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**MINUTES**

of the meeting of 26 January 2011, from 17.30 to 18.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened at 17.35 on Wednesday, 26 January 2011, with Proinsias De Rossa (Chair) in the chair.

The Chair welcomed the representatives of the General Delegation of Palestine and the European External Action Service (EEAS).

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 457.383)  
The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair briefly commented on recent events concerning the Middle East, notably:

- the unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state by a number of Central American countries (Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Costa Rica) and confirmation of its recognition by Russia,
- Ireland's upgrading of the Palestinian delegation in Dublin to a mission. He protested at the Israeli authorities' description of Ireland as the 'most anti-Israel country',
- the proposal to have the UN Security Council confirm the ban on further Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories and East Jerusalem.

3. Situation in the Middle East: Exchange of views with representatives of the General Delegation of Palestine and the EEAS

a) Majed Banya, adviser to the General Delegation of Palestine:

- described certain interpretations of the revelations published by Al Jazeera and the Guardian concerning the Israeli-Palestinian talks as unacceptable. This strategy was clearly intended to weaken the Palestinian Authority and make the peace process even more difficult,
- welcomed the unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state by several Central American countries and encouraged the Member States to follow Ireland's lead in agreeing to the establishment of Palestinian diplomatic missions in their countries.

- affirmed Prime Minister Fayyad's strong commitment to a Palestinian state,
- emphasised the peaceful nature of Palestinian resistance to attempts at destabilisation,
- noted the scale of the campaign to have the UN Security Council confirm the ban on Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories and East Jerusalem.

b) Ilkka Uusitalo, head of the EEAS' Middle East Unit:

- reported on HR Catherine Ashton's recent visit to the Middle East (5/6 January 2011), and in particular her meeting with President Abbas,
- announced the scheduled meetings: the Quartet on 5 February in Munich, the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee on 13 April in Brussels, a Donors' Conference in June.

The ensuing exchange of views focused on the role of HR Catherine Ashton and on how the EU could have more influence over the peace process (Chair de Rossa, Vice-Chair Margrete Auken, Barber de Brun, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen and Georgios Toussas spoke).

The two guests emphasised the procedures laid down by the Treaty limiting the powers of the High Representative in matters of foreign policy and the responsibility of Member States for defining the HR's mandate.

The European Parliament was strongly urged to lead the way.

The Chair thanked the two guests.

#### 4. Exchange of views with the representatives of Bringing Peace Together

Bringing Peace Together, an NGO founded in 2004, brought together Israelis and Palestinians committed to peace and aimed to make a real difference in the lives of Palestinians and Israelis by contributing to dialogue and to the development of a genuine peace.

The Jerusalem office of the Panorama Center for the Dissemination of Democracy & Community Development coordinated this initiative.

The organisation was represented by Walid Salem, director of the Panorama Center, Professor Izhak Schnell of the University of Tel Aviv and Jannie Kuik of IKV Pax Christi Netherlands.

The Chair thanked the representatives and encouraged them to keep up their efforts.

#### 5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meetings were scheduled for:

- 15 March, at the DROI subcommittee hearing on the situation of Palestinian prisoners scheduled for 15 March, in the presence of the Palestinian minister;
- the Chair was planning to ask the Conference of Presidents for authorisation to send two working groups to Jerusalem-West Bank and Gaza in 2011.

The meeting closed at 18.30.

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