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MINUTES

of the meeting of 16 November 2011, from 17.30 to 19.30
Strasbourg

The meeting opened at 17.30 on Wednesday, 16 November 2011, with Jerzy Buzek (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 469.680)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the DMED meeting of 6 July 2011 (PE 469.641)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

President Buzek reported on his visit to Libya and Tunisia (29-31 October). Stressing the fact that he was the first politician to have visited Libya following the country's official liberation, Mr Buzek gave a summary of the content of his discussions with Libyan officials (Mr Abdul Jalil, President of the Transition Council, and the Ministers of Justice and Defence) and members of civil society represented by 25 NGOs. On this occasion, Libya expressed its desire to ratify the UN conventions on minorities, torture and women's rights (women having been significantly involved in the revolution). President Buzek offered the European Parliament's cooperation in the policy area and in the training of civil servants, particularly in view of establishing new political parties in Libya. Mr Buzek spoke of his visit to the Shusha and Al Hayat refugee camps at the border between Libya and Tunisia and called for EU Member States to accept more refugees into their countries. In Tunisia, Mr Buzek met with the Prime Minister, the Governor of the Central Bank, the Electoral Committee and the four parties to have come first in the elections, to whom he also gave assurance of the Parliament's support during this transitional period.

Mr Buzek also reported briefly on the three-day 'EuroMedScola' event (12-14 November) which enabled 240 young people from 40 countries on both sides of the Mediterranean to come together and take part in discussions with one another. This meeting resulted in the approval a series of recommendations, which the President presented in Plenary on 14 November, by a Youth Parliament gathered especially for the occasion.

4. The Union for the Mediterranean: responses to a region in upheaval. Exchange of views with Mr Youssef Amrani, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Mr Amrani presented an inventory of ongoing projects and the future outlook for the Union for the Mediterranean. The 'road map' which is in the process of being finalised by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean aims to focus on concrete and ambitious projects which will help to combat poverty in the region by involving all of the relevant stakeholder groups (including institutions, civil society and businesses). In order to achieve this objective, Mr Amrani pointed out the importance of developing synergies with the European Neighbourhood Policy. According to Mr Amrani, it is also necessary to strengthen dialogue with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and work in conjunction with the European Parliament to support the southern pillar of the European Neighbourhood Policy in the ongoing negotiations over future financial perspectives. Mr Buzek thanked Mr Amrani for this presentation, assuring him of the support of the European Parliament delegation to the PA-UfM and then invited its members to participate in an exchange of views.

In their speeches, Mr Obiols, Ms Saifi and Ms Romero Lopez stressed the fact that democratic transition and economic development are inseparable and that the fight against poverty must be a priority.

Mr Obiols also stressed the need to develop synergies between stakeholders.

Ms Saifi assured Mr Amrani of the support of the European Parliament Delegation to the PA-UfM, recalling in this regard the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights in Barcelona in July, which coincided with Mr Amrani's taking of office. The challenge now is to make the UfM an effective framework and to initiate a dialogue with the new political forces (in particular with the Islamic parties) of southern Mediterranean countries.

Mr Panzeri, Mr Obiols and Ms Vlasto believe that infrastructure, education and energy projects are among the priorities requiring implementation, while Mr Panzeri also mentioned the need for a forum at which contractors, investors, unions and university representatives could come together.

As regards the best ways to develop the region, the members underlined the importance of decentralisation (Ms Ayala Sender, Mr Franco), South-South integration (Mr David, Ms Ayala Sender), human rights and women's rights, (Ms Ayala Sender), issues of governance and justice and of greater commitment from southern Mediterranean countries, for example in the management of migration flows (Ms Romero Lopez).

From an institutional perspective, Ms Vlasto mentioned the usefulness of regular ministerial meetings and Ms Kratsa spoke of the need for the UfM's activities to be supervised by the PA-UfM. Mr David called for Libya to be rapidly involved in the PA-UfM's work.

Finally, from a broader political and security perspective, the members called for the international community to increase its efforts to find a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (Mr Panzeri, Mr David, Ms Romero Lopez, Ms Auken) and to stabilise the Sahel region (Mr Panzeri, Mr David).

To conclude, Mr Buzek took the opportunity of his last time chairing the DMED meeting as President of the Delegation to the PA-UfM to again stress the importance of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership in the wake of the Arab Spring.

5. Parliamentary cooperation, the issues at stake: supporting citizens' democratic aspirations in the Arab world. Exchange of views with Mr Ali Salem Al-Deqbasi, Speaker at the Arab Parliament.

Mr Al-Deqbasi presented the Arab Parliament's priorities and called for strengthened cooperation with the European Parliament. Following the Arab Spring, protecting human rights has become a priority focus and the Arab Parliament hopes that the European Parliament will support Arab citizens on the path towards greater democracy and greater economic development. Mr Al-Deqbasi also spoke of the situation of the elected Palestinian officials who are still detained by Israel and expressed his support for the Syrian population. Finally, while pointing out the dangers that the development of weapons of mass destruction represent for the region and the need for Israel and Iran to submit to the authority of the International Agency of Atomic Energy, he defended Iran's right to implement a civil nuclear energy programme in accordance with international regulations.

The exchanges with the members concerned institutional and political aspects.

Ms Kratsa spoke of the links between the Arab Parliament and national Parliaments.

Mr Panzeri underlined the interest of exchanging good practices, while Ms Brepoels speculated on the setting up of a European Parliament Delegation to the Arab Parliament and stressed Turkey's role as a bridge between Europe and the Arab world.

Mr David thanked the Arab Parliament for its positions adopted on Syria and Yemen and wondered whether the seat of the Arab Parliament would be located in Damascus as planned.

Mr Triantaphyllides mentioned the detaining of members of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Israel and underlined the importance of sending observers to the next Egyptian elections.

Mr Rübzig focused on economic relations between the EU and Mediterranean countries and speculated on the chances of signing a free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Mrs Parvanova wondered what the Arab League's position would be in the event of

tensions with Iran.

Mr Al-Deqbasi again underlined the importance of cooperation with the European Union following the Arab Spring, while recalling the latter's causes. With regard to the situation in Bahrain, the Arab Parliament would like to see calm restored and pointed out that its people are entitled to reforms, but that this must not create tensions between the countries of the region. Mr Al-Deqbasi underlined the crucial role that Turkey must play in the region. He reiterated the need to free the Palestinian prisoners and, with regard to Syria, pointed out that the Arab League and the Arab Parliament had at last decided to freeze its activities in the country.

6. State of play on the activities of the committees of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the committees of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (Ms Ayala Sender, Ms Kratsa, Ms Saifi, Ms Parvanova and Ms Silvestris) did not have any points to raise on the committees' recent activities. The next meetings will take place in Brussels on 23 November (Committee on Women's Rights) and in Vienna from 5 to 6 December (Committee on Energy and Environment).

7. Any other business

None.

8. Date and place of the next meeting

The date and place of the next DMED meeting will be announced at a later date.

The meeting closed at 19.45.

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Jerzy Buzek,	
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François Alfonsi, Inés Ayala Sender, Frieda Brepoels, Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă, Mário David, Guido Milana, Raimon Obiols, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Antonia Parvanova, Paul Rübig, Tokia Saïfi, Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris, Marc Tarabella, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Dominique Vlasto,	
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Roberta Angelilli, Margrete Auken, Malika Benarab-Attou, Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Gaston Franco, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Marco Scurria,	

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Youssef Amrani, Secrétaire-général du Secrétariat de l'UpM, Ali Salem Al-Deqbasi, président du Parlement arabe	-

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K. Chelbi (Vice-consul Tunisie), Y. Balla (Consul général du Maroc), M. Alhajri (Ambassade Kuweit), El Batacht Khalid (Consulat général du Maroc)	

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<p>Dr. Mustafa Shneikat, Abdullah Saeed A. Abu Melha, YusufRashed Al-Khater, Bahiya Al-Jeshi (Parlement arabe)</p>

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<p>Michael Matthiessen, Alexandre Zafiriou</p>
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