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STRASBOURG

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5 January 2005
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The meeting opened at 09.55 with Mrs Rudi Ubeda in the chair.

The chairman welcomed the members of the delegation and others present at the meeting.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 351.262)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 20 October 2004 (PE 351.260)

The minutes were approved.

3. Chairman's announcements

The chairman informed members that the papers received for the meeting included the following:

- Euromed Synopses 288-294 (newsletters on the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the MEDA Programme);
- Conclusions of the EU Presidency, resulting from the Euromed Foreign Ministers' meeting, held in The Hague on 29 and 30 November 2004 (EUROMED report);
- Information from the Commission on the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements.

In addition, the chairman announced that by virtue of the delegation's decision to dedicate each meeting to one country in particular, the subject of the current meeting would be 'Algeria', in the presence of HE Mr Halim Benattallah, Ambassador of Algeria to the EU.

4. EU/Algeria relations in the presence of HE Mr Halim Benattallah, Ambassador of Algeria to the EU

HE Ambassador Benattallah spoke on the following issues:

- The EU/Algeria Association Agreement (currently being ratified by the Member States);
- Developments in the dialogue on terrorism;
- Illegal immigration (Algeria rejects the principle of relocation of illegal migrant transit centres, which does not, however, exclude cooperation between the EU and Algeria on the issue);
- Commencement of talks on EU/Maghreb cooperation in the framework of the ESDP.

Following Ambassador Benattallah's statement, Mr Hutchinson, Mr Morillon, Mr Yáñez Barnuevo García and Mrs Flautre raised the problem of the Western Sahara, the need for dialogue among civilisations, the EU/Algeria Association Agreement, and respect for human rights.

In his response to these matters, the Ambassador emphasised the importance to his country of setting the Association Agreement in motion, the need for dialogue among civilisations and also for respect for the UN resolutions referring to the Western Sahara.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the delegation would be held on 25 January 2005 at 16.15 in Brussels.

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The meeting closed at 10.45.

**DELTAGERLISTE/ANWESENHEITSLISTE/ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΠΑΡΟΝΤΩΝ/LIITE RECORD
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PRESENTI/PRESENTIELIJST/LISTA DE PRESENÇAS/LÄSNÄOLOLISTA/DELTAGARLISTA**

Til stede	Formandskabet/Vorstand/Προεδρείο/Bureau/Ufficio di Presidenza/Mesa/Puhemiehistö/J.L. Presidium: (*) RUDI UBEDA (P) HUTCHINSON (1VP)
Anwesend	Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Μέλη/Members/Diputados/Députés/Deputati/Leden/Deputados/Jäsenet/Ledamöter:
Παρόντες	FLAUTRE, LAIGNEL, LETTA, PIEPER, SONIK, YAÑEZ-BARNUEVO GARCÍA
Present	Stedfortrædere/Stellvertreter/Αναπληρωτές/Substitutes/Suplentes/Suppléants/ Membri supplenti/Plaatsvervangers/Membros suplentes/Varajäsenet/Suppleanter:
Presentes	POLFER, ZÁBORSKÁ
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Art. 183, 3	
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Cour des comptes:

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