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of the meeting of 21 March 2007, 16.15 – 17.15
BRUSSELS

The oldest member, Proinsias De Rossa, opened the meeting on Wednesday 21 March 2007 at 16.15.

1. Opening of the meeting with the oldest member in the chair

The meeting was opened by the oldest member of the delegation, Proinsias De Rossa.

2. Election of the Chairman of the delegation

Jamila Madeira proposed Kyriacos Triantaphyllides as the new Chairman of the delegation. He was elected by acclamation.

The new Chairman thanked Mr De Rossa and thanked the members for electing him.

He gave the floor to Adamos Adamou, the outgoing Chairman, who also thanked those present and expressed the hope that the Palestinian people would shortly be able to live in full independence and freedom.

3. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 384.719)

The draft agenda was adopted.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 19 December 2006 (PE 384.717)

The minutes were approved.

5. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements.

- **Transfer of money to the Palestinian Authority**

The World Bank had recommended, in a new report, that donor countries stop transferring aid funds via the office of Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas' office, saying such means of bypassing the Hamas government had hurt PA economic reforms.

In a new report, the bank advised a return to channelling the money to the Palestinian Finance Ministry.

The bank also called on Israel to transfer the taxes it had collected on behalf of the PA to the PA treasury. It stated that Israel should drastically improve the passage of goods and people in the territories and implement the passage agreement of November 2005.

- **The Mecca Agreement**

The European Council in its meeting of 8/9 March 2007 had welcomed the fact that an agreement had been reached in Mecca on 8 February on the formation of a Palestinian national unity government. It expressed its appreciation for the role of Saudi Arabia and Arab leaders in bringing about Palestinian reconciliation. The EU stood ready to work with a legitimate Palestinian government that adopted a platform reflecting the Quartet principles. It encouraged the Quartet to continue its active contribution to the Middle East Peace Process.

6. Palestinian refugees in Iraq

The Chairman introduced Ms Issa, a representative of a group trying to raise awareness about the plight of the 20 000 Palestinian refugees in Iraq, who were being systematically attacked by the militias because Saddam Hussein had publicly aligned himself with the Palestinian cause (although the refugees themselves did not necessarily benefit from this or support him). Some weeks ago, 30 were kidnapped, at least two were killed, and 73 more fled to the Syrian border – where around 600 were currently gathered, unable to cross because they had no status.

Ms Issa gave a DVD presentation on the situation of the Palestinians in Iraq.

She asked that the refugees should be helped by:

- a visit to the Ruwayshid camp;
- the host countries taking an interest and granting asylum to these Palestinian refugees
- the European Parliament adopting a resolution on the subject.

Jamila Madeira and Margrete Aukens spoke.

7. Exchange of views on the situation in Palestine in the presence of Leila Shahid, General Delegate of Palestine

Before giving the floor to Leila Shahid, the Chairman addressed the committee as new Chairman.

Leila Shahid said she was shocked by the DVD that had just been shown. She described the political, economic and humanitarian situation in Palestine and said she hoped the EU would recognise the new government.

Margrete Auken, Vittorio Prodi and Proinsias De Rossa spoke.

The Chairman was instructed to write to the Presidents of the three institutions (Parliament, Council and Commission) asking the institutions to cooperate with the new Palestinian Government.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 26 April.

The meeting closed at 17.25.

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David Hammerstein Mintz, Stavros Lambrinidis, Jamila Madeira, Vittorio Prodi

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Dr Manfred Degen

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Perla Issa

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