



Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

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MINUTES

of the meeting of 15 March 2011, from 10.15 to 11.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.15 with Mário David in the Chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 459.203)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the minutes of meeting of 28 February 2011 (PE 459.202)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Chairman's announcements

- The Interparliamentary meeting with Lebanon scheduled on 22-23 March 2011 was cancelled. The Chair received a letter from Lebanese Speaker Berri hinting to the difficulty of sending a delegation to Brussels while the Lebanese Parliament is preparing for a confidence vote on the new government. A new date will be proposed to the Lebanese counterparts.
- The Conference of Presidents has decided to send an ad hoc Delegation co-chaired by Mário David and Kristian Vigenin to Egypt. The Delegation visit takes place on 19-21 March and coincides with the official visit of President Buzek. The programme foresees meetings with the Supreme Military Council, the Prime Minister and the Secretary General of the Arab League, while much time will be devoted to meetings with Youth and civil society. Exploring how best to build capacities of political parties is another important focus of the Delegation visit.
- The AFET Committee has set up a monitoring group to follow up the adjustment of the Neighbourhood Policy to the new challenges in the Southern Mediterranean. Mário David takes part in this group and suggests to keep the Members informed on their ongoing work and to convey the Delegation's positions to the group.

- A joint workshop on the promotion of parliamentary democracy in the Arab States will be organised by AFET, DMAG and DMAS on 21 March 2011. Vice-Chair Marisa Matias has kindly accepted to represent the Mashreq Delegation at this occasion.
- On the proposal of the Embassy of Jordan, it was decided to re-schedule the Delegation's visit to Jordan - originally foreseen for 16-20 May 2011 - to the turquoise week of 26-30 April 2011.

4. Debriefing on the recent visits of Commissioner Füle to Syria and of HR/VP Ashton to Lebanon, in the presence of Nacira Boulehouat

Mrs. Boulehouat reports that Commissioner Füle's visit to Syria focussed on the Association Agreement, the revision of the European Neighbourhood Policy, and the regional situation including Lebanon. Mr. Füle conveyed to the Syrian authorities that any increase of the financial envelope for Syria depends on the signature of the Association Agreement (AA) in 2011. He warned against a further delay of the Agreement by the entry of Croatia in the EU. Syria remains sceptical towards the AA, but promised to re-launch discussions on technical adaptations to the AA.

Main expectations of Syria towards the EU include

1. support for restructuring the Syrian economy
2. massive investments in modernising Syria's agriculture and in adapting to the challenges of climate change
3. massive support to administrative and institutional reform, including through transfer of expertise.

Mrs. Ashton came back from Lebanon with reassuring messages from the new majority concerning the respect of Lebanon's international commitments, including on the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and resolution 1701. The new Prime Minister Mikati says he is satisfied with Council decision of 31 January 2011 on EU financial assistance for the STL.

The debate with the Members focussed on Hezbollah's arms (Mr Scurria), the lack of a fundamentally new approach towards the Mediterranean in spite of the setting up of the EEAS (Mrs. Matias), and a case for concentrating EU financial support on countries under democratic transition (Chairman David).

5. Exchange of views on the priorities for the upcoming interparliamentary meeting with Jordan

Out of lack of time, this item had to be reported to the next meeting.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting takes place in Brussels on 13 April, 10.15-11.15.

The meeting closed at 11.20.

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