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MINUTES
of the meeting of 20 March 2007, from 10.30 to 12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 10.30 on Tuesday, 20 March 2007, with Luisa Fernanda Rudi Ubeda (Chairwoman) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 384.725)

After opening the meeting, the Chair made two announcements in relation to the agenda:

- election of the third Vice-Chairman of the delegation (p. 4 of the draft agenda). This item becomes obsolete.
- the exchange of views on the situation in the Western Sahara would be limited to a presentation by UN-representative Onckelinx. Mr. Kasoulides, Chairman of the ad hoc delegation on the Western Sahara, could not be present at the meeting, but submitted a letter. The presentations of the Moroccan and Algerian ambassadors and the Polisario representative are also cancelled, for reasons set out below.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 24 January 2007 (PE 384.720)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chairwoman's announcements

The Chairwoman recalls that on the 13th of February, letters were sent to the representatives of Algeria, Morocco and the Polisario to invite them for today's special meeting of the delegation on the situation in the Western Sahara. The Polisario representative Mr. Sidati and Algerian ambassador Mr. Benattallah confirmed their participation on 21 February and 1 March respectively. However, the Moroccan ambassador sent a letter only on the Friday 16th of March afternoon, stating that the Moroccan delegation would be accompanied by members of the Royal Advisory Council

for Saharan Affairs (CORCAS). The Chair replied that a change of the agenda needed to be accepted by all parties and requested to adhere to the original agenda. To this, the Moroccan representation answered that it was not up to the EU to decide on the composition of the Moroccan delegation.

As a consequence, no Moroccan representative was present at the meeting. The Chair called the Bureau together on the morning of the 20th of March, where it was decided that in this meeting no right to speak would be granted to any of the parties (Algeria, Polisario, Morocco).

4. Exchange of views on the situation in the Western Sahara

A letter from Mr. Kasoulides, Chairman of the ad hoc delegation on Western Sahara, was read out by the Chair. Mr. Kasoulides informed the delegation that the visit of the ad-hoc delegation to the region had to be postponed. It was initially planned for October 2006, but could not take place as Morocco demanded a change in the composition of the delegation. Mr Kasoulides noted this was a sign of distrust from the Moroccan side. The EP should be able to criticize human rights abuses or the use of human suffering for political ends. He underlined the neutrality of most of the members of the delegation and reiterated that Morocco could not determine the composition of the delegation. For the EP, the case was not closed yet.

Presentation by Mr. Onckelinx, Representation of the United Nations to the European Union

Mr. Onckelinx, of the UN's representation to the EU, gave a short overview of developments in the Western Sahara since the Spanish withdrawal of 1975. On the position of the UN, he underlined that since the rejection of the revised plan of special envoy James Baker (Baker II) there has been no real evolution. The mandate of the current UN-mission ends on April 30th. He called on the parties to break through the impasse, and underlined that the human rights situation should play an important role in the considerations.

Interventions of MEPs

Mr. Meyer (GUE/NGL) expressed his concern over the fact that Morocco does not seem to trust the EP and the international community. He stated that the EU should not accept that Morocco ignores Security Council resolutions and the 1975 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice. In his view, the Moroccan presence in the Western Sahara continues to be an illegal military occupation. He called on the EU to stand firm on this issue and condemn this occupation unanimously.

Vice-President Hutchinson (PSE) underlined that since 1975 things have been changing and that a pragmatic approach to the situation is essential. He considered the Moroccan offer for autonomy for the southern part of the Western Sahara as an opening and regarded it as something that has to be studied carefully. He also expressed the hope on a debate with all parties in the near future.

The Chair expressed her hope that a dialogue between the different parties involved would be possible in one of the next delegation meetings.

5. Any other business

The Chair announced that the presidential elections in Mauritania will be discussed in the Delegation's next meeting.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation will be held on 20 June 2007 from 15.00 to 16.00 in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 12.30.

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Nadia Haslamani, Ambassade de Tunisie
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