



**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**



**Meeting of the Working Group 4 on
Financing of the Assembly and Revision of the EMPA Rules of
Procedure**

**Wednesday, 28 June 2006
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m./14.30 p.m. - 17.30 p.m.
Paris**

WORKING DOCUMENT

**QUESTIONNAIRE ON POSSIBLE FINANCIAL
RESOURCES FOR A FUTURE EMPA BUDGET**

The mandate of the Working Group, as it was decided by the EMPA Bureau during its meeting of 24 May 2005 in Brussels, comprises, among other issues concerning the improvement of the EMPA's Rules of Procedure, the issue of the financial resources needed in order to ensure the Assembly's own budget and reaching an agreement for the creation of a permanent secretariat.

The Chairman of the Working Group proposed, during the WG's meeting of 18 October 2005, to build the Assembly's budget based on contributions from each Parliament represented in the Assembly. According to that proposal, contributions should be based on the equitable sharing and principles of proportionality to wealth.

1. *Would you agree to contributions to the financing of EMPA activities from the member Parliaments with a view to setting up in the medium term of an EMPA budget?*

YES **NO**

2. *Would you agree that these contributions be equally shared between the two shores of the Mediterranean, taking into consideration the fact that the Mediterranean partners can benefit from MEDA funds of the Community budget, in order to cover the participation of members of their parliaments in the activities of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly?*

YES **NO**

If YES to the question above:

- a. *Would you agree that 1/3 of the European component contribution be covered by the European Parliament and 2/3 of it be covered by the National Parliaments of the European countries, based on each country's GDP? (to be answered by the European component's delegates)*

YES **NO**

- b. *Would you agree that the contribution of the Southern Mediterranean component be shared among National Parliaments based on each partner's GDP? (to be answered by the Southern Mediterranean delegates)*

YES **NO**

If NO: go to question 3

3. *Would you agree that the European component cover 2/3 of the necessary overall contribution and the Southern Mediterranean component cover 1/3 of it? Would you be in favour of some other ratio than the one mentioned above?*

YES **NO** **OTHER**
(please indicate)

If YES to the question above:

a. Would you agree that 1/3 of the European component share be covered by the European Parliament and 2/3 of it be covered by the National Parliaments of the European countries, based on each country's GDP? (to be answered by the European component's delegates)

YES **NO**

b. Would you agree that the contribution of the Southern Mediterranean component be shared between its National Parliaments on the basis of each partner's GDP? (to be answered by the Southern Mediterranean delegates)

YES **NO**

4. *Would you agree that the overall financing covered by these contributions should also cover the cost of the setting up and functioning of a small scale permanent secretariat?*

YES **NO**

If YES:

IN WHOLE **IN PART**
(please indicate)

If NO: please indicate

5. Which, in your opinion, should/could be the mechanism to be envisaged in order to collect these contributions?

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6. Do you have other proposals?

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Delegation: