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Annex: Record of attendance

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The meeting opened at 17.30 with Mrs Hybášková, chairman of the delegation, in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 376.092)

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday, 20 March 2006 (PE 372.938)

The minutes were approved.

3. Statements by the chairman

The chairman informed members that:

- the 'Quartet' had published the following communication on 17 June 2006:

'Recalling its statements of January 30 and May 9, and mindful of the needs of the Palestinian people, the Quartet endorsed a European Union proposal for a temporary international mechanism, limited in scope and duration, which operates with full transparency and accountability. The mechanism facilitates needs-based assistance directly to the Palestinian people, including essential equipment, supplies, and support for health services, support for the uninterrupted supply of fuel and utilities, and basic needs allowances to poor Palestinians. The Quartet expressed its hope that other donors, international organisations, and the State of Israel would consider participation in this mechanism.'

- the Commissioner for external relations, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, would be visiting Israel and the Palestinian territories on 19 and 20 June 2006. While there, she would meet members of the Israeli Government and President Mahmoud Abbas.

No meeting with members of the Palestinian Government was planned.

Mr Louis said that he was organising an event at which the situation in Israel would be discussed by a French journalist and an Israeli professor on 21 June 2006.

4. Exchange of views on the EU-Israel Association Council with Mr Domenico Gigliotti, responsible for international relations, Israel desk officer at the Commission

Mr Domenico Gigliotti, desk officer at the Commission, informed members:

- of the visit by Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner to Israel and the occupied territories, where she had had the opportunity to inform political leaders of the new arrangement proposed by the Commission and adopted by the 'Quartet' to

- enable the Palestinian Authority to receive funds to be used for clearly specified purposes,
- of the positive outcome of the 61st Association Council meeting with Israel, at which the following subjects had been discussed:
 - the action plan, the human rights situation and status of minorities in Israel, borders and anti-Semitism. In addition, the negotiations on agriculture had begun the previous day. A seminar on air traffic control had also been held in Israel.

The following spoke:

Mr Zaleski concerning the Association Council, Mrs Mastenbroek concerning civil marriages in Israel, Mr Hammerstein Mintz concerning the Arab minorities and Mrs Auken concerning the sum which was due to the Palestinians but was being withheld by the Israeli Government.

On this last issue, the desk officer stressed that the Commission had on each occasion reiterated that this money belonged to the Palestinians and should be returned to them.

5. Delegation's activities in the second half of 2006

A draft calendar for the second half of 2006 had been distributed. Particularly worthy of note was the visit by a delegation from the Knesset scheduled for 25 and 26 October 2006 in Strasbourg.

6. Other business

None.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation would be held on Tuesday, 3 October 2006 at 17.30 in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 18.30.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/KATASTASAHI PARONTΩN/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: (*) Jana Hybášková (P) Bastiaan Belder (V-P)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter: David Hammerstein Mintz, Edith Mastenbroek, Marco Pannella, Zbigniew Zaleski
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Present	Margrete Auken, André Brie, Hannu Takkula
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Présents	
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Art. 183,3	
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 Vice-Pres./Vicepres/Vice ordförande.

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