

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINIAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PE/DPLC-10/PV/05-05

### MINUTES

of the meeting of Thursday, 12 May 2005  
11 a.m. - 12 noon

### STRASBOURG

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30 May 2005  
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The meeting opened at 11.10 a.m. with Mr Amadou, Chairman, in the chair.

1. **Adoption of draft agenda (PE 358.791)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. **Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2005 (PE 356.215)**

The minutes were approved.

3. **Chairman's announcements**

**The Chairman said that:**

- **The Council of the EU adopted conclusions on 25 April on the peace process in the Middle East, where it expressed concern over the lack of action in implementing commitments made at Sharm el Sheikh.** The road map was the principle tool for reviving the peace process.
- **The Joint Committee for the Interim Association Agreement between the European Commission and the Palestine Liberation Organisation - for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority - met on 11 May in Brussels.** The European Neighbourhood Policy, the implementation of the EU-Palestinian Authority action plan and the creation of subcommittees under the Interim Association Agreement were first on the agenda. Views were exchanged on political and regional issues, with particular regard to the current situation in the Middle East and Palestinian reforms. The economic and fiscal situation of the Palestinian Authority - including trade - was discussed. The European Commission gave a progress report on cooperation in areas such as transport and energy, as part of the action plan, and the EU's financial aid package to the Palestinian Authority.
- **The European Commission adopted on 12 April a work programme to reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership over the next five years, with a view to the 10th anniversary of the Barcelona Process.** Actions were proposed to encourage concrete progress in three priority areas: education, sustainable economic growth and human rights/democracy.
- **Visit of a Lebanese delegation** chaired by Mr Joumblatt. During the April 2005 part-session, a delegation composed of five Lebanese MPs took part in a meeting of the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries.
- **Visit of a Syrian delegation.** A Syrian delegation, chaired by Mr Dardari took part in a hearing organised by the AFET Committee on Foreign Affairs on 26 April 2005 as part of the Association Agreements with Syria.

4. **Oral report by the Chairman on an unofficial visit of a delegation from the Palestinian Legislative Council in April 2005 to Strasbourg**

The Chairman had attended only the official lunch. Discussions had centred on the plan for withdrawal from Gaza and problems in the peace process.

5. **Other business**

The following points were discussed:

- the visit of a delegation from the Knesset on 23 - 24 May 2005;
- the Delegation visit to Israel from 5 - 7 October 2005. (A meeting with Members of the Knesset would be desirable);
- sending an ad hoc delegation to observe elections in Palestine. (It was possible that the elections might be postponed.);
- the elections in Lebanon from 29 May to 19 June 2005;
- an invitation from Mr Borrell to the President of the Palestinian Authority.

The following Members spoke: Mr De Rossa, Mr Bowis and Mr Kasoulides.

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

The next delegation meeting would be held on 6 July 2005, in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

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Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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