



Minutes Executive Committee Meeting, 10 May 2003, Uppsala, Sweden

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These Minutes have been approved by the EBLIDA President.

Participants: Klaus-Peter Böttger, Gerard Briand, Berndt Fredriksson, Tommaso Giordano, María Pía González Pereira, Pedro Hípola, Antonio José da Pina Falcão, Disa Svenskberg, Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Finn Vester.

1. Opening and announcements

Jan-Ewout van der Putten, new President of EBLIDA, opened the meeting and announced the invitation to the Executive Committee to celebrate their next meeting in autumn in The Hague, in order to present the new premises of the [NBLC](#), who kindly host the EBLIDA Secretariat.

2. Apologies for absence

Britt-Marie Häggström apologised for her absence due to an unavoidable commitment for a national event in the north of Sweden. Michele Lemu was not present but her substitute, Gerard Briand, attended the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

Item no 2 - Approval of agenda

This item was replaced by *Apologies for absence*.

Item no 3 - Introduction on practical issues to new members of the Executive Committee

This item was replaced by *Approval of Agenda*.

Former Item no 3 was moved to Item no 5.

Item no 4 - Important documents

This item was replaced with the following: *Election of the new Executive Committee Vice President*.

Item no 6 - Next Council meeting - proposals for topics of interest

This item was deleted.

4. Election of the new Executive Committee Vice President

The Executive Committee asked unanimously Pedro Hípola to be the new Vice President of the EBLIDA Executive Committee. Pedro Hípola accepted.

5. Introduction on practical issues

Jan-Ewout van der Putten introduced to the new Executive Committee members practical issues concerning the EBLIDA functioning and Constitution.

María Pía González Pereira requested the new members of the Executive to provide the Secretariat with a copy of their passports and to bring in the signed forms of the Chamber of Commerce already circulated.

6. Any other business

Frode Bakken asked to be replaced by Kjell Nilsson as Chair of the EBLIDA WTO Working Group. The Executive agreed.

He sees the necessity of a fundamental study on the issues of GATS. The Working Group did a good job but needs help of experts (lawyers) to get more grips on the matter.

The Executive will speak about this matter in its next meeting. The Director will get in touch with Frode and prepare a full proposal.

7. Next meeting

The Executive Committee meets 24 – 25 October 2003 in The Hague.

President and Director will prepare a scheme for the EC meetings in 2004 and 2005 with focus on the new member states. They will see into the possibility to combine these meetings with a workshop.

8. Closure

Jan-Ewout van der Putten thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their support and closed the meeting.



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