

*Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries***DMAS\_PV(2010)1011\_1****MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 11 October 2010, from 16.17 to 17.15  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 16.15 on Monday, 11 October 2010, with Mário David, (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 451.222)  
The draft agenda was adopted.
2. Adoption of the minutes of meeting of 29 September 2010 (PE 451.222)  
The minutes were approved.
3. Chairman's announcements
  - The DMAS visit to Lebanon is confirmed. Mário David, Marisa Matias, Saïd el-Khadraoui, Elena Antonescu, Ria Oomen-Ruitjen, and Frieda Brepoels will participate.
  - At the preparatory meeting in Strasbourg on 20 October, 15.00-16.00, the major challenges Lebanon is facing domestically and internationally will be discussed with invited expert, Professor Rudolf el Kareh.
  - The Subcommittee on Human Rights holds a hearing on the situation in prisons in Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Palestine on 25 October, 16.30-18.00.
4. Exchange of views on the situation in Lebanon with regard to the expected accusations by the International Tribunal

Nacira Boulehouat, acting Lebanon desk from DG RELEX briefed the members on the political tensions in Lebanon around the expected accusations by the International Tribunal on the assassination of former PM Hariri. She outlined the EU's position which calls on all parties not to politicise the Tribunal, but to support it.

A very lively debate followed in which Members disagreed on how to deal with the Tribunal and the expected accusations.

Chair Mário David had made a press release on behalf of the EPP group (not as Chair of DMAS) in which he fully supported the Tribunal and asked all political actors to accept the Tribunal's conclusions and accusations whatever they may be.

Dominique Baudis and Miguel Portas disagreed and pointed to the Tribunal's lack of credibility, the inconsistency of its work and to the destabilising political impact of a possible accusation of Hezbollah. Instead of giving lessons the EU should put the ownership of the Tribunal back into the hands of the Lebanese in order to prevent domestic conflict.

## 5. Exchange of views on Egypt

- Domestic situation ahead of the legislative elections

Mohamed el-Battiui, an invited expert from the Haute Ecole Francisco Ferrer in Brussels, addressed the challenges of the upcoming legislative and presidential elections in Egypt. While the Brotherhood mobilises on religious, educational and social themes, other opposition groups stress Egypt's declining international image following the Israeli attack on Gaza. The boycott of the upcoming elections by parts of the opposition which claim constitutional reforms as a pre-condition is likely to benefit the Brotherhood which chose to participate.

Frieda Brepoels enquired as to constituencies reserved for women under a new quota for female candidates. The representative of the Egyptian Embassy clarified that 32 electoral constituencies are reserved for two women each, totalling 64 seats for women that will add to the existing 222 constituencies. This is a transitional measure for the next two parliamentary terms in order to improve the representation of women.

Mr el-Battiui explained that while presidential elections will apparently be pluralistic, independent candidacies are hindered by various legal requirements including membership in an officially registered party.

The representative of the Egyptian Embassy added that independents have to collect signatures from the legislative assemblies and the municipal councils to be able to run for elections. He further underlined that the Tagammu, Nasserist and Wafd parties will participate in the upcoming legislative elections.

- Egypt's request for an enhanced status under the European Neighbourhood Policy

Adriana Lojova, co-desk for Egypt at DG RELEX explained the state of play with regard to Egypt's request for an enhanced status under the European Neighbourhood Policy. At the moment when the Egyptian request was first brought forward, the ENP Action Plan with the country was still very recent, leading the Council to focus on its implementation first before taking further steps.

In the first half of 2010, Egypt proposed reinforcing high-level political dialogue through regular meetings. The Council in principle welcomes the proposal, but prefers such meetings to be held on an ad hoc basis. Other areas of enhanced cooperation with Egypt include an Agreement on Conformity Assessment, research and development and the participation in Community Programmes. A Road Map to implement the main commitments of the Action Plan is under discussion and could be finalised by the end of 2010.

## 6. Any other business

No.

## 7. Date and place of the next meeting: Strasbourg, 20 October, 15.00-16.00

The meeting closed at 17.15.

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Frieda Brepoels, Antonyia Parvanova, Miguel Portas, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Marco Scurria,

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Mohamed el-Battiui, Haute Ecole Francisco Ferrer, Brussels

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