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of the meeting of 23 January 2007, 10.15 – 11.15
BRUSSELS

The Chairwoman, Béatrice Patrie, opened the meeting at 10.25 on Tuesday 23 January 2007.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 379.202)

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2006 (PE 379.198)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chairwoman's announcements

The Chairwoman gave information on the following.

The Paris III conference on aid for the reconstruction of Lebanon would be held in Paris on 25 January. Participants would include the new UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Condoleezza Rice for the United States, and very probably several EU ministers including the President-in-Office Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Javier Solana.

In Brussels it was being said that, as well as dealing with economic aspects and financial aid, this conference would also be political. The concern was to help Mr Siniora through the current crisis which had led to a weakening of his ministerial team following recent defections and the erosion of his parliamentary majority.

In anticipation of the conference, on Thursday 4 January the Lebanese Government had adopted a programme of economic reform and in return was hoping to obtain financial aid

and rescheduling of its debt estimated at USD 41 billion. In his statements to the press, Mr Siniora had highlighted the need for financial aid, failing which the public debt could increase further and gravely endanger the economy.

Paris III followed a similar conference in Paris in 2002, which had provided Lebanon with USD 2.6 billion, and a donor conference on 31 August 2007, which had been more concerned with granting Lebanon emergency aid than longer-term reconstruction aid.

In Stockholm, Lebanon had obtained promises of emergency aid amounting to USD 940 million (EUR 735 million). The Paris conference on 25 January should complete the offers made in Stockholm.

4. Exchange of views and debate on a report on the delegation working party visit to Egypt from 19 to 25 November 2006

The Chairwoman briefly described a working party visit to Egypt, the meetings that had been held and prospects for relations between the EU and Egypt (further information is available in the Chairwoman's report).

The following took part in the discussion: Bonsignore, who thanked the Chairwoman for the successful completion of the mission and for the final report (he also reported on the Tampere conference where he had represented the President), Mr Purvis, who spoke on the economic situation in Egypt, and Mr Zwiefka, who praised the good preparation for the visit.

During this exchange of views there was a request for regular contact with the Egyptian Parliament and for a meeting to be arranged with President Mubarak and his son during a forthcoming visit.

5. Exchange of views and debate on the report on the visit by a Syrian delegation in connection with the eighth EP/Syria interparliamentary meeting on 13 and 14 December 2006 in Strasbourg,

The report would be sent to members the following week in the delegation's languages.

Mrs Madeira proposed inviting Mr Brok and Mrs De Keyser to the next meeting so they could give an oral report of their mission to Israel and the Occupied Territories in December 2006.

The Chairwoman said that on 24 January she would present the reports on the visit to Egypt and on the Syrian delegation's visit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6. Other business

The Chairwoman informed members of the new dates for the visit to Jordan: 27 May – 1 June 2007.

Mr Purvis wanted information about any contacts between Israel and Syria. The Chairwoman was willing to look into the question.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation would be held on 21 March 2007, 15.00 – 16.00, in Brussels.

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The meeting closed at 11.15.

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Tadeusz Zwiefka

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