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The meeting opened at 15.15, with Mr ADAMOU, delegation chairman, in the chair.

The chairman welcomed Mr Chawki ARMALI, Palestinian General Delegate, who had been invited to attend the meeting.

1. **Adoption of draft agenda (PE 356.210)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 12 January 2005 (PE 351.316) and 25 January 2005 (PE 351.329)**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Chairman's announcements**

The chairman briefed members on the London Conference, the visit by the President of the Palestinian Authority to the European institutions in Brussels, and the visit paid to him by Palestinian journalists. He also stated that a resolution on the Mediterranean countries had been adopted in plenary on 23 February 2005 and that President BORRELL had invited the President of the Palestinian Authority to go to Strasbourg.

4. **Exchange of views on the London Conference and the situation in Palestine after the presidential elections, in the presence of Mr Chawki ARMALI, Palestinian General Delegate**

In his statement, Mr ARMALI explained the position of President ABBAS and his intention to do the utmost to achieve a sustainable ceasefire, while placing all his trust in the international community.

He mentioned the conference which was taking place that day in Cairo and which aimed to involve political and military groups such as Hamas in the peace process. He gave some examples of positive action from the Israelis, which was arousing a degree of hope: the withdrawal from Jericho, the fight against unauthorised settlements and the release of Palestinian prisoners. But until colonisation came to a halt (on that very day it had been announced that a new colony was being established around Jerusalem) and as long as the building of the wall continued, there could be no peace. He mentioned that in the speech delivered during his visit to Brussels, President Bush had made some important remarks about the situation in the region.

He stressed that the Palestinians were seeking 'final status negotiations' with Israel and acknowledged the EU's solidarity with the Palestinians from both a political and economic point of view.

The chairman spoke, to announce that the delegation was scheduled to visit the region from 3 to 7 October 2005 and that a 30-member delegation of EP observers could be sent to the elections on 17 July 2005.

In response to the questions put by Ms AUKEN, Mr PORTAS and Mr VOGGENHUBER, Mr ARMALI stated the following:

- under the new electoral law, 20% of the seats on the Legislative Council would be given to women;
- the Geneva initiative had not been received positively by Israel;
- all parties on the Palestinian side approved the return of Palestinian refugees to Palestine;
- living conditions in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon had to be improved;
- there was no evidence that Hezbollah was supplying Palestinian extremists with weapons;
- despite the building of the wall, there had been a recent attack in Tel-Aviv. Peace was the best solution to security problems.

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

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

The meeting closed at 15. 55.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/LIITE RECORD
OF ATTENDANCE/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/LISTE DE PRESENCE/ELENCO DEI
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Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) ADAMOU (P)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: AUKEN, CASPARY, EVANS
Παρόντες	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter: LAMBRINIDIS, PORTAS, PRODI, VOGGENHUBER
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Art. 178,2	
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 Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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

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/Puhemiehen kutsusta/På ordförandens inbjudan:

Rådet/Rat/Συμβούλιο/Council/Consejo/Conseil/Consiglio/Raad/Conselho/Neuvosto/Rådet: (*)

Kommissionen/Kommission/Επιτροπή/Commission/Comisión/Commissione/Commissie/Comissão/Komissio/Kommissionen: (*)

Cour des comptes:
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