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MINUTES

of the meeting of 20 June 2012, from 11.30 to 13.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 12.00 on Wednesday 20 July 2012 with Emer Costello (Chair) in the chair. She welcomed those invited to attend the meeting: Leila Shahid, General Delegate of Palestine and Leonello Gabrici, Head of Division for Israel/ Occupied Palestinian Territory, EEAS.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 490.215)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2012 (PE476.444)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair, Emer Costello, made announcements regarding the following:

- the new EU/PA action plan had been finalised and would soon be made public;
- fifth anniversary of the Gaza blockade – a sad occasion;
- the drafting of a motion for a resolution on EU policy regarding the West Bank/East Jerusalem for the next July part-session;
- attempts by Shaul Mofaz, the new Deputy Prime Minister of Israel, to relaunch peace negotiations;
- World Refugee Day accompanied by a number of initiatives: meeting of the Subcommittee on Human Rights the following day, together with a conference and debate;
- an urgent request from the Palestinian Authority to UNESCO seeking world heritage status for the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem;
- questions arising concerning the progress of internal deliberations in Palestine regarding the formation of a government of national unity and setting a date for elections;
- the situation of Palestinian prisoners, regarding which the DCLP would relaunch the idea of an ad hoc delegation.

**4. Exchange of views on the situation of the region in the presence of:
Leila Shahid, General Delegate of Palestine
Leonello Gabrici, Head of Unit, EEAS**

The Chair welcomed the two guest speakers and asked them to open the debate.

Leila Shahid enlarged on all the subjects raised by the Chair:

- the risks of instability and insecurity at the border between Israel and Egypt and the fact that Gaza was still coming under fire were matters of great concern to Israelis and Palestinians;
- the conditions of detention of Palestinian prisoners remained inadmissible and in contravention of the fourth Geneva Convention, notwithstanding individual concessions obtained following prolonged hunger strikes;
- negotiations between Fatah and Hamas were still under way with a view to the formation of a national unity government;
- violence by the settlers was assuming particularly alarming proportions;
- an end to the extension of 'illegal' settlements remained a condition for resumption of direct negotiations;
- the new plan of action negotiated with the EEAS was, on the other hand, to be welcomed.

Leonello Gabrici welcomed the agreement reached with the Palestinian Authority on a new plan of action treating it as a fully fledged State in the context of bilateral relations. Priorities were clearly defined regarding its territorial sovereignty. A carefully thought out 'more for more' policy was operating which amounted to saying: 'the more you ask, the more we will ask from you in return'.

The question of Palestinian prisoners was being dealt with separately for the first time. The EEAS was glad that it had been able to bring this reality home to all the Member States.

The following took part in the ensuing debate: Ivo Vajgl, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Norbert Neuser and Nicole Kiil-Nielsen concerning the situation of prisoners and possible courses of action, together with the settlements issue, which remained an obstacle to the resumption of negotiations.

The Chair thanked the two speakers.

She confirmed that she would continue to seek authorisation for an ad hoc delegation on the situation of the prisoners.

She confirmed the intention of the DCLP to organise, if possible in cooperation with the working group on the Middle East, a seminar on the subject: 'Jerusalem capital of two States', probably on 28 November.

The delegation would invite the Palestinian Ambassador to UNESCO to a subsequent meeting.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 19 September 2012 in Brussels.

The meeting ended at 13.00.

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Gaston Franco, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Alexandra Thein,	
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Norbert Neuser, Martina Anderson,	

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