana) on Sysmin.

As Mr Rutelli was not present, his question no 7 on the ACP countries' debt would be answered in writing.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 8 by Mr Van Hecke on the debt burden.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 14 by Mrs Dybkjær on Togo, which had been taken over by Mr van den Bos in the absence of Mrs Dybkjær.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 18 by the representative of Eritrea on human rights violations by Ethiopia.

Commissioner Nielson replied to question no 15 by Mr Schwaiger on the future of ACP-EU relations and to a supplementary question by Mr Schwaiger.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr CLAIR,

Co-President

9. Trade and Cooperation Agreement with South Africa

The representative of South Africa, Mr Davies, made a statement on the recently signed trade and cooperation agreement with South Africa.

The following spoke: Maij-Weggen, Van Hecke, Kinnock, Dell'Alba.