



Delegation for relations with Iraq

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 27 January 2011, from 11h45 to 12h45
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11h54 on Thursday, 27 January 2011, with Struan Stevenson (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 457.379)

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes of the meetings of 29 November 2010 (PE 451.249)

The minutes of the meeting of 29 November 2010 were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that Mrs. Ana Gomes was, at the time of the meeting, in Erbil, in her personal capacity, attending a conference on human rights.

The Chair informed about the approval of the new Iraqi government, by the Council of Representatives, on 21 December 2010, after nine months of stalemate following the elections. He also mentioned that certain positions, including security-related ministries such as defence, interior and national security have still to be filled in.

He stressed that the success of the Iraqi political forces in forming an inclusive partnership government needs to be praised, as it represents a clear rejection of the efforts by extremists to spur sectarian division.

With regard to the security situation, the Chair underlined that, after a month of relative calm across Iraq, a series of recent suicide-bombings killed more than 120 people and wounded hundreds. He expressed the opinion that these targeted attacks (this time against pilgrims in Karbala and police recruits in Tikrit), show how fragile the security situation continues to be and might be an indicator that some serious problems are still to be

addressed in Iraq.

The Chair informed also that, on 15 December 2010, an important milestone was set in the restoration of Iraq's normalized ties to the international community. The UN Security Council, in a special session chaired by Vice President Biden, took significant steps to return Iraq to the legal and international standing it held prior to the 1990 invasion of Kuwait with the passage of three resolutions. Additionally, the Security Council issued a Presidential statement reaffirming the Security Council's commitment to Iraq and support for UNAMI, welcoming Iraqi progress and reintegration into the region, and encouraging Iraq and all regional states to deepen and broaden their relationships. The three resolutions adopted by the Security Council are lifting several longstanding Chapter VII restrictions on Iraqi trade and activity: Resolution 1956 terminates the UN supervised arrangements for the Development Fund for Iraq on June 30, 2011; Resolution 1957 ends restrictions related to civilian nuclear cooperation placed on Iraq after the first Gulf War; and Resolution 1958 ends the residual activities of the Oil for Food program.

He informed also about the decision of the Conference of Presidents of 20 January 2011, regarding the request of Mr. Hans-Gert Poetering, Chair of the Working Group Middle East, concerning the sending of a small ad-hoc delegation to Iraq in order to analyze the situation of Christians and, in general, of religious communities in Iraq. He specified that the Conference of Presidents recalled the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 25 November 2010, following the deadly attacks against the Christians in Iraq, which stressed on the need to preserve the right of all religious groups of meeting and practicing freely their religion.

Also, the Conference of Presidents recalled that, on its meeting of 25 November 2010, while adopting the programme of missions of the delegations for 2011, decided to re-discuss the demand of the Iraq Delegation of sending a mission in Iraq for the end of April 2011 closer to the date foreseen for the mission. The decision regarding the approval of the mission will be given according to the security situation at that time.

Given that, the Conference of Presidents decided to reanalyze the request from the Working Group Middle East in the context of debating on the approval of the inter-parliamentary mission, in April, of the Delegation for relations with Iraq. It is to be decided if a joint mission will be organized or two different missions.

The Chair informed also about a new initiative, referring to a proposal for a "European - Middle East Conference on the situation of Iraqi persecuted Christians, in Iraq and the Middle East, that would take place at Kaslik University, on 19-21 April 2011, in Lebanon". The initiative is a follow-up to the visit to the European Parliament (Strasbourg, 13-16 December 2010) of the Middle East Delegation of Iraqi Bishops, and Chaldeans and Maronites high representatives. This conference should be considered as preparatory for a main conference in Iraq, to be organized as soon as possible. Clarifications and details will be sent to Members by the organizers.

The Chair underlined the importance of analyzing the situation of all religious minorities, not only of Christians, and asked for opinions on the opportunity of participation to such conference as official mission of the Delegation for relations with Iraq, and possibly joint mission with Mashrek Delegation.

Mr. Portas recalled that Mashrek Delegation had recently a mission in Lebanon and concerning the Delegation for relations with Iraq, he expressed doubts, both on institutional and political grounds, on the opportunity of attending the conference, as official mission of the Delegation.

Mr. Khelem, while stressing also the need to tackle the problems of all religious minorities in the area, underlined that, at the moment, the situation of Christians is particularly difficult and no delays should be taken in expressing concern.

4. Exchange of views on the relation between Iraq and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as well as on a larger perspective involving ongoing issues in the Middle East, in the presence of Dr. Jafar Hassan, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The foreseen exchange of views on the relation between Iraq and Jordan did not take place, as Dr. Jafar Hassan, the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan could not attend the meeting, due to last minute travel inconveniences.

5. Any other business

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 14 March 2011 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 12h30.

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