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*Delegation for relations with Iraq*

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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 11 April 2011, from 17h30 to 18h30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 17h47 on Monday, 11 April 2011, with Struan Stevenson (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 462.168)

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes of the meetings of 14 March 2011 (PE 459.212)

The minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2011 were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair informed about the use of force at Camp Ashraf, on 8 April, and deplored the loss of lives (44 casualties). He recalled that, few days before, he alerted about the imminence of a possible incident of this nature. The meeting held on this issue, in the margins of the last plenary session in Strasbourg drew a signal of alarm; as a result, a letter, signed by a group of MEPs, was sent to the EC President Jose Manuel Barroso, asking for immediate action. In this context, the Chair welcomed the declaration of EU HR/VP Catherine Ashton, while underlining that such a position should have been publicly stated also before the incident.

He expressed the position that is unacceptable that, after all the efforts and the important funds granted by EU for the rebuilding of Iraq, the EP resolutions asking for a peaceful solution for Camp Ashraf are completely ignored.

Mr. Vidal-Quadras stressed that the Iraqi government should be held accountable for the attack and expressed the opinion that the incident should be taken in consideration within the EU - Iraq relation.

Ms. Costa condemned also the attack and underlined the need that the residents of Camp Ashraf are protected, the responsible persons are held accountable, as well as the need to work for a peaceful solution.

Ms Llobard-Cussac (EEAS) referred to the statement of the EU HR / VP Catherine Ashton, issued immediately after the incident, and in coordination with all EU Member States, stating that EU has continuously and repeatedly called on the Iraqi government to refrain from the use of violence and to respect the human rights of the Camp's residents. The statement calls upon the Iraqi government to grant access to Camp Ashraf to independent international observers, for a comprehensive understanding of the situation. While stating that Iraq's sovereignty should be respected over all the Iraqi territory including in Camp Ashraf, it underlines that the use of force is not the way to proceed, and that the Government is responsible for insuring the respect the human rights of its residents.

4. Exchange of views with Ms Christine McNab, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General & Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, on the situation in Iraq

Ms Christine McNab assured that UNAMI is monitoring, weekly, the situation in Camp Ashraf and that they foresee such a new visit shortly, in order to provide medical assistance and to asses the situation.

Regarding the general situation in Iraq, she underlined that, despite the large amounts of money allocated to Iraq, the situation is still difficult and security continues to be a problem. The paths of violence have changed recently: less attacks, but more targeted.

Referring to the return of refugees, she stressed that UNAMI is a strong militant against the forced returns. This measure affects especially the defavorised categories: a large number regret returning, in the lack of decent work and housing.

She stressed that even though Iraq is a middle income country this results only from the oil sector, and it cannot solve the huge unemployment problem.

Ms McNab stated also that education dropped highly in comparison with the period 1970-1990. One in five Iraqis is illiterate, women and rural population being most discriminated. The rate of graduating primary school is only 44%, caused mainly by the security concerns and poor health status, in the lack of clean water.

Participation to the elections was a true democratic exercise. Iraqis want to really participate to the political and social life. The recent anti-governmental protests were mainly a call for the authorities to deliver on their promises, especially regarding jobs creation and to take measures against corruption.

The UN general assistance framework 2011-2014 has five priority areas (improved governance; inclusive, equitable, sustainable economic growth; environmental management; increased access to quality essential services; investment in human capital), which very close also to the demands of the recent protests.

5. Any other business

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 24 May 2011 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 18h30.

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Ms Christine McNab, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General & Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq

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