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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 21 June 2011, from 14.30 to 15.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.36 on Tuesday, 21 June 2011, with Thijs Berman (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of agenda**

The Chair announced that interpretation – both into and out of the language – was available in the following languages: FR, DE, EN, IT, ES.

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 13 April**

The draft minutes were approved unamended.

**3. Chair's announcements**

Members were informed that the S&D Group was going to hold a conference on the implementation of a new strategy for Afghanistan on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June; this was further to the report by Mr Arlacchi on the same topic, adopted in December 2010 in plenary.

**4. Exchange of views on cooperation between the European Parliament and the Wolesi Jirga**

The Chair explained that the European Parliament, through its Office for the Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy (OPPD), was welcoming for the first time an official from the secretariat of the Afghan Wolesi Jirga for a period of around three weeks.

Mr Berman warmly welcomed, on behalf of the European Parliament, Mr Abdul Ahad Niazi, Director of Committees of the Wolesi Jirga. He said that during Mr Niazi's stay, a programme of meetings had been scheduled by the relevant Parliament departments, which would include a series of exchanges of views with both political bodies or political groups and with various services in the Secretariat.

## **5. Exchange of views on the situation in Afghanistan**

Mr Berman said that while the war was still ongoing in Afghanistan, Robert Gates, US Defence Secretary, had publicly admitted there had been direct contact between Washington and Taliban representatives, calling them 'preliminary contacts at this stage'. Furthermore, a few days earlier, President Karzai had been more explicit, stating that 'foreign forces – in particular the United States – are conducting negotiations themselves.' According to a number of sources, contacts had thus been made with Tayeb Agha, former personal secretary to Mullah Omar, in Qatar and Germany, which could be explained by the fact that Berlin was responsible for organising the Bonn 2 conference in late 2011.

Mr Berman also pointed out that the United Nations Security Council had decided to divide the blacklist, including Afghan Taliban chiefs and Al-Qaeda leaders, which had been drawn up under Resolution 1267 in 1999. This list provided for a number of penalties, including the freezing of assets and a ban on travelling. The drawing up of two separate lists therefore meant that a formal distinction was to be made, from now on, between Al-Qaeda and the Taliban movements.

On behalf of the EEAS, Ms Muscheidt said that the Bonn Conference had indeed been scheduled for early December 2011. Mr Berman queried whether the European Parliament would be present and Ms Muscheidt stated that though this was uncertain, the EEAS would certainly forward to the host country this 'balanced request on the part of Parliament'.

Lastly, Mr Humayn Tandar, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, welcomed Parliament's initiative to invite Mr Niazi for a training programme and renewed his invitation to the delegation to visit Kabul. He stressed that 'the perception of security conditions is one thing, while reality is another' and said that the Embassy intended to contact President Buzek officially in order to confirm this invitation.

## **6. Other business**

Mr Berman noted the failure of members to attend meetings regularly and wondered how this problem could be resolved.

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

Tuesday, 4 October, 17.30-18.30, Brussels.

The meeting closed at 15.28.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/  
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/KATAΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/  
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRŠ/DALYVIŲ SAŖAŠAS/JELENLÉTI ÍV/  
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PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

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| Thijs Berman,  |
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| Piotr Borys; Carlo Fidanza   |
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| PPE   | Rino Trombetta, M. Polkowski, Sipa Ohanian, M. Bellon |
| S&D   | Brigitte Bataille                                     |
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| ECR   | Anmarie McCornet                                      |
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