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## MINUTES

of the meeting of 14 November 2007, from 17:15 to 18:15  
STRASBOURG

The meeting opened at 17:21 on Wednesday, 14 November 2007, with Robert Evans, (Chairman) in the chair.

### 1. Adoption of draft agenda

PE 397.094

The agenda was adopted.

### 2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2007 (PE 393.816)

The minutes were adopted.

### 3. Announcements by the Chair

The Chair informed Members that the objective of the meeting is to focus exclusively on the situation in Pakistan. He nonetheless, made, very rapidly, the following points on some other topics:

A visit of the Bureau to Bangladesh will take place from 17th to 22nd November; as M. DEVA (EPP) is unable to attend due to prior commitments, he will be replaced by Ms BAEVA (ALDE), on the ALDE quota.

As to the working group visit to Sri Lanka / Maldives, 5 different sets of dates proposed since the surprise postponement of the September mission have all been constantly turned down by the Sri Lankan authorities, on various grounds.

A positive development is that BHUTAN has now officially invited the EP to observe the elections due in March 2008. Further consultation with the European Commission is however needed on the matter in order to organise such a mission

#### **4. Exchange of views on the imposition of a state of emergency in Pakistan**

M. EVANS reminded that the EP adopted a Resolution on Pakistan on 25 October, warning against the imposition of the state of emergency one week before it was declared by General Musharraf.

After the declaration of a State of Emergency, the EU called the Government to restore the Constitution, to implement the necessary conditions to guarantee free and fair elections on schedule in January and to release all political prisoners.

Ambassador KHALID thanked the Delegation for the invitation to take the floor, stressing it proved that the channels of dialogue between Pakistan and the EP remained open.

He reminded that, according to President MUSHARRAF, the state of emergency was "necessary (i) in order to save the 3rd phase of the democratic process from being derailed by judicial activism (...) and (...) in order for the army to carry operations against terrorist groups in Swat".

He also added that President Musharraf would take off his uniform as soon as the courts would confirm his election. A caretaker government would be appointed in the following days; crisis can however deepen if political parties fail to find common ground: "where are we going? I do not know".

The following Members spoke: BUSHILL-MATTHEWS, DEVA, MIKKO, LEINEN, GILL, EVANS, condemning the imposition of a state of emergency and particularly the fact that top judges had been arrested - something which effectively meant that "the terrorists have won" (M. DEVA). The current situation is a "high disappointment - to put it very mildly" and hardly reflects an "enlightened democracy" (Ms GILL). Members did not fail to stress that the proclamation of emergency rule immediately before elections was, in itself, highly problematic (M. LEINEN), and expressed their grave fears about the life of Ms Benazir BHUTTO (Ms MIKKO).

M. KHALID answered that he would convey the concerns of Members to his authorities. As to the attempt made on the life of Ms Bhutto, he added that his government had been trying to deal the security dimension as soon as she returned to the country, but her practice to organise open meetings showed there was "no meeting of minds" on how to handle a very existing threat - as the Karachi bombings showed.

On behalf of the European Commission (DG RELEX), M. Heino MARIUS warned that "it seems that emergency rule and free & fair elections are not compatible" - and this endangers sending an EOM, which could be used to grant legitimacy to a clearly undemocratic process. Not everything has to be perfect, but some minimal conditions are not met. Nevertheless, this is a political

judgment to be made; from an administrative / technical point of view, all steps have been taken in order to deploy an EOM if finally decided.

**5. Any other business**

No issues were raised after this point

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

To be announced electronically, after the return of the Bureau from Bangladesh.

The meeting closed at 18:13

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Mariela Velichkova Baeva, Wolfgang Bulfon, Philip Bushill-Matthews, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Bogdan Golik, Jo Leinen, Jan Tadeusz Masiel, James Nicholson,	
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Philip Bradbourn, Marianne Mikko, Teresa Riera Madurell,	

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Neena Gill
46 (6) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/ Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/ Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)

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<p>Други учасници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης Παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti oħra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Iní účastníci/Dруги udeleženci/Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare</p>	
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