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MINUTES

of the meeting of Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 11.30 to 12.30
Brussels

The meeting opened at 11.30 on Wednesday, 19 September 2012, with Emer Costello (Chair) in the chair.

The Chair welcomed Fadwa Barghouti, a lawyer and the wife of PLC member Marwan Barghouti, who had been in prison since 2002.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 490.219)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 20 June 2012 (PE490.216)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

(a) the hearing of the head of the EU delegation in East Jerusalem (on 5 September 2012) had been well attended (12 members present);

(b) the situation for Palestinians was deteriorating: some prisoners were continuing their hunger strikes, the illegal settlements programme was being expanded, Palestinians were the targets of constant attacks by settlers, and there had been confirmation that the Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem were being closed down;

(c) the annual session of the United Nations had begun recently;

(d) Parliament's INTA Committee had given its consent to the ACAA report, with 15

votes in favour and 13 against;

(e) a delegation from the Working Group on the Middle East would travel to Israel at the end of October 2012 to find out about issues concerning the Bedouin community;

(f) a DPLC working group (comprising six people) would travel to Gaza during the same week. The composition of the group still needed to be confirmed.

4. Exchange of views with Fadwa Barghouti, a lawyer and the wife of PLC member Marwan Barghouti, who had been in prison since 2002

The Chair welcomed Fadwa Barghouti, who was familiar with Parliament having attended various hearings in previous months with the Palestinian Minister for Prisoners' Affairs.

Fadwa Barghouti said that the situation in Palestine was as complex as ever; the Palestinians were still divided geographically and politically.

She deplored the state of day-to-day relations with the Israeli authorities; 4 500 people were currently being held, including 20 members of the PLC.

She drew attention to the use of the administrative detention procedure and process whereby people could be detained indefinitely without charge or trial. Some 250 people were being held under this procedure.

Prisoners had gone on hunger strike for several months, in some cases almost to the point of death, as a last resort in protest against the conditions in which they were being held. On 14 May 2012, the Israeli authorities had agreed to some improvements.

The members of the delegation (Ivo Vajgl, Patrick Le Hyaric, Margrete Auken) drew attention to Parliament's continuous support for detainees, in the form of hearings (DPLC/DROI), meetings with released prisoners, declarations, and Parliament resolutions calling for prisoners to be released, including Marwan Barghouti (4 September 2008 and 5 July 2012).

They expressed regret that the EU had not taken a firm enough stance and called for the Union to send a powerful political signal.

The most appropriate course of action would be for Parliament to withhold its consent to the EU-Israel ACAA trade agreement.

The Chair thanked Fadwa Barghouti for addressing the delegation.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held in Brussels on 10 October 2012.

The meeting closed at 12.45.

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Fadwa Barghouti

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