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MINUTES

of the meeting of 6 June 2013, from 12.30 to 13.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 12.30 on Thursday, 6 June 2013, with Pier Antonio Panzeri (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 505.104)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 26 March 2013 (PE 505.092)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The preparatory meeting of the EU-Morocco JPC pairs scheduled for 17 June 2013 had been postponed. The next meeting would be the annual meeting of the JPC on 18 September 2013 in Brussels. In the meantime, the Chair would go to Rabat to meet with his co-chair, Mr Atmoun.

He also announced that a Mauritanian delegation would visit the European Parliament in the context of the 9th European Parliament-Mauritanian National Assembly Joint Parliamentary Meeting in Brussels on 19 June 2013.

4. **EU-Algeria relations – state of play**

- **Manuela Riccio, Algeria Desk, EEAS**

Manuela Riccio pointed to a strengthening of relations with Algeria since 2011, as demonstrated by the visits by Mr Füle, Ms Ashton and Mr Panzeri.

The desire shown by Algeria to establish closer ties contrasted with foot-dragging on the practical side; the EU had been waiting since October 2012 for Algeria's counterproposal on the ENP Action Plan.

Regular dialogue was continuing and significant progress had been achieved in the context of the political subcommittee. Of the EUR 20 million in funding allocated under the SPRING programme, the EU had thus far released a first tranche of EUR 10 million to enhance governance (including support for the National People's Assembly). However, it was holding back the second tranche of EUR 10 million, as Algeria's progress towards reform had fallen short of expectations.

The members felt that Algeria's strong financial position, as illustrated by its recent USD 5 billion loan from the IMF, in no way justified the granting of EU funding, especially since Algeria itself was calling for a transfer of know-how and was not interested in financial support. Ms Romero was surprised that the EU was providing support for governance when fiscal reform in Algeria could enable the country to meet its needs itself.

Ms Benarab and Ms Ayala said they would like the members to participate as observers in the political subcommittee. The Chair decided to send a letter to that effect to Ms Ashton.

5. **Exchange of views on recent developments in Algeria with:**

- **Nassera Dutour, Spokesperson for CFDA (association of the families of disappeared persons in Algeria) and Vice-President of EMHRN (the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network)**

Ms **Dutour** strongly criticised the allocation of EU funding to a rich country which was pursuing the wrong kind of reforms and curtailing rights. She denounced the poor governance and mismanagement which were rife in Algeria. The censorship of two newspapers in May for reporting on the health of President Bouteflika illustrated the way in which freedom was being restricted. Ms Dutour said the EU should encourage Algeria to sign international conventions on enforced disappearance, call for the opening up of the voluntary sector and media freedom through the repeal of the new laws on associations and information, call for the annulment of the reconciliation charter, which she called the 'amnesty charter', and engage more closely with the Algerian people in an effort to understand their demands.

The discussion focused on the weakness of the Algerian opposition, the role of armed Islamist groups, and the false parallels drawn by Europeans between the situation in Algeria and that in the Arab countries in the throes of revolution.

In response to Ms Dutour, Ms Riccio qualified the negative appraisal of the EU's efforts by pointing out that the Union primarily funded NGOs such as the EMHRN, of which Ms Dutour was the Vice-President. She added that SPRING funding for governance had helped to increase women's representation in the Algerian Parliament.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The 9th European Parliament-Mauritanian JPM would take place in Brussels on 19 June 2013.

The meeting closed at 13.35.

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Mme Manuela Riccio, Desk Algérie, EEAS

Mme Nassera Dutour, Porte-parole du Collectif des Familles de Disparus en Algérie (CFDA) et Vice-présidente du REMDH

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