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MINUTES

Meeting of 15 March 2011, 16.30 – 17.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 16.35 on Tuesday, 15 March 2011, with Proinsias De Rossa (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 457.397)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

- He firmly condemned the murder of a family of settlers near Nablus a few days earlier. The immediate decision to confirm new settlements in the West Bank was not an appropriate response;
 - That morning, a meeting with the Subcommittee on Human Rights had taken place on the condition of Palestinian prisoners, with the Palestinian minister. It had been suggested that an *ad hoc* delegation could be sent;
 - In 2011, two delegation working groups would travel to the Palestinian Territories: from 26 to 30 April 2011 and from 29 October to 2 November 2011;
 - In Palestine, this 15 March was a day dedicated to processions in support of internal reconciliation.
3. Exchange of views on the recognition of a Palestinian State, with:
- Leila Shahid, General Delegate of Palestine to the EU;
 - Ricardo Neiva Tavares, Brazilian ambassador to the EU;
 - Mr Mavroyiannis, Cypriot ambassador to the EU.

The Chair welcomed the three guests. He stressed the importance of the exchange of views within the framework of international political action going back to 1988, when Yasser Arafat

had proclaimed a Palestinian State, followed by the adoption of resolution 43/177 by the UN General Assembly, with 102 countries in favour.

In the past few months, several countries had confirmed the declaration, including, in particular, Brazil and Cyprus.

Leila Shahid, General Delegate of Palestine:

- This step should be seen in the light of the hopes deriving from UN resolution 181 of 1947, in favour of the creation of two areas for Jews and Palestinians. It was an integral part of the peace process;
- The declaration had not been able to take effect, contrary to what was intended. The process thus had to be restarted and the right to sovereignty remained unaffected;
- For the EU, such a political act would be particularly important, as it was the main financial supporter of the Palestinian Authority;
- The objective was to obtain the UN's green light in September 2011 for political recognition.

Ricardo Neiva Tavares, Brazilian ambassador to the EU:

- In a letter addressed to President Abbas, Brazil had chosen to confirm the recognition within the 1967 borders granted on 15 December 1988 by the vote in the UN General Assembly;
- The step was part of a realist policy in the Middle East, with both Palestinians and Israelis;
- Brazil paid great attention to the rights of the Palestinian people and considered the colonies to be a threat to peace;
- Brazil had chaired the UN Security Council during the vote, in February 2011, on the resolution on illegal colonies, which had obtained 14 out of 15 votes.

Mr Mavroyiannis, Cypriot ambassador to the EU:

- Cyprus was the first Member State to have confirmed the 1988 recognition;
- This step was different from a formal recognition under international law. It was a strong political signal, in combination with other actions carried out by the Palestinian Authority, with a view to establishing, progressively, the constituent elements of a true state;
- Cyprus was particularly interested in the issue owing to its geographical proximity and the current division of the island. The Cypriot President, who was currently visiting Palestine and Israel, would have the opportunity to reiterate his country's interest in the conclusion of a genuine peace agreement for two states living side by side.

During the ensuing exchange of views, the Chair, Ms Kiil-Nielsen, Ms Morvai, Mr Davies, Mr Triantaphyllides and Mr Crocetta spoke, highlighting the dangerous double signal sent by the EU to Israel and questioning the effectiveness of such recognition.

The Chair said that raising the level of diplomatic relations with the Palestinian Authority was another significant political gesture which states could make. He referred, in particular, to the decisions taken recently by several Member States (France, Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain) to make the current delegations into diplomatic missions.

He said that this was a slow and complex political process aimed at the international community. For a similar step to be taken by all Member States, a general increase in

awareness would be required, which had not yet materialised.

He recalled that, in December 2010, the Council had decided to consider such recognition when the time was ripe.

He wound up the debate, stating that every day which passed was an additional impediment to the attainment of the objective of a Palestinian State.

4. Date and place of next meeting

13 April 2010 in Brussels

The meeting closed at 17.30.

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Chris Davies, Ioannis Kasoulides, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen.
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Bairbre de Brún, Krisztina Morvai, Carmen Romero López.

187 (2)
Rosario Crocetta.
193 (3)
49 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkés punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt fuq l-aġenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

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