

*Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council***DPLC_PV20130320_1****MINUTES**
of the meeting of 20 March 2013, from 11.30 to 12.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11.40 on 20 March 2013, with the Chair, Emer Costello, in the chair.

The Chair welcomed the guest speakers: Leila Shahid, Pierre Galand, Christian Berger and John Gatt-Rutter.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE505.083)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

- She mentioned the resolution Parliament had adopted on 14 March 2013 on the situation of Palestinian prisoners, which called for an on-the-spot fact-finding mission;
- She announced that a delegation working party would visit East Jerusalem and the West Bank from 27 April to 2 May 2013.

3. Report on the closing session of the Russell Tribunal for Palestine (16-17 March in Brussels) with Pierre Galand, General Coordinator and Leila Shahid, Palestinian Ambassador

Pierre Galand, General Coordinator of the Russell Tribunal for Palestine, set out the conclusions of the closing session, held in Brussels on 16-17 March 2013. Prior to this session, there had been four other meetings since 2009, held in New York, London, Barcelona and Cape Town. These had covered: the UN/USA and the veto, corporate complicity, apartheid.

The Tribunal had called on very many key figures in politics, academia and from associations. It had asked the question how was it possible for the State of Israel to violate international laws as often as it did with full impunity.

The Russell Tribunal for Palestine had asked the ICC to take up the case of ‘crimes’ committed by the State of Israel.

Leila Shahid, Palestine’s general delegate, summed up the whole issue in a single phrase: ‘the right to life’.

The Chair thanked Pierre Galand for his very volontarist presentation.

4. Report on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (19 March, Brussels) with Christian Berger, Director for Middle East, EEAS

Christian Berger, EEAS Director for the Middle East, reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liason Committee for Palestinian Affairs on 19 March 2013 in Brussels, chaired by Norway and attended by the EU’s High Representative Cathy Ashton and the Palestinian Prime Minister, Salam Fayyad.

This donors committee (which meets twice a year) had been forced to acknowledge that both the political and the economic situation had deteriorated. Assessments by the World Bank and the IMF had lost the optimistic note they had in 2012.

The EU recognised that a simple status quo constituted a step backwards with the danger that all the institutional/structural steps taken with the Palestinian Authority would be reduced to nothing.

The EU would continue its efforts in 2013. It was not possible to make any commitments beyond that date.

The Palestinians had been asked to concentrate on three sources of funding: their own capital (taxes on exports via Israel), payment of money pledged (Arab League, Arab States, etc.) and increased income (in particular the ability to recover taxes).

Members had to assess how useful the Committee had been, nearly 20 years after the Oslo Agreements.

John Gatt-Rutter, Head of the EU’s delegation in East Jerusalem, confirmed that the Palestinian Authority was still the best means to achieving a Palestinian State.

In this context, the new Action Plan was a tailored form of support.

But no matter how good the tools were, they could not make up for the situation’s political contradictions.

Christian Berger gave some information (not enough according to some members) on the Commission’s guidelines to Member States on the origin of Israeli goods and particularly those from the Israeli settlements.

Members emphasised the excellence of the work carried out by the heads of EU missions on the spot and expressed their disappointment that their findings were not included when the EU set out its official position.

The Chair thanked the EEAS representatives and Ambassador Leila Shahid.

5. Date and place of next meeting

24 April 2013

The meeting ended at 12.40.

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Emer Costello
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Veronique De Keyser, Jill Evans, Norbert Neuser, Keith Taylor

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Alda Sousa	
193 (3)	
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Pierre Galand, Leila Shahid, Christian Berger, John Gatt-Rutter

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