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PUBLIC HEARING

"EU - Arab world relations: new dynamics, new challenges and new opportunities"

Thursday, 20 April 2006, 15:00 - 18:30
Room Anna Lindh - PHS 1A002
BRUSSELS

REVISED DRAFT PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:10 Welcome and opening remarks by **Mr Elmar BROK**,
Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

1st PART: THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL CHANGES ON INTERNAL POLITICAL PROCESSES

15:10 - 15:25 *Arab societies and the will for institutional change: the example of political elections*

Mr Florian KOHSTALL
Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Economique, Juridique et Sociale
(CEDEJ), Cairo

15:25 - 15:40 *The appearance of new players: opportunities and limits for Non-State actors*

Dr Rachid EL HOUDAÏGUI
Professor, University of Tanger

15:40 - 15:55 *Pan-Arab media as promoter of social dynamics: the case of Al Jazeera and beyond*

Ms Donatella DELLA RATTA
Journalist specialized in Arab media and author of the book "Al Jazeera"

15:55 - 17:00 Debate

2nd PART: HOW TO IMPROVE EU-ARAB COOPERATION IN THE LIGHT OF THESE NEW POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVOLUTIONS

17:00 - 17:15 *The Arab regional dimension: prospects for a strategy*

Mr Ali BENOUARI
Centre d'étude et de recherche sur le monde arabe et méditerranéen (CERMAM), Geneva

17:15 - 17:30 *Mainstreaming the intercultural dialogue into the Policy Agendas*

Ms Wassyla TAMZALI
Lawyer, former director for the UNESCO programme for promotion of the conditions of women in the Mediterranean countries, responsible 'actions of civil society and communication', Fondation Mediterraneo, Naples

17:30 - 18:25 Debate

18:25 - 18:30 Concluding remarks by **Mr Elmar BROK**,
Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs