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**MINUTES**

Meeting of 26 January 2011, 15.00-16.00  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 15.07 on Wednesday, 26 January 2011 with the Chair, Thijs Berman, in the chair.

**1. Adoption of the agenda (PE 453.688)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2010 (PE453.674)**

The draft minutes were adopted without amendment.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair announced that active and passive interpretation would be available in the following languages: FR, DE, EN, IT, ES, PL

The Chair reminded Members that the issue of breaches of the Code of Conduct on Multilingualism by certain parliamentary bodies had been referred to Parliament's Bureau. The delegation's linguistic profile called for five languages to be used per meeting, but this could be revised if some booths were being left unused.

**4. Exchange of views on the working programme for 2011**

The Chair welcomed the representatives of the Afghan Embassy (Mr Ghiasi) and the European External Action Service (Ms Muscheidt).

Mr Berman stated that that, on 25 November 2010, the Conference of Presidents had adopted the work programmes submitted by the delegations and parliamentary committees. It so happened that both the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE), chaired by Mr Danjean, wished to visit Afghanistan.

The Conference of Presidents had given due consideration to these requests, and, although it had not approved them, pointed out that a new request would have to be made at the appropriate time, together with a prior assessment of the security conditions on the ground.

Mr Berman said that submitting two requests to visit Afghanistan from two different parliamentary bodies would be less than ideal.

The Chair therefore asked Members for their opinions before making a proposal to the SEDE Subcommittee to send a joint delegation. The delegation and committee would send an equal number of Members.

The following Members spoke in favour of the Chair's proposal:

- Mr Juvin said that a delegation which did not visit Afghanistan as such could not be effective and stressed the need to know with certainty how the military situation in the country was developing;
- Mr Collino believed that, to successfully run a joint mission with the SEDE Subcommittee, it would be useful to hold preparatory meetings with military experts, from NATO in particular.

Noting that the Members were in agreement on this point, Mr Berman concluded by saying that the delegation would contact the SEDE Subcommittee to propose sending a joint mission. He stressed that the security conditions, although not ideal, were not a prohibitive factor, in Kabul in particular. Even in Kandahar the situation had calmed down in relation to how it was in 2009.

Mr Juvin, Mr Fidanza and Mr Cortès-Lastra spoke. Some Members believed that the delegation should visit areas which had been the scene of military operations led by the ISAF's Italian contingent, with a view to gauging the conditions on the ground. Others stated that this matter should be debated at a later date, so as to monitor the process of transition in Afghanistan as of 2011.

## **5. The political situation in Afghanistan after the recent elections to the lower house of parliament (*Wolesi Jirga*)**

Mr Berman said that, in early January 2011, President Buzek had been invited to participate in the inauguration of the new parliamentary term of the lower house of parliament (*Wolesi Jirga*). As the President could not attend personally, he entrusted Mr Berman, Chair of the relevant delegation, with representing him. Mr Berman thus made a flying visit to Kabul on 15-17 January 2011.

In the wake of this visit, during which had had gathered a great deal of information, Mr Berman suggested that one of Parliament's priorities should be to provide assistance in the

form of administrative training to the secretariat of the Wolesi Jirga, whether in Brussels or Kabul. This capacity building would eventually enable more effective monitoring of the executive branch of government by the legislative branch, with a view to curtailing certain abuses of power. Indeed, at this point in time, relations between President Karzai and the Wolesi Jirga were not as clearly defined as in European countries. Afghan government institutions remained relatively weak as a result of insufficient grounding in democratic values.

The Members approved the Chair's proposal, but Mr Juvin suggested that training the Members of the Wolesi Jirga, and not just administrative staff, should be made a priority.

#### 6. Other business

None.

#### 7. Date and place of next meeting

The date and place of the next meeting would be announced by e-mail.

The meeting closed at 15.54.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/  
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Thijs Berman, Philippe Juvin
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Piotr Borys, Giovanni Collino, Carlo Fidanza
Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Supplenti/ Aizstājēji/Pavadojantys nariai/Póttagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/Namestniki/ Varajäsenet/Suppleanter
Ricardo Cortés Lastra; Francesco Speroni

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