

*Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union***DMAG\_PV(2011)1220\_1****MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 20 December 2011, from 11.30 to 12.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11.30 on Tuesday, 20 December 2011, with Pier Antonio Panzeri (Chair) in the chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 471.546)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of draft minutes of meeting of 22 September 2011 (PE 469.670)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The Chair informed members of the results of the elections in Morocco, following which only two members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee had been re-elected – Ms Hakkaoui (PJD) and Ms Layadi (PAM). Some new Bureau members of the JPC would therefore have to be appointed on the Moroccan side.

The report on the 11th interparliamentary meeting with the Algerian Parliament had been submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) on 22 November 2011. The Chair welcomed the adoption of these joint conclusions, which was the first time this had occurred, and thanked the EU Delegation in Algiers, the EEAS and the Algerian Mission. Following this mission, two letters had been sent to the Chair of AFET, Mr Albertini, and the Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI), Ms Lochbihler.

**4. Exchange of views with H.E. Mr Mohamed Ridha Farhat, Ambassador of Tunisia, on the political and economic situation in Tunisia**

The Constituent Assembly had been established to respect the will of the people who had taken to the streets to demand a new constitution. The ambassador reported on the elections that reflected the current political landscape in Tunisia. The term of the Assembly would be one year. The situation was very complicated, particularly as far as the economic and social situation was concerned. Tunisians were extremely keen to protect their acquired rights, in particular with regard to the status of women.

The EU had expressed its support for the revolution, but specific decisions were slow in arriving. The TF meeting had met the Tunisians' very high expectations. The special partnership showed that both parties wanted to make a quantum leap. Tunisia needed European solidarity to be expressed in the most concrete manner possible. EU aid had been doubled, EIB intervention had increased by 60% in 2011 and Tunisia had been given the option of using the EBRD. Tunisia's ambition was to be able to join the internal market in 'everything but the institutions'. Discussions had begun on the action plan and it would be a positive step if decisions could be taken by the month of June 2012.

In response to questions from members, the ambassador stressed that the experience Tunisia was currently undergoing was important also for the region, with all its current internal political components. The 'mini-constitution' had been the subject of lengthy discussions and many of its articles, such as the independence of the Central Bank, were reassuring.

There were still difficulties at the border with Libya despite the will of the two countries to work together. The EU response to migration in the region had raised a number of questions among Tunisians. As for the Tunisian debt, transitional governments had not wanted to raise the issue of cancellation, because of credit rating concerns. The new government would have to take its own decision. It was conceivable that measures would be taken to alleviate the debt burden.

Tourism accounted for 6% of Tunisian GDP. There had been a decline of 40%, but it was industry that was still the important issue. In a climate of good governance there would be the opportunity to increase investment by Tunisian companies and improve their competitiveness. Growth did not necessarily mean development – there had to be a degree of regional rebalancing.

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

Wednesday, 25 January 2012.

The meeting closed at 12.30.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/  
ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KOHALOLIJATE NIMEKIRI/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/  
LISTE DE PRÉSENCE/ELENCO DI PRESENZA/APMEKLĒJUMU REĢISTRS/DALYVIŲ SARAŠAS/JELENLÉTI IV/  
REĢISTRU TA' ATTENDENZA/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA OBECNOŚCI/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LISTĀ DE PREZENTĀ/  
PREZENČNÁ LISTINA/SEZNAM NAVZOČIH/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

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Pier Antonio Panzeri, Paul Rübig.
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Malika Benarab-Attou, Cristian Dan Preda, Carmen Romero López, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Dominique Vlasto.

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S.E. M. Farhat, Ambassadeur de Tunisie.	4

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O. Savtiere (Trade).

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Alessio Cappellani (Tun), Nicolas Levine.

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