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*Delegation for relations with Iran*

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**MINUTES**  
of the constituent meeting of 29 September 2009, from 17h00 to 17h45  
BRUSSELS

- 1. Opening of meeting chaired by the member provisionally holding the chair**
- 2. Election of chairman**
- 3. Election of vice-chairmen**
- 4. Approval of the draft Programme of Activities for the second semester 2009**
- 5. Date and place of next meeting**

## **1. Opening of meeting chaired by the member provisionally holding the chair**

The meeting opened at 17h00 on Tuesday, 29 September 2009, with Bastiaan BELDER (EFD, NL), presiding.

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

## **2. Election of chairman**

Mr BELDER asked for nominations for Chair of the delegation and Mrs DURANT proposed Mrs LOCHBIHLER. There were no other candidates and Mrs LOCHBIER was elected by acclamation and took the chair.

## **3. Approval of the draft Programme of Activities for the second semester 2009**

On the proposal of Mrs VERHEYEN, Mr LECHNER was proposed as first Vice Chair. He was elected by acclamation.

On the proposal of Mr PORTAS, Mrs ERNST was proposed as Second Vice Chair and was also elected by acclamation.

## **4. Approval of the draft Programme of Activities for the second semester 2009**

Mrs LOCHBIHLER announced that it was being proposed to pay a visit to Iran before the end of 2009 for the 4th EU-Majlis IPM. She would be writing to the Iranian authorities as a matter of urgency to request their agreement to the visit. The initial option for travel was the week of 26 October - a "turquoise" week - that was reserved for external activities. This proposal would be put to the Conference of Delegation Chairs on 1 October and subsequently to the Conference of Presidents which was scheduled to give its approval on 15 October 2009.

She also noted that it was proposed to hold the preparatory meeting for this delegation visit on 12 October. The Ambassador and a representative of the Commission would be invited to this meeting.

Mr ALVARO asked whether it might be too early to travel to Iran in October and whether November might not be a more realistic option. He also noted that the ALDE group would be absent from Brussels on 12 October.

Mr VAN ORDEN supported the proposal to travel to Iran in October if it were possible.

Mr PORTAS noted too that he would be unable to attend on 12 October as his group had a conference at that time.

Mrs DURANT believed that it was preferable to have the visit to Iran as soon as possible.

Mr SCURRIA agreed that it was desirable to go as soon as possible and stressed that it was important to know what the delegation should be saying in Iran.

Mrs LOCHBIHLER stressed the need to ensure a political balance in any delegation that travelled.

Mr BELDER underlined that he wished to go and stressed the importance of all political groups being represented in any delegation. He wanted to hold meetings with think tanks and journalists.

Mr VAN ORDEN stressed that any EP delegation needed to listen and that it should not go with preconceived ideas.

Mrs DURANT argued for also travelling outside the capital and "taking the temperature of the country".

Mrs VERHEYEN stressed the need for careful preparation of any visit.

Mrs LOCHBIHLER agreed that the proposal to travel to the regions should not be forgotten, whether or not it was possible on the first occasion.

Mrs DURANT wanted to look at the situation of women and young people in Iran.

Mr VAN ORDEN wanted to look at Iran's relations with neighbouring states and also at energy questions from the Iranian perspective.

Mrs KOLARSKA-BOBINSKA underlined the importance of supporting civil society and grassroots democracy in Iran. She hoped that it would be possible to invite speakers to the delegation meetings.

Mr JUVIN raised the situation of a French citizen in Iran.

Mr BELDER wanted to look at the economic and social situation in Iran and its trade relations. He was also interested in the ethnic and religious minorities such as the Azeris, the Kurds, the Baha'is and the Christians. The situation of young people in Iran was also an issue to be examined. He stressed that it was important not to bully the Iranians. He was proposing a hearing in the Foreign Affairs Committee on the issue of Iran.

Mr SKYLAKAKIS wanted to talk to the business community who played a very important role and would provide a different perspective.

Mrs DURANT raised the issue of the victims of chemical weapons, drug-related matters and Iran's relations with the EU.

Mr OBERMAYR stressed the importance of youth and student exchanges; contacts between scientists and universities; and meetings with independent NGOs and charities.

Mrs LOCHBIHLER thanked members for the suggestions. She wanted to add the question of human rights violations, the execution of minors, instances of stoning to death, torture and reform of the judiciary. She thanked Mr BELDER for his proposal to put Iran on the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

## **5. Date and place of next meeting**

Mrs LOCHBIHLER stated that she had noted the comments about availability and that members would be informed as soon as possible of the time and date of the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 17h45.

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