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MINUTES

of the meeting of 16 October 2014, 10.00-13.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 10.30 on Thursday, 16 October 2014, with Renato Soru (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 8 February 2014 (Dead Sea, Jordan)

The minutes are approved.

3. Handover of the Chair from Mrs. Tokia Saïfi (EP) to Mr. Renato Soru (EP) and Chair's announcements

Praised by Members for her work, Mrs Saïfi quits after chairing CoPo for 10 years.

The new Chair Mr Soru is elected by acclamation. In his self-presentation he insists on his Mediterranean experience as former President of Sardinia. He aims at bringing the Mediterranean back to the European debate. While putting migration high on his agenda, he shares his vision of the Mediterranean as a border of opportunities, not a threat.

4. Report on the PA-UfM Enlarged Bureau visit to Lampedusa, exchange of views on migration in the presence of Giusi Nicolini, Mayor of Lampedusa and Mrs Marta Cygan, European Commission DG Home

The Chair reports on the enlarged Bureau visit to Lampedusa on 2/3 October to commemorate the shipwreck of 2013. Together with President Schulz, Parliament Speakers Boldrini (Italy), Esteves (Portugal), Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mogherini he met with relatives of the victims. He places hopes in the incoming EU Commissioner Avramopoulos to overcome the "fortress Europe" paradigm.

Mrs Cygan (European Commission, DG Home) notes a significant increase of migration flows, in particular in summer. In 2014 Europe witnessed the largest influx of migrants since the Balkan wars (160,000 irregular arrivals against 60,000 last year). Pressure amounts also in the Eastern Mediterranean where 25,000 irregular arrivals were counted in 2014 against 10,000 in 2013. According to UNHCR estimates the death by September 2014 stands at 3,000 compared to 500 in 2012. Boats tend to be less safe and carry more migrants.

President Juncker and Commissioner Avramopoulos have identified migration as one of the key priorities for the coming years. The Commission response included the setup of the Task Force Mediterranean focusing on prevention, protection, solidarity, and a more efficient use of existing EU instruments. The legal migration pillar is equally important.

Members are invited to shape opinions in their respective countries. The help of Member States is needed to implement existing EU instruments.

The debate highlights the need of a holistic approach to migration, the fight against traffickers, and the need of burden sharing on refugees. Members from Jordan and Turkey insist in particular on the latter.

5. First exchange of views on the Committee's working topic 2014/2015: "The role of parliaments in protecting and promoting human rights"

The working topic "The role of parliaments in protecting and promoting human rights" was decided at the PA-UfM Bureau meeting in Lisbon on 1 April 2014.

The Chair elaborates on a role for parliaments in the fields of anchoring human rights in the Constitution and adopting implementing legislation, transposing international human rights instruments into national legislation, identifying human rights deficits and examine them publicly, and setting up mechanisms of cooperation with civil society, notably with National Human Rights Institutions.

Mr Soäär (Estonia) invites national parliaments to take courageous steps as the Estonian Parliament did by adopting a civil partnership law against 70% of public opinion.

With a view to drafting the next CoPo recommendations Members are invited to submit written contributions to the Secretariat by 12 December.

6. State of play of UfM projects and upcoming initiatives, presentation by Mr. Allal Ouazzani, UfM Secretariat Barcelona

Mr Ouazzani (UfM Secretariat) points out the costs of lacking south-south integration while positioning the UfM as a promoter of a win-win partnership North-South. Six UfM Ministerial Meetings took place in 2013, but a follow-up on the ground is crucial.

30 UfM projects will be labelled by the end of 2014, over 100 are in the pipeline. Unlike common assumptions, main promoters of projects are civil society, universities, and the private sector.

A young leaders project for women with Sciences Po Paris is to start in June 2015. The UfM Secretariat would like to bring the participants to the EP and seeks synergies with the EP

Young Leaders Forum.

Mr Ouazzani invites the Political Committee to hold its next meeting in Barcelona to reinforce cooperation with SG and listen to what parliamentarians perceive as the real needs.

The Chair will examine the possibility of holding the next CoPo meeting in Barcelona and seek authorisation from the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament.

7. Exchange of views on the post-war situation in Gaza in the presence of Mr. Christian Berger, European External Action Service

According to Mr Berger the EU was sceptical on the Gaza donor conference in Cairo on 13 October 2014. He insists that a solution can't be found in Gaza alone. The peace process has to resume. The Donor Conference sent a signal on needs of Gaza to be reconstructed. \$5.4bn were pledged, part of which will be used in the West Bank. Yet, the mechanism for importing goods to Gaza has to deliver results. The EU pledges €20 million in fresh money and is ready to prepare the PA for governing in Gaza.

Mr Abdullah (Palestine) criticises the Cairo conference for ignoring the root cause which is occupation. Lifting the Gaza siege and securing the crossings are priorities. Palestinians are ready to cooperate and accept the presence of third parties to reassure Israel. Sweden and the UK House of Commons have lately sent positive signals to recognise Palestine.

8. Any other business

None.

9. Date and place of next meeting

Barcelona, 30 January 2015.

The meeting closed at 13.10.

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