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MINUTES

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15.00

BRUSSELS

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4 January 2005
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The meeting opened at 15.10 with Adamos Adamou, chairman of the delegation, in the chair.

1. **Adoption of draft agenda (PE 346.621)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. **Approval of minutes of meeting of 20 September 2004 (PE 346.586)**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Chairman's announcements**

a) Documents

The chairman drew members' attention to the file that had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting, which contained important general information about delegation proceedings.

b) Delegation for the observation of the Palestinian elections

At its meeting of 18 November 2004, the Conference of Presidents had decided to send a 30-member delegation to observe the presidential elections taking place in Palestine on 9 January 2005.

c) Visit by the Palestinian Foreign Minister, Mr Nabil Shaat

The chairman informed members of Mr Shaat's visit to the European Parliament, his attendance at the Foreign Affairs Committee meeting of 1 December 2004 and the discussions held with other colleagues that lunchtime.

4. **Organisation of delegation work**

a) Working languages

- Translation of documents

In addition to the original language of a given document, English and French were chosen as working languages.

- Interpretation

For the smaller rooms with only a limited number of interpreting booths, the following working languages were chosen:

active languages: French, English and Italian

passive languages: German and Greek

b) Use of rooms

in Strasbourg, meetings would last a maximum of **one hour**:

- Wednesday afternoons (15.00 - 18.30)
- Thursday mornings (09.45 - 12.00)
- Thursday afternoons (15.00 - 18.30)

in Brussels, meetings would last a maximum of **one hour**:

- during the weeks of committee meetings, from Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon (in the morning from 09.00 to 12.30 and in the afternoon from 15.00 to 18.30). In exceptional cases, longer meetings could take place provided there were rooms available.

The meeting rooms and teams of interpreters would have to be shared among the committees and delegations, which was why it would be very difficult to fit in an extra meeting or change the date or time of a scheduled meeting.

c) Joint meetings with the Delegation for relations with Israel

The chairman foresaw the possibility of holding joint meetings with the Delegation for relations with Israel.

Margrete Auken, Caroline Lucas, Vittorio Prodi, Ioannis Kasoulides and John Bowis spoke in favour of this initiative.

The chairman suggested holding meetings once or twice a year to discuss subjects of mutual interest to the two delegations.

Mr Bowis wished to change the date of the meeting scheduled for 15 March 2005.

5. **Commission's activities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (in the presence of the Commission desk officer)**

The Commission representative gave the background to the Palestinian presidential elections:

- since 2002, a unit had been working in Palestine, with a budget of EUR 10m, to organise the elections;
- the Commission was sending approximately 166 observers under the chairmanship of the MEP Michel Rocard. On 15 December 2004, the long-term observers would begin their work;
- the donors were Switzerland, Canada, Norway, the United States and the EU and were all working together closely. The following week a donors' meeting would be held in Oslo;
- the Israeli authorities should guarantee that Palestinians living in Jerusalem would be able to vote. In 1996, residents of this area had been able to vote in post offices;

The following spoke: Lucas, Bowis, Kasoulides, De Rossa and Auken.

6. **Preparation for a delegation visit to Palestine in 2005**

The dates for a delegation visit to Palestine were discussed. The chairman proposed a visit from 17 to 21 April 2005, which was subject to change given that the Palestinian parliamentary elections could take place in the first half of 2005. In that case, it would be preferable to make a visit after the elections.

John Bowis, Caroline Lucas and Vittorio Prodi spoke.

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

The next delegation meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 12 January 2005.

The meeting closed at 16.07.

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PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistõ/J.L. Presidium: (*) <u>ADAMOY</u> (P), KASSOULIDES (1 VP) DE ROSSA (2VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: AUKEN, BOWIS, CASTEX, DE VEYRAC, HEDH, LUCAS
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: PRODI, TOUSSAS
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Aanwezig	
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Närvarande	
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Art. 183,3	
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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

Til stede den/Anwesend am/Παρόν στις/Present on/Présent le/Presente il/Aanwezig op/Presente em/Presenteel/Läsnä/Närvarande den.

<p>Efter indbydelse fra formanden/Auf Einladung d. Vorsitzenden/Με πρόσκληση του Προέδρου/At the invitation of the Chairman/Por invitación del presidente/Sur l'invitation du président/Su invito del presidente/Op uitnodiging van de voorzitter/A convite do presidente/Puhemiesien kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan:</p> <p>Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)</p> <p>Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Comissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (*)</p> <p>SEATTER</p> <p>Cour des comptes: C.E.S.:</p>		
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