



Delegation for relations with Iran

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 20 October 2011, from 10:15 to 11:15
Brussels

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2011

The minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2011 were adopted without amendment,

3. Communications by the Chair

Mrs Cronberg welcomed H.E. Mr Juliusz Jacek Gojlo, Ambassador of Poland to Iran and representative of the local EU presidency in Tehran. She thanked him and his staff for having been extremely helpful in helping to prepare the visit of the Delegation to Iran.

Mrs Cronberg also welcomed Mr Sourì from the Iranian embassy.

4. Visit of Enlarged Bureau to Iran on 31 October - 4 November 2011

Mrs Cronberg announced that she had met the representatives of the Iranian Embassy in Brussels who had informed her that the Majlis had agreed to host the visit to their country of the European Parliament delegation from 31 October to 4 November 2011.

She noted that a draft programme for the visit had been distributed which set out the proposals of the EP delegation for meetings. She noted that there had been some additional proposals from the S&D group. As a separate attachment there was the proposed programme for the visit to Isfahan. It was also intended that there should be a series of independent meetings with civil society and other non-government organisations while the delegation was in Tehran.

Mrs Cronberg acknowledged the letter which the Italian members had addressed to the Chair and President Buzek. She noted that a reply was being prepared.

Mrs Cronberg then gave the floor to the Polish Ambassador. Mr Goijlo expressed his gratitude for having been invited to the meeting and expressed his hopes that this visit would constitute a good opportunity for the EU-Iran relationship to be reopened and developed.

The Chair welcomed the common intent of both parties to engage in a constructive dialogue and opened the floor for discussion.

Mrs Schaake asked the Iranian Ambassador whether there would be the opportunity to meet the Ambassadors of the other Member States while the MEPs were in Tehran. The Ambassador replied that there was certainly a possibility for the MEPs to meet their own Member States' ambassadors, either together or separately.

Vice Chair Lechner expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to pursue dialogue with Iran. He stressed, however, that the current situation in Iran was not very favourable at the moment, especially with regards to human rights. He therefore underlined the importance of making sure that the visit was not perceived as a sign of support from the European Parliament to the current Iranian regime. The aim of the visit was purely to pursue a fruitful dialogue with Iran.

Vice Chair Ernst stated that the visit was very important for the Delegation and stressed the importance of sending the right message. She believed that the Delegation should send a clear signal to the Iranian opposition, stressing that the MEPs were not entering into any deals with the Iranian government,

MEP Belder asked about meetings with the opposition and noted that there was some degree of pluralism within the ruling circles.

Mrs Cronberg expressed her hopes that the planned visit would prepare the way for a larger Delegation trip in the following year.

5. Any other business

There was no other business

6. Date and place of next meeting

Mrs Cronberg noted that members would be informed about the date and time of the next meeting of the delegation

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