



Delegation for relations with Iraq

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 2 December 2009, from 15h00 to 16h00
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15h15 on Wednesday, 2 December 2009, chaired by Mr. Struan Stevenson (ECR, UK) the Chair of the Delegation.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 432.143)

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 10 November 2009 (PE 430.049)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

- The Chair informed Members that the request for the authorisation of the mission of the Bureau of the Delegation to Baghdad at the beginning of January 2010 will be on the agenda of the Conference of Presidents of 10 December. He expressed the hope for a positive answer, which would stress the support of the European Parliament for the democratic process in Iraq. He underlined, nonetheless, that the time until the date of the mission deems short, especially as supplementary security measures are necessary.
- The Chair stressed also that preparations are in course in view of inviting to one of the forthcoming meetings of the Delegation the Iraqi political leaders participating in the elections, for an exchange of views on the way in which the elections are conducted. This approach will be taken in case the Bureau visit in Iraq would not be possible for the time being.

4. Exchange of views on the overall situation in Iraq as well as on the preparations for the forthcoming general elections, in the presence of H.E. Mr Mohammed Jawad Al-Doreky, Ambassador of Iraq in Belgium

Introducing the subject, the Chair referred to the latest developments with regard to the electoral process, mentioned the veto of the Vice-President Tariq al-Hashimi to the electoral law and questioned on the effects of holding the elections until the end of January 2010, or on postponing them.

At the same time, he expressed the opinion that the political alliances, the big coalitions which are in course of being formed, many of which having as main lines of the political discourse the fight against sectarianism and the plead for a strong national, united Iraq, are important prerequisites for the stability and security of Iraq.

His Excellency, Mr Mohammed Jawad Al-Doreky, the Ambassador of Iraq in Belgium, referred to:

- the electoral law: the veto by a Vice-President is a constitutional prerogative and part of the democratic process, in course of being developed in Iraq; the date for the elections still to be decided;
- the relations Iraq - EU: Iraq feels closer to the EU than to any other region; EUJUST - LEX appreciated as a very successful programme; the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement is expected to be signed at the beginning of 2010; very good relations with the EU institutions, special reference to the meetings with the European Parliament;
- Iraqi institution building: important developments since 2003 on establishing democratic institutions;
- terrorism: terrorists perpetrated Iraq from different countries; lots of terrorist activities were successfully suppressed but still separate incidents persist; their objective, of trying to influence the holding of free elections, will not succeed.

During the debates following the presentation, the issues shortly referred upon were:

- refugees: continues to remain an important problem; Iraq counts on Europe's support for retrieving its stability;
- oil and gas law: according to the constitution provisions; still a sensitive issue; dialogue is continuing; there is a need of comprehension and compromise; public acquisitions auctions are transparent and open to all interested companies;
- relations with the neighbouring countries: Iraq is a democracy and this is still seen as a challenge by other countries; Iraq needs to convince its neighbours that its profound aim is to leave in peace and security and to develop good bilateral relations especially in the region;
- US military forces withdrawal: Iraq signed an agreement with the USA concerning the withdrawal of the American military forces by 2011; "conspiracy theory" still persists in some opinions, without any fundament, as there are no hidden clauses in the agreement;
- death penalty: the Iraqi parliament will decide on measures to be taken for the future, once peace and stability will be insured; for now, it has to be understood that Iraq has passed through a period of horrible crimes, that cannot be easily forgotten.

5. Any other business

The Chair informed on the intention to continue the diplomatic dialogue, initiated at the present meeting with the Ambassador of Iraq, by extending invitations for following meetings of the Delegation also to other ambassadors representing in Brussels the countries in the region, in view of a broader picture of the regional situation.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 11 January 2010, in Brussels, subject to confirmation, due to possible overlapping with hearings of the Commissioners.

The meeting closed at 16h00.

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S.E.M. Mohammed Jawad Al-Doreky, Ambassadeur d'Irak

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