



Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

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of the meeting of 30 May 2012, from 10.15 to 11.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.15 on Wednesday, 30 May 2012, with Marisa Mathias (Vice-Chair) in the chair.

1. **Adoption of draft agenda (PE 476.445)**
The draft agenda was adopted
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 25 April 2012 (PE 476.433)**
The minutes were adopted.
3. **Chair's announcements**
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4. **Debriefing on the Delegation's visit to Egypt on 30 April - 4 May 2012**

Said el-Khadraoui stressed the good timing of the visit to Egypt (30 April-4 May), shortly before the presidential elections. Meetings also included presidential candidate Mr Amr Moussa. While it was not possible to meet the Speaker of the People's Assembly due to the Abbasiya events, fruitful discussions were held with both Chambers. Among the issues raised were the recent crackdown on foreign NGOs and the new association law under discussion.

The results of the first round of presidential elections differ substantially from predictions which placed Amr Moussa in the first position. Ahmed Shafiq's qualifying for the second round has provoked disappointment among supporters of the revolution, as he is regarded as the old-regime candidate. The SCAF has pledged that power will be transferred to civilian authorities at the end of the electoral process, but tensions between the presidency and the military are foreseeable if Muslim Brotherhood candidate Morsi wins.

5. **Exchange of views on the recent situation in Syria crisis, international community's reaction and future perspectives in the presence of**

- **Mr Alain Déletroz**, Vice-president, International Crisis Group, Brussels
- **Mr Ilkka Uusitalo**, EEAS, Head of Division Middle East I
Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria

On the critical situation in Syria, aggravated after the massacre in Houla and Hama and the expulsion of Syrian Ambassadors by several Western countries, **Alain Déletroz** commented on President Hollande's readiness to military intervention under a UN mandate: if Russia and China were not opposing their veto in the SC, it would be possible to push for a political process without resorting to military intervention. Until now Syria has not seen significant international pressure.

Violent repression of the first protests in 2011 resulted in the extension of demands for regime change in Syria. There is a growing disconnection between peaceful demonstrators and armed opposition groups. The Syrian opposition in exile has discredited itself for not achieving a common position. Recent massacres form part of a dynamics of total violence.

The only advisable option is to support both the Annan Plan and the UN observer mission. In spite of the latter's weakness and distrust by both the Syrian regime and the opposition, its enquiry report on the massacres cannot be dismissed as Western-biased. The main items to be discussed under a political solution are President Assad's legitimacy, the dominating position of his family and the clanique setup of the security forces. Moscow's position is key to the success of the UN observer mission. The EP should discuss this issue with its Duma counterparts. Russia should be encouraged to come up with proposals instead of being a veto player.

The **EEAS** fully supports the Annan Plan as the only way to avoid a very dangerous situation, says **Ilkka Uusitalo**. The EU has provided financial, logistic and technical support for the UN mission, which includes observers from the Members States. Decreasing the level of violence is a necessary condition to start a political dialogue. Russia is crucial to unblock this situation. This will be raised next week at the EU-Russia summit. The EU is engaging various opposition groups with an inclusive approach, encouraging them to find a common ground, and providing humanitarian assistances (€30 million so far, including countries hosting refugees).

Discussion focused on the interests behind growing calls for intervention in Syria, doubts about the regime's responsibility for all the massacres (Vajgl), the reliability of Saudi Arabia and Qatar as partners and the EU's 'double standards' (Crocetta), the date of the UN mission's report and the prospects for Russia lifting its veto at the UNSC (Obiols).

6. **Any other business**

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

Brussels, 20 June 2012, 10.15-11.15, ASP 5E2.

The meeting closed at 11.20

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