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**MINUTES**  
of the meeting of 24 January 2007, from 17.30 to 18.30  
**BRUSSELS**

The meeting opened at 17.30 on Wednesday, 24 January 2007 with Ms Luisa Fernanda Rudi Ubeda, chairwoman, in the chair.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 379.201)**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 6 November 2006 and 19 December 2006 (PE 379.199)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chairwoman's announcements**

The chairwoman made the following announcements:

▪ ***Sending of two letters***

Further to the decisions made at the last meeting, on 19 December 2006, the chairwoman sent a letter to the President of the EP on the subject of the death sentence passed on five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor, as well as a letter to the Tunisian Embassy asking for information regarding the treatment and harassment of Mrs Samia Abou, wife of the lawyer and human rights defender Mr Mohamed Abou (the two letters are included in members' meeting files).

▪ ***Subcommittee on Human Rights***

On 22 January a meeting of the Subcommittee on Human Rights was held. Its agenda included the treatment of migrants by the Moroccan authorities.

According to information received by Amnesty International, on 23, 25 and 29 December 2006 the Moroccan police carried out violent raids with the aim of expelling sub-Saharan nationals living in the country in the direction of the Algerian border. These raids, which took place over the Christmas and New Year period, passed practically unnoticed in Europe. Nonetheless, recent eye-witness reports of migrants and refugees who returned to Rabat are evidence of a worrying Government policy.

**4. Exchange of views with Mr Manfredo FANTI, desk officer for Libya with the European Commission, on the death sentence against the Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor**

Mr Fanti took the floor and reported on the EU humanitarian and financial assistance provided during the trial of the Bulgarian nurses and Palestinian doctor.

Mr Fanti stressed that, in humanitarian and medical terms, a great many infected children had been treated in Europe.

In financial terms, a fund with a budget of € 2.5 million had been set up. This would be released as soon as the parents of the infected children had expressed their forgiveness, as required under Islamic law.

The sentence passed by the court shocked the whole world, because it came in a surprising fashion. Managing the crisis is a real problem in Libya, exacerbated by the fact that it took place in Benghazi, a town that is in constant competition with the capital. Be that as it may, the government should take account of public opinion.

As regards the situation of the prisoners, they receive regular visits from representatives of the European embassies.

There is still one hope with regard to the sentence: the procedure is not yet over, because in Libya there is a Higher Council of Justice which could change the sentence.

Mr Busuttill and Mr Kristovskis took part in the discussion.

**5. Exchange of views on the report of a visit to Strasbourg by a delegation from the Algerian Parliament on 15 and 16 November 2006 (PE 379.196)**

The report was adopted and will be sent to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **6. Other business**

The question of Western Sahara will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The secretariat is invited to make contact with the embassies of Morocco, Algeria, the UN and Polisario.

## **7. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the delegation will be held on 20 March 2007 from 10.30 to 12.30 in Brussels.

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The meeting closed at 18.30.

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