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MINUTES

Meeting of 16 April 2015, 14.00-16.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 14.00 on Thursday, 16 April 2015, with Pier Antonio Panzeri, Chair, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 543.390)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 26 February 2015 (PE 543.377)

The minutes were adopted without modifications.

3. Chair's announcements

Mr Panzeri informed Members of the decision, made during the delegation's visit on 7-8 April, to set up a Joint Parliamentary Committee with Tunisia.

4. Exchange of views on youth employment in the Maghreb with

- **H.E. Abdellatif Abbid, Deputy Secretary-General of the Arab League, Tunisia**
- **Mr Mhammed Abbad Andaloussi, President of Injaz Al Maghrib, Morocco**
- **Ms Aatika Bouhas-Boubekka, graduate in acridology, business start-up project, Algeria**

Mr Panzeri associated the lack of prospects for young people with the social discontent that is at the heart of the Arab Spring movement and of upheavals in the political landscapes of Spain, Italy and Greece. He said that youth employment was a problem shared by all, with some countries in southern Europe suffering from a higher

unemployment rate among young people than in the Maghreb countries.

Mr Andaloussi stated that the incentives used by the Moroccan Government to encourage young people to work are not having the desired effects. Inspired by long-standing American experience, his company, Injaz Al-Maghrib, has so far trained more than 50 000 young people in entrepreneurship and aims to have trained 100 000 by 2017. Mr Andaloussi said that business simulations at school, the involvement of companies in the training of young people and the help of volunteer consultants are all key to his company's success: on average, 30% of participants reportedly start their own business by the age of 25. He called for schools to open themselves up to their environments and for the creation of sponsorship programmes involving companies and civil society.

Mr Abid focused on the employment crisis in Tunisia, which he linked to violence, security and stability. He said that an unemployment rate of 15.2%, of which two-fifths were graduates, pointed to a mismatch between the requirements of the employment market and the qualifications obtained through the education system. Two-thirds of unemployed graduates are women. People with technical degrees are more employable than those with degrees in human and social sciences. He said that marginalising young people may lead to irregular immigration, crime or even terrorism. Among the measures taken in Tunisia, he cited the creation of a bank offering microcredits and financial support to job seekers. The main challenge remains the reform of the education system. He called for cooperation with the EU in technical and vocational education. He said EU countries should also provide two-year additional training for young graduates, who would then return to enhance the workforce in their home country.

Ms Bouhas-Boubekka took a course for young graduates wishing to start their own company in Algeria. She spoke of the difficulties she encountered, which she attributed to a system based on assistantships (since many young people prefer civil service to entrepreneurship). She said the government's incentive measures had been unsuccessful in creating a new class of entrepreneurs or an entrepreneurial dynamic. Among the biggest obstacles, she cited the low quality of projects, administrative delays, access to credit and a lack of supervision and support.

The discussion provided an opportunity to examine aspects of employability (Mr Simon), the link between austerity measures and youth unemployment, the appeal of the American model compared to the European one (Ms Gomes), the impact of Maghreb integration and of opening borders on job creation (Mr Pargneaux), the potential benefits of exchanging experiences with Europe and, in particular, inspiration from the German educational model (Mr Rochefort), administrative barriers and the role of banks (Mr Castaldo), the possibilities of supporting disadvantaged or disabled young people (Ms Žitňanská) and circular mobility as promoter of employability and entrepreneurship (Mr Panzeri).

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held in Brussels on 7 May 2015, from 14.00 to 16.00.

The meeting closed at 16:00.

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S.E. M. Abdellatif Abid, Secrétaire général adjoint de la Ligue Arabe

M. Mhammed Abbad Andaloussi, Président d'Injaz Al Maghrib

Mme Aatika Bouhas-Boubekka, diplômée en acridologie, projet de création d'entreprise

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