

*Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries***DMAS_PV(2011)1004_1****MINUTES**

of the meeting of 4 October 2011, from 10.15 to 11.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.25 on Tuesday, 4 October 2011, with Marisa Matias (Vice-Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 469.663)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting

The minutes were adopted.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that the Interparliamentary meeting between the EP and the Lebanese Parliament will take place between 11 and 12 October.

The Mashreq Delegation decided to postpone the visit of the planned DMAS Working Group to Egypt (initially 24-28 November according to the annual programme) until after elections to avoid any perception that the EU was endorsing a particular candidate.

The Chair proposed that the Mashreq Delegation continue to follow developments in Egypt in light of forthcoming elections, including an evolving electoral framework and the threatened boycott of elections by 37 political groups including the Muslim Brotherhood.

4. Exchange of views on Lebanon, in the presence of Lebanese MPs

- Dr. Ahmad Fatfat
- Dr. Ghazi Youssef
- Mr. Nabil de Freige
- Dr. Atef Majdalani

The visiting Lebanese MPs discussed the role of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) in bringing about an end to political assassinations. A decision to go ahead with the STL was taken by the Lebanese government in March 2009 which approved joint UN-Lebanese funding covering the period of 2010. Despite pledges by the new government led by PM Najib Mikati to honour Lebanon's financial commitments to the STL, the 8 March alliance, which includes Hizbullah and Amal, have refused to back the STL after it indicted 4 individuals associated with Hizbullah. Although currently paralysed by these conflicting positions, the MPs hinted that the Lebanese government is fast reaching a point where it will have to make a decision regarding the future of the STL, potentially triggering renewed crisis.

Dr. Fatfat also called for the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State based on the Arab League's 2002 proposal and urged Israel to respect previous UNSC resolutions. He ended by urging the EU to continue its cooperation in the domains of social and economic development. Mr. de Freige touched upon initiatives undertaken by Lebanon in relation to its commitments under the EU's neighbourhood policy, including attempts by the Future Movement to abolish the death penalty and improve prisons conditions. Lebanese MPs also accused the EU of being very weak in its response to the crisis in Syria.

The Member's questions focussed on the current situation in Lebanon in the wake of the Arab Spring, ties between the Future Movement and the Syrian opposition as well as recent developments in Syria and their impact on Lebanon.

5. Any other business

The Chair invited Mr Rudolf El-Kareh, member of the Lebanese National Committee and Delegation on cluster munitions, to give a brief overview of the recent Second Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (the Oslo Treaty). This was held in Beirut between 12 and 16 September with the participation of 120 countries, including, for the first time, Russia, China, North Korea and Iran. The conference was concluded by the unanimous adoption of the "Beirut Declaration" which described the targeting of any human being by fragmentation bombs as a crime against human rights and a war crime, stressed a rapid implementation of time-bound commitments in the fields of clearance and stockpile destruction, a measurable progress in victim assistance in the most severely affected States Parties, and confirmed the universalisation of the Convention and the norms it contains. Lebanon was appointed to the presidency until October 2012. Mr. El-Kareh also called on the EU to join efforts to ban cluster munitions.

6. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Brussels on 7 November 2011, 16.15-17.15, ASP 5E2.

The Meeting closed at 11.25

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Marisa Matias.
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Raimon Obiols, Ivo Vajgl.
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Frieda Brepoels, Andrea Cozzolino, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Marco Scurria.

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193 (3)	
49 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Hμερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt fuq l-agħenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)	Pt 4
Lebanese members of Parliament, Future movement Ahmad Fatfat, Ghazi Youssef, Nabil de Freige, Atef Majdalani	Pt 4

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