



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

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MINUTES
of the meeting of 5 October 2016, 17.30-19.00
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 17.45 on Wednesday, 5 October 2016, with Martin Schulz (Chair) presiding.

1. **Adoption of draft agenda (PE580.943)**

The agenda was adopted without any change.

2. **Approval of minutes of meeting of 6 July 2016 (PE575.469)**

The minutes were approved as they stood.

3. **Chair's announcements**

and

4. **Addressing large movements of refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean:**

- The Italian experience: exchange of views with **Ms Giusi Nicolini**, Mayor of Lampedusa, and **Rear Admiral Vincenzo Melone**, Commander-General of the Italian Coastguard

- The CSDP Sophia operation: exchange of views with **Rear Admiral Enrico Credendino**, Operation Commander for Operation Sophia

- **President Martin Schulz** welcomed the guest speakers by recalling a field mission he paid to the Italian Navy HQ in Sicily, where he was impressed by the dedication, professionalism and courage of Italy's armed forces, calling them "modern times heroes".
- **Ms Giusi Nicolini**, issued a wake-up call to the EU and its Member States and called for the implementation of relocation schemes. She vividly recalled the 2013 tragedy off the coast of Lampedusa and its first anniversary ceremony in 2014 (attended by President Schulz, who also referred to it in a very emotional way). After providing figures to measure the scale of the challenges that Italy and the EU are facing (10.000 migrants were rescued on 3-4 October, 11.000 have died in the Mediterranean since 2013, of which 3500 have died in 2016 alone), she concluded her speech intervention on a more positive note, citing the recent increase in tourism in Lampedusa as a sign of the resilience of local communities.
- **Admirals Melone and Credendino** provided details on the rescue operations by Italy's Guardia di Costiera (Admiral Mellone) and the CSDP Operation Sophia (Admiral Credendino). For details on these operations, the speech by Admiral Mellone and Powerpoint presentation by Admiral Credendino are available upon request. The introductory film on off-shore rescue operations made by Italy's Coast Guard was presented by Admiral Mellone to the Members and, in a very emotional way, made all participants aware of the dramatic events unfolding every day in the Mediterranean.
- In their addresses, Members were unanimous in commending the efforts by Italy and its armed forces, and condemning national egoisms and the incapacity of the EU to live-up to the migration challenge. In this respect, **Ms Giuffrida** and **Ms Schlein** condemned the inability of the Council and the Member States to implement the relocation scheme. **Mr. Pargneaux** also called for a stronger reaction, reminding members that in view of the demographic trends in sub-Saharan Africa, things can only get worse. **Ms Kyenge** reminded participants of the actions and on-the-spot missions of the LIBE committee and insisted that, since the Mare Nostrum operation was launched, things were going in the right direction. Concerning long term solutions, **Ms Schlein** insisted on the need to reform the Dublin Regulation, increase legal access to the EU and tackle the root-causes of migration.
- Regarding follow-up actions, Members believed that the film presented during the meeting could prove instrumental in mobilizing public opinion and governments. It could for instance be shown in the next European Council meeting, as proposed by **President Martin Schulz**, hopefully in the presence of a maximum number of Member States (**Ms Giuffrida**), or widely broadcasted by all TV channels and shown in schools (**Mr. Maragall**) as well as to all EP Members (**Mr. Pargneaux**). Other proposals included EP's assistance to tackle the problems faced by minor migrants (**Ms Chinnici**) and a Parliaments/Citizens alliance to force governments into action and help cities and local communities cope with the present situation (**Mr. Maragall**).
- In his concluding remarks, **President Martin Schulz** considered that the film should be presented in the next European Council meeting. He strongly insisted that reforming the Dublin Regulation was key to escaping the present deadlock

and called for better solidarity between Member States to alleviate the present situation. He again thanked the guest Speakers and participants for this meeting, which he deemed was a rare moment in the Delegation's and the EP's history.

- Finally, the President informed the participants that the point on the agenda regarding PA-UfM's recent activities will be dealt with at the next DMED meeting.

5. **Any other business**

None

6. **Date and place of next meeting**

Strasbourg, 26 October 2016

The meeting closed at 19.25.

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