

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2003

(2003/C 231/03)

(The sitting opened at 9.17 a.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs. Glenys KINNOCK

Co-President

1. Substitutes

The Co-President announced the following substitutes: Bebear (for Balfe), García-Margallo (for Bowis), Knolle (for Ferrer), Pomés Ruiz (for Lulling) and Scarbonchi (for Wurtz).

The Co-President announced that Item 10 on the agenda would be taken first, followed by Council statements and answers to questions.

2. Subjects and themes relating to development cooperation between the EU and ACP countries under the Cotonou Agreement, pursuant to Article 8(1)(ii)

International Criminal Court

The following spoke: Theorin, Fava, Fofanah (Sierra Leone), Amon-Ago (Côte d'Ivoire), the representative of Congo and van den Berg.

NEPAD

The following spoke: Boureïma (Niger), the representative of Ghana, Amon-Ago (Côte d'Ivoire), Schörling, Olango (Ethiopia), Mporogomyi (Tanzania), Bebear and Hamburger (European Commission).

Follow-up to the Johannesburg Summit

The following spoke: Boureïma (Niger) and Hamburger (European Commission).

3. Statement by Mr Andreas Loverdos, Greek Deputy Foreign Minister responsible for foreign trade and development cooperation, President-in-Office of the EU Council

Mr Loverdos addressed the Assembly on behalf of the EU Council.

4. Statement by Ambassador Todd McClay, on behalf of the President-in-Office of the ACP Council

Mr McClay addressed the Assembly on behalf of the ACP Council.

5. Question time — Council

Three questions were put to the ACP Council of Ministers.

Mr McClay replied to the following questions and to supplementary questions by their authors:

Question No 1 by Mr Davies (South Africa) on the ACP Council's approach to the negotiations with the EU: the position of LDCs

Question No 2 by the following members: Lucas, Lannoye, Rod, Schörling, Maes and Isler Béguin, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Lesotho

Question No 3 by the following members: Schörling, Lannoye, Lucas, Rod, Maes and Isler Béguin, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Somalia

Sixteen questions were put to the EU Council of Ministers.

Mr Loverdos replied to the following questions and to the supplementary questions by their authors:

Question No 4 by Mrs Kinnock on EU-Africa relations

Question No 6 by Mrs Dybkjær, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on conflict prevention

Question No 8 by Mr Bowis on a draft action plan to combat trafficking in human beings

Question No 12 by Mr van den Berg on the Kimberley Process

Question No 5 by Mrs Sauquillo Pérez del Arco on EU enlargement and cooperation policy