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**MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 17 September 2009, 8.30 – 9.15  
STRASBOURG

The member provisionally holding the chair, Dominique Vlasto, opened the meeting on Thursday, 17 September 2009 at 8.30.

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

The meeting was opened by Dominique Vlasto, the delegation member having held office for the longest period.

**2. Election of the Chair**

Having established the quorum, the Chair invited the members to elect the Chair of the delegation.

Carmen Romero López nominated Pier Antonio Panzeri on behalf of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D).

Pier Antonio Panzeri was elected by acclamation. The Chair noted his acceptance and invited him to take his seat on the rostrum.

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## **Under the chairmanship of Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**

### **3. Election of vice-chairs**

Dominique Vlasto nominated Ernst Strasser on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (PPE).

Willy Meyer commented on the nomination of Ernst Strasser for the post of first vice-chair.

Ernst Strasser was elected first vice-chair of the delegation by acclamation.

Sonia Alfano nominated Robert Rochefort on behalf of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE).

Robert Rochefort was elected second vice-chair of the delegation by acclamation.

The newly elected members of the Bureau declared that they had fulfilled all their obligations with regard to Articles 1(2) and 2 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament.

### **4. Approval of the draft programme of activities for the second half of 2009**

- *Context of the Delegation's work*

The Chair recalled that the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development coordinate the work of the standing delegations falling within their respective remits and that the Committee on International Trade liaises with the relevant standing delegations for economic and trade aspects of relations with third countries.

He also noted that during the preparation of an interparliamentary meeting or a mission, the chairs of the committees concerned must be consulted with a view to taking account of the political priorities of the European Parliament, as the work of the delegations contributes to the implementation of these priorities.

He pointed out that pursuant to the resolution adopted in plenary on 6 May 2009, the membership of parliamentary assemblies such as the Euromed Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) '*shall be drawn exclusively from the bilateral or sub-regional delegations covered by each Assembly*'.

This arrangement would ensure real coherence of the activities and work carried out both in a multilateral framework within EMPA and in a bilateral framework within the Maghreb Delegation.

- *Priorities for the work programme*

The Chair noted that as far as bilateral relations were concerned, with the exception of missions on the ground and interparliamentary meetings, the last resolutions specifically relating to the situation in a Maghreb country had been adopted either in 2005 (Algeria and Morocco) or in 2006 (Tunisia), except for Libya, which had not been the subject of a single

resolution during the previous parliamentary term.

Likewise, looking back at the most recent interparliamentary meetings organised during the previous term, no bilateral meeting with members of the Libyan and Tunisian parliaments had been held since 2005. The delegation should seek to follow developments closely with a view to starting the talks on granting Tunisia the status of an enhanced partnership.

The Chair reported the proposal by the Secretary-General of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the General People's Congress of Libya, Mr Suleiman Al-Shamouni, to organise a meeting as soon as possible. This proposal came at a time when the European Commission and the Council were negotiating a framework agreement with Libya.

He therefore proposed that 'opening' interparliamentary meetings be held as soon as possible, in Brussels or Strasbourg, with Tunisia (planned for December 2009) and Libya (first half of 2010).

A further geographical and institutional priority was the constitution of a Joint Parliamentary Committee with Morocco: this would take place in the framework of the implementation of the advanced status for the Kingdom of Morocco.

In his letter to President Mansouri of 10 July 2009, President Pöttering had noted the approval which the Chair and members of the parliamentary delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries had already given to the creation of such a structure.

Since the constitution of such a body had to be approved by Parliament's Conference of Presidents, the Chair asked members to authorise him to coordinate very rapidly with the Chairman of the AFET Committee, Mr Albertini, so as to ensure that the matter was referred to the Conference of Presidents as soon as possible.

The Chair proposed that the delegation's activities should focus, in the case of Mauritania, on the objective of enhancing political dialogue, in the case of Algeria, on the resumption of frequent contacts so as to pursue a deeper dialogue with the Algerian Parliament and in the case of Western Sahara, on the issue of respect for human rights, in particular.

As for thematic priorities, the Chair proposed that members focus on the delegation's work on the neighbourhood policy (association agreement, annual programmes, evaluation of implementation, etc.) so as to influence the EU's bilateral relations with the countries of the region.

However, particular attention also needed to be devoted by the delegation to cooperation/development policy and immigration policy. The Chair then gave the floor to members.

Lambert van Nistelrooij expressed his agreement with the work programme proposed by the Chair and his desire to see it also include maritime policy and energy security issues.

Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris agreed with the proposed organisation of the delegation's work and likewise stressed the importance of energy issues.

Carmen Romero López expressed confidence in the work the delegation would carry out in terms of the neighbourhood policy, referring to the measures to reinforce the initial project for the Barcelona Process and taking the view that the delegation should work to consolidate

democracy and governance in the region.

Miguel Portas stressed the need for good relations between the two sides of the Mediterranean, whilst not ignoring the issue of human rights. He told members that the LIBE Committee intended to visit Libya in the near future and hoped that members of the delegation would take part in this mission.

Nadezdha Mihaylova stressed the importance of an active approach on the part of the EP in its relations with the Maghreb countries.

Sonia Alfano also agreed with the proposed work programme, whilst suggesting that the delegation also examine cases of violations of human rights and international law, particularly in immigration matters.

Salvatore Iacolino reminded members that in 2010 the Mediterranean was due to become a free trade area.

The Chair concluded the exchange of views by thanking the members for their support for his proposed work priorities for the delegation.

- ***Choice of the three written working languages***

As the delegation was required to use only three written working languages, it chose the following: IT, FR and EN.

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

6 October 2009 in Brussels

The meeting closed at 9.15.

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