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MINUTES

of the meeting of 27 November 2012, from 14.00 to 15.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.00 on Tuesday, 27 November 2012, with Bastiaan Belder (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 495.794)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Exchange of views on ‘Israel after the ceasefire in Gaza’ in the presence of HE David Saranga, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Department in the Israeli mission to the EU

The chair thanked David Saranga, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Department in the Israeli mission to the EU, for his time and asked him to describe Hamas’s campaign of disinformation as he saw it.

He used a chart to illustrate the increase in the number of rockets fired from Gaza towards Israel in 2007/2008, the marked decline in 2009/2010, following the IDF Operation Cast Lead in Gaza, and the renewed attacks in 2011.

He emphasised that Israeli counterattacks had precisely targeted Hamas rocket launch sites and deplored Hamas’s use of human shields.

He condemned what were clearly alliances between Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Iran and which involved the provision of significant military and financial aid.

He then commented on a number of photographs that had appeared on Hamas websites showing destroyed buildings and injured people, including children.

He claimed that lies and misleading images were being disseminated; some of the photographs had been taken in places outside the Palestinian territories, and some even

depicted attacks that had been carried out in Israel.

The blockade of the Gaza Strip was not an end in itself, but a means by which Israel could protect itself against acts of violence originating in Gaza.

In more general terms, he deplored the differing cultural and political attitudes which led to an Israeli withdrawal from a territory being interpreted as a 'defeat' or a sign of 'weakness'.

Questions from members addressed a number of issues.

Ivo Vaigl and Chris Davies said that the siege of Gaza was a failure and asked what hope there was for the future. Israel's refusal to halt the settlement expansion programme was seen as a definite obstacle to peace.

Sari Essayah, Frédérique Ries and Fiorello Provera condemned the unsavoury disinformation campaign, expressed their concern at Hamas's dangerous links to other organisations and countries and questioned the advisability of giving support even to the Palestinian Authority.

David Saranga pointed out that Gaza was not a settlement and that all other issues were open for discussion as long as the Palestinians agreed to return to the negotiating table.

He also emphasised that Gaza's industrial zone had been set up with Israel's support.

The chair thanked the speaker for his very clear presentation.

David Saranga used a PowerPoint presentation and commented on statistics and photographs.

3. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on 17 December 2012 in Brussels.

The Chair closed the meeting at 15.00.

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Sari Essayah, Hynek Fajmon, Frédérique Ries, Alexandra Thein.
Заместници/Suplentes/Náhradníci/Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Asendusliikmed/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suppléants/Supplenti/ Aizstājēji/Pavaduojantys nariai/Póttagok/Sostituti/Plaatsvervangers/Zastępcy/Membros suplentes/Supleanți/Náhradníci/Namestniki/ Varajäsenet/Suppleanter
Chris Davies,Fiorello Provera.

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Ivo Vajgl.
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