

**Decision of the Conference of Presidents -
22 October 2009 -
Item 6.1: Middle East working party**

6.1 Renewal of the composition and mandate of the working party on the Middle East

The Conference of Presidents, without debate,

- renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Middle East, on the basis proposed in the letter of President BUZEK to Mr ALBERTINI of 8 October;
- endorsed the proposition by political groups regarding the composition of the Working Group, which will be composed of 24 Members.

(In addition to members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the proposed membership should aim to take account of relevant stakeholders within the Parliament, in the way achieved in the Working Group during the last parliamentary term.);

- nominated former President PÖTTERING as the Chair of the Working Party and Ms DE KEYSER and Ms NEYTS-UYTTEBROECK as Vice-Chairs;
- reiterated that political group leaders may, of course, attend meetings of the Working Group.