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*Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries*

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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 29 April 2010, from 11.30 to 12.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11.35 on Thursday, 29 April 2010, with Mário David (Chair).

**1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 439.041)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on 7 april 2010 (PE 439.040)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chairman's announcements**

The Chair informed about a visit of a Delegation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament in Syria between 28 and 30 March 2010 which discussed the situation of Iraqi refugees with the Syrian authorities and with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). The Delegation also met with refugees in Damascus, and visited a refugee camp close to the Iraqi border.

The issue of Iraqi refugees in Syria had been dealt with in previous visits of the Mashreq Delegation under the past legislature. The recent delegation of the LIBE Committee, however, focused specifically and extensively on the situation of refugees. This is why the Chair suggested not dealing with Iraqi refugees in the upcoming Delegation visit to Syria.

Visit of an EPP Delegation to Lebanon and Syria:

The Chair informed about his recent visit of an EPP Delegation to Lebanon and Syria.

#### **4. Exchange of views with Mr Hossam Zaki, Speaker of Mr Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Chair welcomed Mr Hossam Zaki, Speaker of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mr Aboul Gheit and underlined in his introductory remarks the good relations between Egypt and the EU, based on the Association Agreement and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

M. Zaki described the role of Egypt in the internal Palestinian conflict and the finding of a possible solution between Israel and Palestine. He also underlined the important role to be played by the EU in this respect.

Took part in the discussion the following members: El Khadraoui, Vajgl and Crocetta.

#### **5. Exchange of views on relations between Syria and the EU in the presence of Ms Nacira Boulehouat, representative of the Commission**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Nacira Boulehouat, desk officer for Syria in DG RELEX, who gave an overview of EU-Syria relations.

She informed that on the occasion of the visit of the HR of the EU Mrs Ashton in Damascus in March the Association Agreement and especially the economic impact of the Agreement were discussed. The Chair referred to his visit during the last days in Syria where he got the impression that the signing of the Agreement would take place within the next four to five weeks. The ambassador who participated in the discussion was also quite positive with regard to the signing in the near future.

Took part in the discussion Mr Vaigl who wished more engagement from Syria in the Middle East peace process.

#### **6. Exchange of views concerning the draft programme for a working group visit to Syria from 24 to 28 May 2010**

The Chair informed that the EU Delegation in Damascus is currently dealing with the programme. By experience, official meeting, in particular high level meetings, will only be confirmed shortly before the visit, so that modifications are still possible.

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

Strasbourg, Wednesday 19 May 2010 16.15-17.15.

During this meeting, the Members will be provided with the latest information concerning the visit to Syria.

The meeting closed at 12.45.

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