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Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe

București, 13 februarie 2008
Nr. 58/2/281

MEMORANDUM INTERN

De la: Nadia Ionescu, director

Către: domnul Mihai Unghianu, secretar general adjunct al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Participarea la seminarul cu tema: "Rolul noilor state membre ale Uniunii Europene privind politica de dezvoltare a Africii" (Bruxelles, 27-28 februarie 2008)

Sub președinția slovenă a Uniunii Europene și la inițiativa Asociației Parlamentarilor Europeni pentru Africa (AWEPA), al Parlamentului European, al Organizațiilor Internaționale non profit privind campania de vaccinare preventivă împotriva HIV/SIDA (IAVI) și al Societății pentru Dezvoltare Internațională (SID) se va organiza la Bruxelles, în perioada 27-28 februarie 2008, seminarul cu tema: „Rolul noilor state membre ale Uniunii Europene privind politica de dezvoltare a Africii”.

Seminarul va avea în dezbatere teme cu privire la noua strategie a Uniunii Europene privind dezvoltarea Africii, controlul parlamentar asupra ajutorului acordat Africii în contextul Agendei de la Paris și strategiile UE privind Africa în combaterea HIV/SIDA în special asupra copiilor abandonți și vulnerabili.

Camera Deputaților va fi reprezentată de o delegație formată din domnii deputați Renică Diaconescu (PNL), secretar al Comisiei pentru sănătate și familie, Istvan Bonis (UDMR), membru al aceleiași comisii și doamna Daniela Georgian, din cadrul Direcției generale afaceri externe, secretara delegației.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art.3, lit.c din HBP nr. 5/2007.

Propunem:

- Să se aprobe participarea domnilor deputați Renică Diaconescu și Istvan Bonis, precum și a doamnei Daniela Georgian, secretara delegației, la această acțiune;
- Deplasarea să se facă cu avionul pe ruta București-Bruxelles și retur cu plecare în ziua de 27 februarie 2008, orele 7.20 zbor RO 371 și întoarcere în ziua de 1 martie 2008, orele 00.25 , zbor RO 374;
- Să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 100%, pentru 3 zile, cazare plafon B pentru 2 nopți, precum și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;
- Recalcularea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară pe baza documentelor justificative.


Director,
Nadia Ionescu

Avizat:



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Comisia pentru Sănătate și Familie

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CĂTRE

**DIRECȚIA DE RELAȚII PARLAMENTARE CU ȚĂRILE
EUROPENE, AMERICA DE NORD ȘI ORGANISME
MULTILATERALE ALE ACESTORA
ÎN ATENȚIA DOAMNEI DIRECTOR NADIA IONESCU,**

Comisia pentru sănătate și familie a nominalizat ca participanți la Seminarul AWEPA , ce va avea loc la Bruxelles în perioada 27 – 29 februarie 2008 , pe dl.dep.dr.Renică Diaconescu și pe dl.dep.dr.Bonis Istvan.

Cu aleasă considerație,

PREȘEDINTE,

ACAD.PROF.UNIV.MIRCEA IFRIM



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Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe
Direcția de relații parlamentare cu țările europene, America de Nord și
Organismele multilaterale ale acestora

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat Renică Diaconescu, secretar al Comisiei pentru sănătate și familie la seminarul cu tema „Rolul noilor state membre ale Uniunii Europene privind politica de dezvoltare a Africii,, ce va avea loc la Bruxelles, în perioada 27-28 februarie 2008.

Crin ANTONESCU

Lider Grup parlamentar PNL





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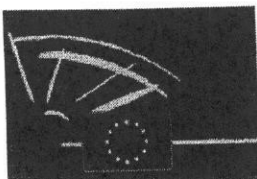
Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe
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Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat Istvan BONIS, membru al Comisiei pentru sănătate și familie la seminarul cu tema „Rolul noilor state membre ale Uniunii Europene privind politica de dezvoltare a Africii”, ce va avea loc la Bruxelles, în perioada 27-28 februarie 2008.

Márton Árpád Francisc

Lider Grup parlamentar UDMR





Hon. Bogdan Olteanu
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Amsterdam, 6 February 2008

Il. Sc. adj. Vughiom
[Signature]

RE: Slovenian EU Presidency Seminar on Africa, 'The Role of New EU Member States in EU-Africa Development Policy', 27-28 February 2008, Brussels

Honourable Speaker,

On behalf of AWEPA and the European Parliament we have the honour to inform you that AWEPA together with the European Parliament, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Society for International Development (SID) is organising an EU Presidency Seminar on Africa on 27 and 28 February 2008 in the European Parliament in Brussels, entitled:

'The Role of New EU Member States in EU-Africa Development Policy'

On 27 February there will be a reception hosted by AWEPA in the European Parliament.

The seminar will start on 28 February. The overall objective of this event will be to identify the role and responsibilities of the New EU Member States (NMS) in the EU-Africa development policy.

The seminar is composed of three thematic parts covering various issues related to development cooperation:

- In light of the European Consensus on Development (December 2005) the new Joint EU-Africa Strategy will be discussed (Lisbon Summit, December 2007).
- In the framework of the Paris Agenda on Aid Effectiveness (2005), the empowerment of parliamentarians and the parliamentary oversight of Official Development Assistance (ODA) will be addressed.
- In relation to MDG number 6 "combat HIV and AIDS", EU-Africa strategies to combat HIV and AIDS, with a special focus on Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) will be raised.

On behalf of AWEPA and the European Parliament, we have the pleasure to invite you or your representative and interested Members of your Parliament to attend this seminar.

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For your information, the draft programme and the terms of reference are attached, together with a participation form.
We would be grateful if the participation form could be returned before 11 February to the AWEPA office in Amsterdam at the following fax number: +31.20.622.01.30 or by email to: amsterdam@awepa.org.

We hope to welcome your delegation in Brussels and we look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Pär Granstedt
Secretary General



Dr. Jan Nico Scholten
President



Mr. Johan van Hecke
MEP and Head of the AWEPA Section in the EP

Annexes: Draft programme
Terms of Reference
Participation form

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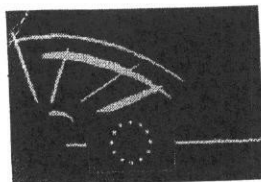
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Society for International Development

DRAFT Agenda*
The Role of New EU Member States in EU-Africa Development Policy

Slovenian EU Presidency Seminar on Africa
27 & 28 February 2008
Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

Wednesday 27 February

17:30 – 19:00 Reception hosted by SID in the EP, "Members Salon"

Thursday 28 February

9:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

- Chair: Dr. Jan Nico Scholten, President AWEPA
- H.E. Igor Sencar, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the EU
- H.E. Louis Michel, EU Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid
- H.E. Ambassador Gertrude Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session I: Implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, NEPAD/MDG developments

- Chair: Mrs. Maria Martens, MEP the Netherlands
- Prof. Ben Turok, MP South Africa and Chair of the NEPAD Contact Group of African Parliamentarians
- Mr. Krzysztof Lisek, MP and President of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Polish Parliament

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session II: Tracking of ODA and oversight: Role of Parliamentarians and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

- Chair: Mrs. Glenys Kinnock, MEP and Co-President ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr. Thijs Berman, MEP the Netherlands, Vice-Chairman Committee on Development
- Mr. Joe Frans, AWEPA Section Sweden

15:00 – 16:00 Session III: MDG no. 6: Combat HIV and AIDS

- Chair: [tbc]
- Representative IAVI
- Mr. Philip O'Brien, Director UNICEF Regional Office for Geneva

16:00 – 16:30 Break

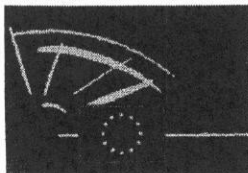
16:30 – 17:45 Session IV: The New EU Member States and Recent Development Cooperation Experience, Policies and Future Plans

- Chair: [tbc]
- Mr. Franc Horvat, MP, Chairman Committee on the Economy in the Slovenian Parliament and AWEPA Section Slovenia
- Mrs. Danute Budreikate, MEP Lithuania

17:45 – 18:00 Closing: Joint Manifesto

- Chair: Mr. Johan van Hecke, MEP, Head of the AWEPA Section in the EP
- Mr. Pär Granstedt, Secretary-General AWEPA

* not all presenters have confirmed yet



DRAFT
Concept Paper

The Role of New EU Member States in EU-Africa Development Policy

Slovenian EU Presidency Seminar on Africa
European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
27 & 28 February 2008

EU Presidency Slovenia

Background

Twice every year AWEPA is organising international parliamentary seminars that coincide with the rotating Presidency of the European Union.

The main objectives of these seminars are:

- To keep African priorities, in the context of NEPAD, on the political agenda of the EU and the EU member states
- To promote partnerships between European and African (members of) parliaments to strengthen strong parliamentary democracies
- To promote dialogue and networking for parliamentarians from Africa with each other and with their colleagues from Europe to stimulate action to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

On 27 and 28 February 2008 AWEPA International together with AWEPA in the European Parliament, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Society for International Development (SID) is organising on the occasion of the EU Presidency of Slovenia an EU Presidency Seminar on Africa.

Overall objective

In the context of efficiency and coherence at the EU level, in line with the Paris Agenda, the overall objective of the seminar will be to identify the role and responsibilities of the New EU Member States (NMS) in the EU-Africa development policy. The NMS are a novice in the field of international development cooperation and turned from a beneficiary into a donor of development assistance. Development cooperation systems in the NMS have been created and are being reformed, but they are still new and there is limited experience. The seminar will stimulate the discussion on the state of preparedness of the New EU donors in terms of capacity building to fully participate in the EU Development Policy and their strategies for assistance. On the other hand, although the NMS are in the process of building up systems, they also have a great deal of experience in transformation-related issues which can be considered as a added value to the EU development policy. They have faced similar problems as the African countries and therefore they could exchange experiences and lessons learnt.

Themes

The seminar is composed of three thematic parts covering various issues related to development cooperation:

During the first part the new '*Joint Africa-EU Strategy*' (Lisbon Summit, December 2007), will be discussed, a renewed long term political partnership between both continents

based on common values and interests, to address global and common challenges. The Strategy provides an opportunity for both continents to have an open dialogue on sensitive issues on an equal footing and more balanced partnerships and consistency of EU policy towards Africa. The discussions at the seminar will take place in light of the 'European Consensus on Development' (December 2005), the EU vision that guides the action of the EU in development co-operation and the attainment of the MDGs by 2015.

In the framework of the 'Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness' (2005), an international instrument to mobilise Ministers, Heads of Agencies and other Senior Officials to scale up their efforts for more effective aid, the second part will address the empowerment of parliamentarians and the parliamentary oversight of Official Development Assistance (ODA), will be discussed. This part is taking into consideration the evaluation conference for the Paris Agenda that is taking place in Accra, Ghana in September this year.

The 10 NMS that joined the EU in 2004 have almost doubled their aid expenditure. However, most of this increase occurred in 2005 and they didn't have any targets to meet in 2006. The approach of the EU 10 to development cooperation differs from the 'old EU fifteen' Member States, that focus more on regional stability and human resource development, rather than poverty reduction. Besides, African countries form a very modest part with regards to the development policies of the NMS. Their geographical priorities are mostly targeted at other post-communist countries that are in a transition phase.

The third thematic part focuses on one specific MDG, namely nr. 6 "combat HIV and AIDS. This "case study" session will address EU-Africa strategies to combat HIV and AIDS, with a special focus on Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). Attention will be paid to the full package of steps that need to be realised in order to combat and prevent HIV and AIDS and the disastrous results of this disease. This included the importance of long term and broader perspectives through the development of safe, effective and accessible and preventive HIV vaccines for use throughout the world. The EU plays a leadership role in extending its support to accelerated vaccine research and development, access and distribution of a preventive vaccine and to ensure a more central role of these issues in development policies.

Output

The expected output is:

- Parliamentarians are better informed about the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, and the Paris Agenda and will take concrete action by applying this knowledge.
- Parliamentarians developed "Recommendations for Parliamentary Action" to enable them to hold their governments to account on international commitments, to exercise parliamentary oversight and to stimulate parliamentary questions and debates about the level, distribution and effectiveness of European ODA.
- European and African MPs are better informed and stimulated to undertake action regarding the NEPAD commitments and to monitor progress of achieving the MDGs.
- Policy dialogue with colleagues from African parliaments, in order to maximise a coordinated and informed response to the challenge presented by the growing numbers of OVC in Africa.
- Parliamentarians are better informed about the importance of the development of safe, effective and accessible and preventive HIV vaccines to combat HIV and AIDS.

Outcome

The expected outcome of the seminar will be:

- Concrete parliamentary action in Africa and the EU to implement the discussed recommendations made during the seminar.
- European Parliamentarians undertake action to hold their governments to account on international commitments, to exercise parliamentary oversight and to stimulate parliamentary questions and debates about the level, distribution and effectiveness of the European ODA.
- African Parliamentarians undertake action to analyse ODA data in the context of their national budgets, track government spending of ODA, and assess the impact and effectiveness of ODA from the standpoint of their constituencies.
- Parliamentary agenda on OVC (and HIV and AIDS) in Africa for European MPs: draft questions, motion, survey and adjusted development policy.
- Extra investment of government in preventive technologies, like vaccines and microbicides, through which women and girls in particular can protect themselves better.

Participants & Resource persons

The approach is that a balanced representation of African and European participants is realised, with a multi-stakeholder basis including the academia and civil society. The seminar will offer a platform for approximately 50 participants from Africa and Europe, consisting of representatives from the following:

- Parliamentarians from Slovenia
- Parliamentarians from other new EU Member States
- Parliamentarians from "old" EU Member states
- MEPs
- Parliamentarians from Southern Africa
- Representatives from African regional parliamentary organisations
- Representatives from NEPAD Secretariat, the NEPAD Contact Group of African Parliamentarians (NCGAP) and the African Parliamentarian's Forum on NEPAD
- Representatives from civil society organisations

Organisation

The seminar will take place during the EU Presidency of Slovenia on 27 & 28 February 2008 in the European Parliament. It will be a one and a half day event organised by AWEPA in cooperation with AWEPA's section in the European Parliament, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Society for International Development (SID).