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43RD ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY HELD IN BRUSSELS,
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ACRONOMYS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific
ACP-EU	African, Caribbean and Pacific European Union
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AML	Anti-Money Laundering
CFT	Countering Financing Terrorism
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EC	European Commission
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JPA	Joint Parliamentary Assembly
MIC	Middle Income Countries
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NDCCI	Neighbourhood, Development Cooperation and International Cooperation Instrument
NPA	New Partnership Agreement
OACPS	Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
OACPS	Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
OEACP	Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States and Government
PA	Parliamentary Assembly
RST	Resilience and Sustainability Trust Fund
SDG's	Sustainable Development Goals
SDR	Special Drawing Rights
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UN	United Nations
UNFPA	United Nation Population Fund
WTO	World Trade Organisation

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The 63rd Session of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Parliamentary Assembly and the 43rd ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) took place from 19 to 28 June 2023 in Brussels-Belgium. The Assembly discussed among others pressing global issues such as the conflict in Sudan and the dire humanitarian and security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Social issues such as food and energy security, trade and investment, the Green Deal Strategy, ACP diaspora engagement, migration as well as women and youth empowerment was also discussed. The Assembly further conducted a comprehensive review of the new rules of procedure of the OACPS-EU JPA and exchanged views on the delay of signing of the Post-Cotonou Agreement. Various urgent Motions and Resolutions were adopted.

2. PARTICIPANTS

The session was attended by Members of Parliament from Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States as well as the European Union States. The Namibian Parliament was represented by Members from the National Assembly's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration namely: Honourables: Natangue Ithete (Chairperson and Member of the ACP-EU JPA Bureau), Elifas Dingara and Celeste Becker. The Honourable Members were accompanied by Ms Theresia Dimba, Parliamentary Clerk and Ms Noreen Mutafela Sitali, Information Officer. The Namibian Embassy in Brussels, was represented by Mr Tjirume Gavert, Second Secretary and Mr Kleopas Sirongo, Commercial Counsellor.

3. BRIEFING FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE

Members were provided with written briefing notes by the above-mentioned two Ministries in preparation for the Sessions.

4. MEETING PROCEEDINGS

4.1 MEETING OF THE OACPS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

4.1.1 SPECIAL SESSION ON THE DRAFT NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE OACPS-EU JPA

The special session on the new draft rules of procedure of the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly took place on the 19th and 20th of June 2023 respectively. The session was chaired by Hon. Natangue Ithete, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economic and Public Administration on behalf of Hon. Ana Rita Sithole, President of the OACPS and the Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA). The session was a continuation of the session that took place in Brussels, Belgium from 25 February to 02 March 2023.

In his opening remarks, Hon. Ithete reminded the participants regarding one of the President's four key priority areas that the President will concentrate on during her two years' tenure of a paperless Assembly that was adopted at the last session. Participants were informed that as of 20 June 2023 there will be no printing of documents, a QR code with the meeting documents will be provided daily going forward.

The Assembly exchanged views on the new draft rules of procedure of the OACPS-EU JPA namely; OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Africa-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Caribbean-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and Pacific-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

The Assembly discussed and proposed amendments on some rules and the following amendments were proposed:

- Women representation: they proposed a 30% women representation on all activities of the OACPS, including the delegation to attend the meetings of the OACPS. The Assembly further proposed that the OACPS Secretariat should draft the rule of procedure on women representation and establish a strategy to involve women in OACPS activities as well as allocate budget for women activities.
- Persons with disabilities forum: The Assembly proposed the establishment of a forum for persons with disabilities to be introduced under the working group.
- In the quest to empower the youth: The Assembly proposed that the OACPS should allocate a percentage of youth representation on OACPS activities.

- OACPS to establish mechanism on how to monitor and evaluate human rights issues.
- Inclusiveness of African language in the list of official language for interpretation. Despite the proposal by some members that the language should be adopted first in the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly, and despite the issues of lack of budget, Hon. Ithete, tasked the OACPS Secretariat to work on the modality of adding an African language on the list for adoption at the next session.
- OACPS Secretariat to establish criteria in determining civil organisation to participate in the OACPS meetings and activities.
- Membership of the organisation to be clearly defined and gender representation be agreed upon at the National Parliaments.
- Host country to be involved in the Drafting of programme for the sessions.



Hon. Natangue Ithete chairing the special session on the draft new rules of procedure of the OACPS-EU JPA on behalf of Hon. Ana Rita Sithole, OACPS President

4.1.2 SPECIAL SESSION OF OACPS SPEAKERS/DEPUTY SPEAKERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE OACPS-ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OACPS

The special session of the OACPS Speakers/Deputy Speakers of National Assemblies took place at the margin of the 63rd session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly on 20 June 2023. The session served as a platform to strengthen the working relationship between the respective Parliaments and the OACPS.

During the session, H.E Mr Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikofi, OACPS Secretary General updated the Speakers/Deputy Speakers on the work of the organisation by addressing the following points; collaboration with strategic partners, the visibility of the organisation and its role in the multilateral forum, engagement with the diaspora at OACPS level, the status of contribution to the Secretariat's budget and the general financial situation of the OACPS.

a) Collaboration with strategic partners

The meeting was informed that the OACPS organisation will expand its partnership with other bilateral and institutional partners in an effort to build a diversified partnership that will strengthen and broaden the organisations cooperation beyond its long standing partnership with the European Union. These being the Southern Hemisphere, other major international development partners, international public and private organisation on a bilateral basis for resources mobilization and development projects and programmes in its Member States.

In this regard, the Secretary General has initiated discussion with the kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates who have showed their commitment to participate in the tenth Summit.

b) The visibility of the organisation and its role in the multilateral forum

The OACPS recognises that It is necessary to strengthen and broaden the role and visibility of the OACPS on the international scene. This will strengthen the OACPS's ability to follow and contribute to the global political and development agenda.

The Secretary General has initiated discussions with key partners such as NATO, to explore opportunities for collaboration between OACPs and NATO particularly in the areas of climate change and security which is the two areas which is paramount important to OACPS. NATO is in the process of setting up a centre of excellence on climate change and security, which could be beneficiary to the OACPS members.

c) Engagement with the diaspora at OACPS level

The OACPS further recognises that diaspora communities are drivers of development and contribute to the achievement of a sustainable inclusive development and transformative social change in the countries.

The OACPS has prioritised engagement with the diaspora and has appointed a national focal points for all matters relating to cooperation with the diaspora.

Over the past years, consultations took place with the diaspora focal points on the engagement strategy which led to a creation of an OACPS platform for diaspora engagement by the 114th Session of the Council of Ministers. The 10th OACPS Summit of head of State and Government approved the establishment of an OEACP Diaspora Centre of Excellence to be hosted by the Federal

Republic of Nigeria. The objective of the centre will be to facilitate and coordinate the participation of the Diaspora in the process of sustainable and inclusive development of the OACPS members.

d) The status of contribution to the Secretariat's budget and the general financial situation of the OACPS.

The contributions from Members States for the year 2023 amount to Euro 5.458.952 which represents 35,35% of the total annual budget of Euro 15.441.345. To date the Secretariat received only Euro 1.187.629 of the assessed annual contributions, which is 21,7% of the total amount of Euro 5.458.952.

Ten (10) countries still owe their full contribution for the year 2022, and nine (9) of these countries are under sanctions.

The low rate of contribution from Members States is said to be hampering the Secretariat's operations. In order to ensure Member States, honour their obligations to the OACPS budget, the Secretary General took a decision and requested the President of the OACPS summit, H. E Mr. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco, President of the Republic of Angola to write to his peers to encourage them to honour their annual contributions.

In his concluding remarks, the Secretary General proposed the following:

- To support the work of the Organisation by encouraging Member States to honour their commitment, in particular the annual contributions to the budget of the OACPS Secretariat;
- Increase the visibility of the work of the OACPS through discussions on the various outcome documents of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly in the respective Assemblies;
- Establishing a platform for engagement with the diaspora in the margins of the meetings.

4.1.3 MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1.3.1 Committee on Political Affairs

The session was dedicated to discuss the political situation in the OACPS countries. Members deliberated on issues of political concern around the current conflicts in OACPS Member States such as Sudan, Humanitarian Crisis in Burkina Faso and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the current Social Security situation in Mali. Furthermore, Member shared other social issues of concern occurring in their respective countries and underscored the

importance of maintaining and enhancing peace and security in their respective countries and regions.

4.1.3.2 Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

The Committee deliberated on Amendments and Resolutions on enhancing cooperation on maritime security and promoting the rule of law on the oceans. The Committee further exchange views on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for international peace and security; the Humanitarian and political situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo; the conflict in Sudan and Political situation in Members of the OACPS.

4.1.3.3 Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade

The meeting was chaired by Hon. Sibeso Sefulo Member of Parliament from Zambia. The meeting considered amendments to the draft resolution on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes and the list of third countries with regard to combating anti-money laundering and countering financing terrorism (AML/CFT) and exchanged views on the activities of the European Investment Bank and other OACPS-EU Financial instruments in ACP countries in light of the Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement, the Neighbourhood, Development Cooperation and International Cooperation Instrument, Europe in the World (NDCCI-Europe in the World) and the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The Committee deliberated on the regulation that was passed on 16 March 2023 by the Europeans on the critical raw material and agreed that the matter be included in the agenda for the 43rd session of the ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly for discussion. Namibia is a Member of the aforesaid Committee.



The Namibian delegation attending the Standing Committee Meetings

4.1.4 Bureau of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau meetings are attended by the Bureau Members only and Namibia is a member of the Bureau. These meetings are normally held to review and adopt summary records of the previous Bureau meetings and to exchange views on the draft agenda for the 63rd Session of the OACPs and 43rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

In her opening remarks, the President of OACPS Hon. Ana Rita Sithole informed the Assembly that she attended the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Forum in Washington D.C from 10-11 April 2023 as observer and as fact finding mission to participate in future World Trade Organisation (WTO) sessions and for possible collaboration or alliance with strategic partners for visibility of the organisation. Among the countries that participated at the forum were Namibia, Guinea and Tonga.

The President further gave an update on her accomplishments thus far with regards to her key priorities and further stressed the importance of the OACPS organisation to be financial independent.

National Secretariats were requested to assist their delegation with background research on agenda points, Motions and Amendments to be discussed at the sessions because the OACPS Secretariat is understaffed and sometimes finding it difficult to conduct research to guide the Members.

4.1.5 63rd Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly

The 63rd OACPS Parliamentary Assembly took place from 19 to 23 July 2023. The session was officially opened by Hon. Ana Rita Sithole, President of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly. The Assembly brought together 78 Africans, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) countries to address a series of crucial issues such as the conflict in Sudan, the humanitarian situation in DRC and other Member States, Artificial Intelligences (AI) and economic treaties.

In her remarks, Hon. Sithole updated the Assembly on what has been done thus far with regards to her four key priority areas during a tenure as President of OACPS.

The Assistant Secretary-General of OACPS Dr. Ibrahim Norbert Richard gave an updated on the work of the organisation on behalf of the Secretary General

H.E. Mr Goerges Rebelo Pinto Chikoto, who was attending the New Global Financial Pact Forum in Paris.

A key note address was delivered by the UN Assistance Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), H.E Ms Diene Keita, on issues such as women empowerment, gender equality, access to education, youth empowerment, teenage pregnancy and the issue of lack of budget dedicated to gender equality.

The Assembly further deliberated and exchanged views on the reports of the Standing Committee.

4.1.6 Foundation day celebration

The OACPS organisation celebrated their foundation day on 28 June 2023 at the OACPS headquarters in Brussel. The celebration brought together all the OACPS countries, who demonstrated their different cuisine. The celebration ended with the culinary delights and musical spectacle.



Namibia exhibition stand at the Foundation day

4.2 MEETINGS OF THE ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

4.2.1 43rd Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

The 43rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly took place from 24 to 28 June 2023. Over 400 delegates from OACPS countries and EU States attend the session which was co-Chaired by H.E Hon. Carlos Zorrinho from Portugal and H.E Hon. Ana Rita Sithole from Mozambique, Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

During the official opening ceremony of the 43rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary held on 26 June 2023, the Co-Presidents condemned the escalating violence between the different armed forces of Sudan, which has resulted in hundreds of lives being lost, including many civilians. The Co-Presidents criticised the disregard of the agreed humanitarian ceasefires and call on all parties concerned to cease all military action and allow a peaceful negotiation settlement.

The Assembly discussed key issues such as the new regulation on critical raw materials that was passed on 16 March 2023 by the Europeans, energy transition and climate change in the EU-ACP cooperation, Hybrid threats and Reform of the United Nations Security Council.

The Assembly also debated and voted on two urgent topics accompanied with resolutions namely; the humanitarian and security situation in Haiti and the humanitarian situation in OACPS countries affected by terrorism.

The Assembly further discussed the decision by the European Union (EU) Council to extend the signing of the Cotonou Agreement between the European Union and the Member States of OACPS by four months.

The extension was necessary to avoid a legal void from 1 July that would have brought to an end the legal basis of the joint OACPS-EU Institutions. The Co-Presidents expressed their disappointment and criticised the continued blockage of the signing of the Post-Cotonou Agreement by EU Member States, first by Hungary and now Poland due to internal reasons.

The Post-Cotonou Agreement provides a stable and stronger framework for the OACPS-EU partnership, thus contributing to global governance. The agreement further provides an opportunity to increase cooperation and action in a number of policy areas that present joint challenges and opportunities, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement as overarching objectives. These include peace and security, climate change and sustainable economic growth.

The Co-Presidents call on the OACPS and the EU Council of Ministers to hold an emergency joint council meeting that will urgently engage with Poland with a view to finding a solution and providing a firm deadline to unblock the situation and indicate a date when the signing shall take place in Samoa.

The Assembly was informed that the Green Deal Strategy that was adopted in 2019 and scheduled to take effect in 2023 had been rescheduled to take effect in 2025.

4.2.2 BUREAU OF THE ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The meeting was co-chaired by the two Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

The meeting discussed two motions for resolutions namely; the Humanitarian and security situation in Haiti and the Humanitarian situation in OACPS countries affected by terrorism. They further discussed the Maputo Charter, JPA Advocacy and Engagement Strategy and Human Rights in OACPS and EU Countries.

The meeting further deliberated on the date and venue for the next Regional meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the date and place for the 44th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

Depending on the extension of the signing of the Cotonou Agreement to 4 months from the 1 July 2023, the signing of agreement was proposed to take place in Samoa in October 2023 at date to be communicated. The 44th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly was proposed to take place in December 2023 or February 2024 in Niger.

4.2.3 ACP-EU JPA Youth Forum

The platform allowed the youth to tackle issues of mutual cooperation. Hon. Ithete co-chaired the session. The theme for the Forum was "*The importance of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for sustainable development/SDGs*"

The youth in attendance urged for a ACP-EU Youth collaboration and cooperation and called on the Parliamentarians to address the following:

- Strengthen Civil Society Organisations.
- Empower the Youth with tools and involve them in decision making
- To find solutions on issues of migration to avoid the disaster of migrations
- Find solutions to climate change
- Implement policies that promote easy mobility of the youth to allow them to learn from one another, to study, partake in exchanged programme, cross collaboration between the youth from Africa and Europe and continental collaboration to discuss issues affecting them such as lack of budget, underrepresentation of the youth and policy on visa application.
- Revamp and revise curriculum content being taught at schools to aligned to new or current situations
- Strengthen the technical skills of the youth
- Allocate financial resources for youth empowerment,

- Global intervention in job creation and Youth friendly resolutions and to implement their proposals.

In addition, the youth emphasised the important of TVET for sustainable development, they were of the opinion that Vocational Training is a solution to creating employment but feel pushed to academic studies and struggle to secure jobs, they should be encouraged to take space in technical fields because the only way that the world can grow is through vocational training, without vocational training the grow is very slow.

4.2.4 ACP-EU JPA Women Forums

The Women's Forum took place on the 28 June 2023. The theme for the Forum was *"How building a feminist foreign policy can help ACP-EU to achieve the SDG 5"*.

Feminist foreign policy is a strategy that is integrated into the policies and practices of a state to promote gender equality and to help improve women's access to resources, basic human rights, and political participation. It is often divided in three (3) categories namely: rights, resources, and representation.

The session was co-chaired by Hon. Max Orville, from the European Parliament and Hon. Cecilia Ogwal, OACPS Member from Parliament of Uganda. The session was attended by both women and men.

The Forum shared best practice being practised at the ACP-EU countries to ensure that the SDG 5 is achieved. Factors affecting women such as lack of resources for women and girls, violence against women and gender equality was also discussed. The Forum also shared success story with regards to the feminist foreign policy and SDG 5.

The Forum further highlighted areas that need improvements to ensure that the feminist foreign policy is implemented to achieved SDG 5 such as limit gender bias, limit gender inequality, limit number of force child marriage, limit any form of violence against women and female genital mutilation. The Forum further identifies five (5) measures to be implemented to achieve SDG 5 namely; adopting best practices, allocation of resources, increase effort to economic empowerment, increase women participation and increase women in resolution.

OACPS Secretariat were tasked to formulate a plan of action to address the five (5) E and Five (5) I.

4.2.5 ACP-EU JPA Workshops

Two workshops namely Technifutur and House of European History was organised. The Namibian delegation attended the Technifutur Workshop at the Technifutur Liege Science Park in Liege on the 24 June 2023.

The centre was created in 1990 as a Public Private Partnership and is today the largest competence centre in Belgium that offers development training to companies, job-seekers, teachers and students in the areas of industry, digital and mobility. The centre also organises TechniKids for children and young people. The delegation was briefed on the model of the centre such as Industry 4.0, cobot/robot (45) and TechniKids (45) programmes and further undertook site visit of the centre.

4.2.6 Conciliation meetings on urgent motions for resolution

Two urgent topics with accompanying resolutions were debated and voted namely; the humanitarian and security situation in Haiti and the humanitarian situation in OACPS countries affected by terrorism.

4.2.7 Question to the Commission

The statements and question times with the Commission was represented by Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen and the EU and ACP councils was represented by Johan Forssell, the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade and Mahen Kumar Seeruttun, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance of Mauritius, President-in-Office of the OACPS Council respectively. OACPS members submitted oral question for oral answers to the European Commission.

There was a total of sixteen (16) oral questioned posted to the Commission and among them was a question by Hon. Natangue Ithete. The question was as follows:

“the IMF Executive Board approved the Resilience and Sustainability Trust Fund in April 2022 while the financing of the new Fund, from Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), illustrates a good deal of solidarity from the international community the modalities of allocation seem less for Middle Income Countries (MICs). More and more OACPS Countries are falling into this category”.

Hon. Ithete thus enquired on the EU-OACPS jointly advocacy for concessional resources for OACPS Middle-Income Countries under the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Fund. ***“How can the EU-OACP jointly advocate for concessional resources for OACPS MICs under the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Fund?”***

According to the European Commission, about three quarters of the IMF's membership are eligible for Resilience and Sustainability Trust Fund (RST) financing, which includes all Low-Income Countries and most Middle-Income Countries. Additionally, the allocation of resources happens through a country approaching the IMF and requesting Resilience and Sustainability program, a process similar to all IMF program.

The European Commission further stated that the governing of the RST, including the level of concessionality of RST loans, is a decision made by the IMF Board, where all EU Members States and OACPS countries are represented. European Commission further stated that RST is funded through voluntary contributions, mostly made by advanced economies using re-channelling of SDRs. If IMF Member's States would want the concessionality levels to increase, then there would be a need for the RST financial set-up to be revised and the IMF would need to ask members for resources to do so.

4.2.8 Draft Rules of Procedure as adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) on 28 June 2023 in Brussels - Belgium

1. OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
2. Africa-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
3. Caribbean-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
4. Pacific-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

4.2.9 Resolutions Adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly on 28 June 2023 in Brussels - Belgium

1. Enhancing cooperation on maritime security and promoting the rule of law on the oceans
2. The EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions and the list of third countries regarding anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism (AML/CFT)
3. Strengthening parliamentary solidarity and political will for road safety in member countries of the OACPS and the EU, including safe infrastructure
4. The humanitarian and security situation in Haiti
5. The humanitarian situation in countries of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States affected by terrorism

4.2.10 DATE AND PLACE OF THE 64TH OACPS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND 44TH ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The next sessions will take place either in December 2023 or February 2024 in Niger, the dates will be communicated at a later stage.

5. CONCLUSION

The 63rd Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly and the 43rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly considered among others; pertinent topics such as the regulation on critical raw materials, energy transition and climate change in the EU-ACP countries, Hybrid threats, reform of the United Nations Security Council. The Assembly further discussed two urgent topics with accompanying resolutions namely; the humanitarian and security situation in Haiti and the humanitarian situation in OACPS countries affected by terrorism such as Sudan and DRC. Amendments on the draft motion on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdiction for tax purposes, list of third world countries regarding anti-money laundering and counter terrorism finance was also discussed.

Members were urged to continuously engagement in their respective regions and continents to ensure that issues are heard and discussed. The OACPS Members expressed their disappointed by the non-attendance of sessions by the European counterparts, who only attend sessions during voting time.

In light of this, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration would like extend its profound gratitude to the Honourable Speaker and the entire management and staff of the National Assembly for being accorded with the unique opportunity to attend the aforesaid Session in Brussels.


6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Economics and Public Administration recommends that the National Assembly consider and adopts this report.

Upon adoption of the report, in terms of Rule 66 of the National Assembly Standing Rules and Orders, the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation and Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade must study the report and implement the resolutions, decisions and proposals made at the 63rd Session of the OACP Parliamentary Assembly and the 43rd ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

The Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation must transmit the report to the relevant Ministries for implementation based on the subjects and topics discussed and resolutions made.

7. SIGNATURE



Date: 13 / 09 / 2023

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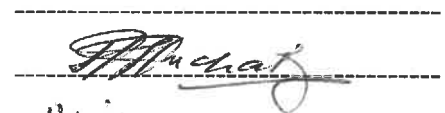
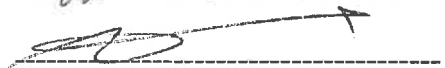
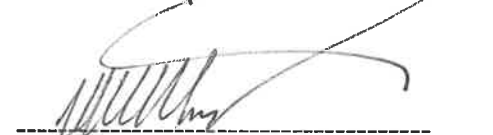
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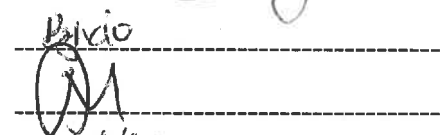
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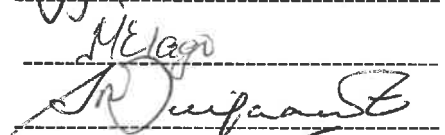
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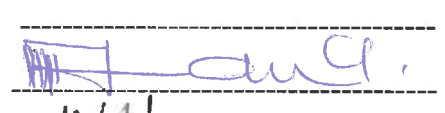
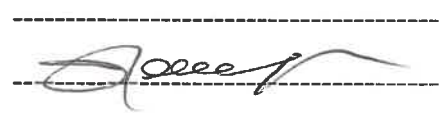
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