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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 31 January 2013, from 10.00 to 11.00  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.00 on Thursday, 31 January 2013, with the Chair, Bastiaan Belder, in the chair.

The Chair welcomed that day's guest-speaker, the journalist Gil Hoffman.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 495.803)  
The draft agenda was adopted.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2012 (PE 495.797)  
The minutes were approved.
3. Exchange of views with Gil Hoffman, chief political correspondent and analyst for the Jerusalem Post, on 'the Israeli elections: their results and their consequences'

Gil Hoffman was renowned for being 'very optimistic', something that was fully confirmed on this occasion.

He pointed out that despite opinion polls predicting the emergence of new political formations, it was still very difficult to say whether the next coalition would be left-wing rather than right-wing. Whatever happened, the prime minister of the day 'would no longer be king'.

While not forgetting security, the election campaign had been dominated by national issues: social and economic worries (confirmed by the most recent figures), questions over what kind of a society Israelis wanted to live in (conflict with religious factions), possible challenges to the election system.

Gil Hoffman considered that although the Israeli-Palestinian conflict had not been a core issue in the campaign, this did not mean the door would be shut on the openings needed.

Israeli democracy preferred 'evolution' to 'revolution'.

These concerns were reflected in the success of the new parties. The traditional reasons for voting left or right were no longer so clear-cut. The new language used in the presentation of a very professional generation had won over electors of all colours.

The high turnout of 66.6 % confirmed this. Moreover, the number of women in the Knesset had risen to 27, as opposed to 20 in the previous parliament.

Finally, the three Arab parties had maintained their position, even gaining 1 seat (12 as opposed to 11).

Gil Hoffman remained optimistic: even with a coalition between Likud/Beteinu, Yash Atid, Jewish Home and the religious party Shas, it ought not to be impossible to 'bridge the gaps'.

Forming the government would take time. Consultations would be held as necessary, including with the Americans.

The discussion with Members touched on the impact of religious radicalism, the position of Tzipi Livni, borders and security (the Israeli air force had just carried out an airstrike on Syria),

The Chair thanked the speaker for his presentation in which he had demonstrated his excellent knowledge of Israeli political life.

#### 4 Date and place of next meeting

- 19 February 2013: joint D-IL/DPLC meeting: the Aladdin project

- 20 February 2013: Israel and the new sources of energy in the Mediterranean

The meeting closed at 11.00.

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Morten Messerschmidt, Auke Zijlstra.

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Sarah Ludford, Antonia Parvanova
49 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkés punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt fuq l-aġenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

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Nuno Wahnon (BBI), Alexander Sjödin (Human Rights Watch), Willem Aldenhoff (IDF), Daniel Schwammenthal (AJC), Katarzyna Lemanska (ECCP), Joanna Jezik (EFI), Ariella Woitchik (EJC), Raya Kalenova (EJC), Jason Terchüren (photographer), Horia Cercel (APA), David Saranga (Israeli mission), Ben Bourgel (Israeli Mission), Raquel Lages (EFI), Nada Tarbush (General Delegation of Palestine).

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