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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 21 March 2012, from 10.15 to 11.15  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.15 on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, with Mario David in the Chair.

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 476.409)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 29 February 2012 (PE 476.408)**

The minutes were adopted.

**3. Chairman's announcements**

The Chair informed that the Conference of Presidents approved the requested visit of a DMAS working group to Egypt on 30 April-4 May. Members were already invited to manifest their interest to participate and the political groups named the following Members:

- Mrs Antonescu (PPE)
- Mr el-Khadraoui (S&D)
- Mrs Brepoels (Greens /EFA)
- Mr Karim (ECR)

The name of a Member of the ALDE group is still pending.

**4. Exchange of views on inclusive governance and female leadership in Egypt one year after the fall of President Mubarak in the presence of**

- **Sabra Bano, Director of 'Gender Concerns International', The Hague**
- **Nieves Fernández del Coto Secades, EAS**

Recalling the history of Egypt's feminist movement dating back to the 1920s Mrs Bano reminded the prominent role of women during the revolution and welcomed the launch of the

Egyptian National Feminist Union on 15 October 2011. However, the overall situation of women has been worsening since the fall of Mubarak. The recent case against NGOs and freeze of foreign funding hampers NGO activities and prevents women from participating in an upcoming conference of Gender Concerns International in The Hague. On EU support for women's NGOs she deplored that only big organisations benefit from funding since smaller ones can't cope with the administrative burden of the application procedure. European NGOs should be encouraged to support their counterparts in Egypt. DMAS should put a strong focus on women when visiting Egypt soon.

While Mrs Fernández noted positive changes on women's rights in the past (on genital mutilation, access to the profession of judges, change in nationality law, quota for women in Parliament), she confirmed a roll-back since the revolution, including violence against women and low female representation in Parliament after the elections. More generally, the EAS sees military trials of civilians as a fundamental concern. The EU currently supports women through EIDHR, the ENPI Civil Society Facility, and the IfS.

The Chair shared concern over the worsening situation of women and reminded that the EAS should also follow the situation of local staff in the case against NGOs in Egypt. Future EU funding should be linked to progress. He hoped for a stronger female representation in the composition of the Constitutional Committee which is about to be set up and asked the EAS to adapt its procedures to enable smaller NGOs to access to funding.

The debate focused on efficient EU funding in the light of overall budgetary constraints (Mrs Thein), cooperation between territorial collectivities in the EU and Egyptian Civil Society (Sánchez-Schmid), and the EAS follow-up to the February EP resolution on Egypt (Brepoels). Bertrand Rochard, EAS Egypt desk present, answered saying that a Task Force for Egypt as requested by the EP could be set up in September.

## **5. First exchange of views on the programme for the upcoming Delegation visit to Egypt**

A first exchange on the programme of the upcoming DMAS visit to Egypt brought suggestions including meetings with religious authorities, students, local NGOs, SCAF, the business community, and to address human and arms trafficking in Sinai.

## **6. Any other business**

No.

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

Brussels, 25 April 2012, 10.15-11.15 , ASP 5E2.

The meeting closed at 11.10.

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Frieda Brepoels, Marie-Thérèse Sánchez-Schmid	

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49 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkés punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt fuq l-aġenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)	
H.E. Prof Lahebib Adami, Head of the Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States, Brussels	4
Ilkka Uusitalo, Head of Unit Middle East, EAS	4

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Olga Zyкова (dipl. mission), Awad Chamas (CEFI), Ronny Noerens (Belgian office Parlement Libanon), E. Kieran Paul (UNWRA), Virginia Villar Arribas (UNWRA), Najah Rashid (Bahrain embassy), Hussaein Sabbagh (Syrian mission), Rudolf El-Kareh (expert)

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