

*Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council***DPLC_PV(20101215)_1****MINUTES**
of the meeting of 15 December 2010, 16.30-17.30
Strasbourg

The meeting opened on Wednesday, 15 December 2010 at 16.30 with Proinsias De Rossa (Chair of the Delegation) in the chair.

The Chair suggested that, as soon as the meeting finished, the members should go to the meeting of the Working Group on the Middle East to hear Gadi Baltanski, ex-spokesman for the former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and currently Director General of the Geneva Initiative.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 451.253)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 29 September 2010 (PE 833496) and 12 October 2010 (PE 835135)

Both sets of minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair:

(a) referred to the recent message addressed to the international community by 26 European leaders, including many former heads of state and government, on the subject of respect for international law in the Palestinian territories and Jerusalem;

(b) commented on the firm conclusions reached at the meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 13 December, recalling the terms of its statement of 8 December 2009 and mentioning its readiness, when appropriate, to recognise a Palestinian state.

4. Debriefing on 10th EP-DPLC interparliamentary meeting of 26 November to 1 December

2010, in Gaza, Ramallah and East Jerusalem

The President summarised the main lessons from the Delegation's visit to Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem between 26 November and 1 December 2010.

– In Gaza the Delegation members were shocked by the difficult circumstances to which residents and the local economy were still being subjected. The Israeli authorities' assertions about the effects of easing the blockade were a far cry from the reality. The demands of security – an argument impossible to verify – served to justify keeping the entire area on a drip feed.

– In the city of Nablus, in the West Bank, there were conflicting feelings: on the one hand, people were proud that the city was the first in Zone A to have been transferred full authority for security; on the other, they were still reeling from years of violence in the period of cohabitation with Jewish settlers, as well as ongoing rivalry between Hamas and Fatah.

– In East Jerusalem the Israeli strategy of encirclement, harassment, evictions and demolition was being pursued openly, in flagrant breach of international law.

– Palestinian Legislative Council Members of every political stripe, in both Gaza and Ramallah, felt an increasing need to open up to their European counterparts. While they acknowledged that there had been progress in the necessary process of national reconciliation, they were still trying to find common ground on the sensitive issue of security. They were calling for 'more Europe' and asking the Union and its Member States to back up their words with action.

– Prime Minister Salam Fayyad remained determinedly optimistic and was applying his theory of 'peaceful resistance' in the patient advance through the various stages of establishing a Palestinian state.

The Chair of the Delegation urged Parliament, more strongly than ever, to work with the services of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and also with the Member States, to identify scope for dialogue and concrete proposals.

5. Date and place of next meeting

Brussels, 26 January 2011

The meeting closed at 17.30.

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