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of the meeting of 5 September 2007, 15.00 – 16.30
STRASBOURG

The meeting opened at 15.10 on Wednesday, 5 September 2007 with Béatrice Patrie, chairwoman, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 384.750)

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Approval of minutes of meetings of 23 January 2007 (PE 384.721) and 11 July 2007 (PE 384.749)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chairwoman's announcements

The chairwoman informed Members of the following:

- Following an initiative by several Members of the European Parliament (including the chairwoman) regarding the Israeli-Arab conflict, the Conference of Presidents would probably decide on Thursday to set up a working party in order to deal with this issue in greater depth.
- Concerning the working party visit to Jordan, the dates originally earmarked for the visit had posed various problems:
 - first of all, the dates chosen coincided with the visit by President Pöttering;

- secondly, the Jordanian Parliament had been dissolved prior to the elections, which were scheduled to take place at the end of October/beginning of November;
- finally, the dates chosen (between 17 and 20 December) coincided with the Eid al-Adha festival, during which the country's institutions would be closed (the festival would run from 18 to 22 December 2007).

A visit could be proposed for some time next year.

4. Latest information concerning the visit to Syria from 9 to 15 September 2007 and distribution of documents

The chairwoman ran through the programme.

Véronique De Keyser informed the delegation that a working party from the AFET Committee would visit Syria in October/November 2007 and questioned the usefulness of proceeding with the delegation's visit.

The chairwoman replied that the delegation visit had been scheduled for those dates in the 2007 programme of delegation activities for a considerable time.

Pasqualina Napoletano voiced her satisfaction with the programme's content.

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5. Exchange of views in the presence of General Michel Aoun on the situation in Lebanon

General Aoun, who had been received that morning by the President of Parliament and a number of political group chairmen, was welcomed by the chairwoman. He went on to criticise in particular what he saw as the misinformation of Europeans about the situation in Lebanon. He was also critical of Prime Minister Siniora, wondering why he received the West's support and setting out the following arguments:

- his government was illegal, because, following the resignation of the Shiite ministers, it no longer represented the national consensus provided for under the Constitution;
- the budget had not been approved by the Parliament;
- the Prime Minister did not respect the incumbent President;
- the Government had dissolved the Constitutional Council.

General Aoun stated that he had supported the creation of the International Criminal Court and defended his alliance with Hizbollah. If he were elected President, reforms to the military, the judiciary and the tax system would be among his priorities.

General Aoun left no doubt that if a new President were not elected, there was a danger that a fresh civil war would break out in Lebanon.

The following spoke: Véronique De Keyser, Paul Marie Coûteaux, Bogusław Sonik, John Purvis and Jean-Marie Le Pen.

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6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held in Brussels on 27 November 2007.

The meeting closed at 16.30.

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<p>Béatrice Patrie (P)</p>
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<p>Carlos Carnero González, Carlo Casini, Véronique De Keyser, Jamila Madeira, John Purvis</p>
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<p>Pasqualina Napoletano, Christa Prets, Bogusław Sonik, Bernadette Vergnaud</p>

<p>178 (2)</p>
<p>Bastiaan Belder, Vito Bonsignore, Paul Marie Coûteaux, Ana Maria Gomes, Lilli Gruber, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Michel Rocard</p>
<p>183 (3)</p>
<p>John Attard-Montalto</p>
<p>46 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkes punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)</p>

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M. Michel Aoun

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Roberta Garabello

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