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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 24 April 2013, from 14.45 to 16.15  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.45 on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, with Bastiaan Belder in the chair.

The Chair welcomed Professor Johnson and Joelle Fish, that day's two guest-speakers.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 505.093)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

- He warned that there would be difficulties in the future with providing interpretation for delegation meetings. Delegations were asked to meet on Thursday afternoons.

Priority would be given to meetings of legislative committees.

- As expected, the Knesset had elected Yuli Edelstein as its new Speaker. He should nominate one of his colleagues shortly to manage relations with Parliament.

3. Exchange of views with Professor Alan Johnson, Senior Research Fellow at the Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM) on 'A Window of Opportunity to revive the Middle East Peace Process'

Professor Alan Johnson spoke on the subject of 'A window of opportunity to revive the Middle East Peace Process'.

- He saw fairly positive signs of the new US Obama administration being realistic but determined. In a wider context, the Secretary of State was becoming involved: Iran, Syria, Israel/Palestine Peace Process, while remaining aware of the two sides' opposing positions.

- He noted real support within the international community and among the Arab States for the two-State solution in Israel. He was sorry that the Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, who had prepared the foundations for a future Palestinian State, had resigned.

- He was optimistic about the solution for the 20 % of 'settlements' which might be affected

by the land swap.

- He admitted that there were still serious obstacles to be overcome, notably with the internal divisions (political and geographical) in Palestine and the lack of a culture of peace and compromise on the Palestinian side.
- Members wondered about the sense of recent EU directives on products from the settlements or expressed doubts as to the viability of the two-States plan, saying that the strength of resistance by settlers should not be underestimated and nor should the complexity of Jerusalem's status.

4. Exchange of views with Joelle Fiss, Senior Associate at the NGO Human Rights First on 'Rethinking the Israeli Diaspora through the lens of the EU institutions'

Joëlle Fish had tried to combine her passions for the Jewish community, Europe, politics and the future.

- She had considered the Jewish identity, and its expression in the world from the point of view of schemes introduced by the EU.
- She noted that although Israeli society had a wealth of lively ideas, they were not systematised in any way. A paradox existed between the many subjects on which there was consensus and the lack of a real way of expressing them.
- She had been greatly taken with the citizens' initiative introduced by the Lisbon Treaty, by which 0.2 % of the EU's population (1 million citizens) could ask the Commission to act on a project.
- The challenge lay in defining the diaspora and in mobilising 'Jews', citizens of the States in which they had established their lives.
- An initial presentation to the Knesset had produced some degree of interest.
- The Members welcomed the originality of her thinking.
- Joëlle Fish acknowledged that there was a weak point however, one linked to the relatively poor image of the EU in Israel.

The Chair thanked the two speakers.

5. Date and place of next meeting  
Thursday, 30 May 2013.

The meeting ended at 16:15.

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Sari Essayah, Frédérique Ries, Alexandra Thein.	
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Morten Messerschmidt, Auke Zijlstra.	

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Niccolò Rinaldi.	
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Professeur Alan Johnson, Senior Research Fellow, Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM)	Pt 3
Joelle Fiss, Senior Associate, ONG Human Rights First	Pt 4

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<p>Wouter Spiesschaert.</p>
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Yossi Lempkowicz (Promoting Tolerance), Katerina Hrudnikova (PTL EU), Tomas Sandell (ECI), Josias Terschüren (Israel Allies Foundation), Nuno Wahnou (Bnai Brith), Gilad Segal (Israeli Mission), Ben Bourgel (Israeli Mission).

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