

**DMAS_PV(2012)0229_1****MINUTES**

of the meeting of 29 February 2012, from 10.15 to 11.15
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.15 on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, with Mario David in the chair. Vice-Chair Saïd el-Khadraoui chaired the meeting starting from Point 5.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 476.409)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2012 (PE 476.408)

The minutes were adopted.

3. Chairman's announcements

The Chair recalled that according to the exchange of views in the last meeting, DMAS refrained from inviting an Egyptian Delegation on 27/28 March. Instead the Chair wrote a letter to President Schulz asking for authorisation of a visit to Egypt from 30 April to 4 May 2012 where the annual work programme had foreseen a visit to Syria.

Members were invited to send their specific suggestions concerning the programme of the visit to Egypt to the Secretariat.

4. Exchange of views on Syria in the presence of

- H.E. Prof. Lahebib Adami, Head of the Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States, Brussels
- Ilkka Uusitalo, Head of Unit Middle East, EAS

Mr Adami described the Arab League's (AL) strategy as putting more pressure on Syria to accept a negotiated solution. A military option would worsen the situation and might regionalise the conflict. So would civil war through arming the opposition. As a follow-up to

the recent meeting of the 'Friends of Syria' in Tunis, the AL now asks the opposition to form a common platform within two weeks.. The AL would turn again to the UNSC to seek a resolution condemning violence, authorising humanitarian access and calling opposition forces and the government to enter a national dialogue.

EAS and AL co-operate closely, informed Mr Uusitalo who sees a starting impact of the gradually strengthened EU sanctions (12th round). The Friends of Syria meeting showed a large international consensus to increase pressure, but also to achieve a political solution. EU Member States diverge over the question of maintaining diplomatic presence in Damascus. The EAS considers its presence useful as local opposition groups ask it to stay. The EU still supports UNRWA and UNHCR in Syria.

Mr Portas and Mr Vajgl questioned the credibility of internally undemocratic AL Member States when promoting democracy abroad. Mr Portas also wondered how the AL could help setting up humanitarian corridors while withdrawing their ambassadors from Syria. Other questions related to the degree of coherence of the opposition and arming the opposition (El-Khadraoui) and the cost of the embargo for the population (Portas). The Chair concluded saying that the EP appreciates and supports the role of the AL, but would like to see democratisation take root within its Member States, too.

5. Feedback on the first meeting of the EU-Jordan Task Force by Vice President Saïd El-Khadraoui

Mr El-Khadraoui was one of two MEPs who attended the first joint EU-Jordan Task Force meeting in Amman on 22 February with financial and technical EU assistance at its core. While he considered an additional €70M made available to Jordan under the SPRING programme as laudable, he reminded that Saudi Arabia at the same time is giving one billion. Mr Uusitalo added that the Task Force also includes financial institutions which open the outlook for more financial support, and that hope is placed in the private sector. On Jordan's reform path El-Khadraoui noted that the current parliament lacks enthusiasm as most of its members would lose out through the announced reforms. The latter suppose to be completed by the end of the year to enable early elections. El-Khadraoui invited the EP to support new parties and leaders in Jordan like in Tunisia.

6. Any other business

No.

7. Date and place of next meeting

Brussels, 21 March 2012, 10.15-11.15 , ASP 5E2.

The meeting closed at 11.15.

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