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*Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights*

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# **DRAFT AGENDA**

## **Meeting**

**Saturday, 28 May 2016, from 10.00 to 12.30**

**Tangier, Morocco**

**Royal Tulip City Center Hotel**

1. Adoption of the draft agenda
2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 9 February 2016 (Brussels)
3. Chair's announcements
4. Approval of the 2016 Recommendation: 'Union for the Mediterranean: achievements and future prospects'.
5. Any other business
6. Date and place of next meeting



*Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights*

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### **MINUTES**

of the meeting of 29 February 2016, 14.30-17.30  
Brussels

The meeting opened on Monday 29 February 2016 at 14.30.

Chairs : Louis Nègre (Vice-Chair, 14.30-16.00) and Renato Soru (Chair, 16.00-17.45).

- 1. Adoption of the draft agenda**
- 2. Chair's announcements**
- 3. Palestine Working group : terms of reference and work programme**

As recommended by the 2015 Committee's recommendation endorsed by the Lisbon Plenary in May 2015, a draft mandate was presented by the Chair. Members did not object to this draft mandate which was adopted by consensus, including an amendment on the Working Group's objectives tabled by the Chair. Following the presentation of the working group's objectives and mandate by the Chair, debates focused on the Peace process, with interventions by Israel, Palestine, Luxemburg, Algeria, Jordan and Turkey. Israel called on Arab countries to participate actively in the Working Group so as to broaden the discussion to economic co-operation in the region.

⇒ **Next steps:** Members should express their interest to participate in the 20-Member-WG before its constitutive meeting takes place.

**4. Union for the Mediterranean: state of play and next steps. Exchange of views with Mrs Delphine Borione, Deputy Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean**

Reacting to Mr Soru's introduction on the nature of the UfM (a regional development agency), the delay in implementing projects and the lack of figures on actual disbursements, Deputy SG Ms Borione made two points:

(1) the UfM is a regional political forum (e.g. 7 Ministerial meetings foreseen over 2016/2017 and administrative support to the 5+5 sectorial meetings) and a platform to support dialogue among stakeholders promoting regional projects.

(2) regarding project implementation, the ongoing portfolio (41 labelled projects, +/- €5 billion) has to date resulted in €360 million in "project implementation".

Regarding the reform of the UfM, Ms Borione indicated that a mandate by the Ministerial meeting held in Barcelona in November 2015, the UfM Secretariat (UfMs) was now preparing a roadmap, which should, inter alia, extend the UfM's mandate to new topics (regional stability, intercultural dialogue, mobility and migration). The most salient point in Members' interventions were the requests by to have UfM projects dedicated to the refugees (Jordan, Turkey) and agriculture and water (Israel). Austria also called for increased co-operation between the UfMs and the PA-UfM committees.

⇒ **Next steps:** the roadmap for the reform of the UfM will be discussed in the form of a brainstorming session during the next UfM Senior Official Meeting (Barcelona, 7-8 April 2016); Members are invited to go to Barcelona (UfM Secretariat) and to undertake field visits to take stock of progress made on project implementation; the 2016 Political Committee's recommendation will focus on the state of play and prospects for the UfM.

**5. Exchange of views on the situation in Syria, the impact on Euro Mediterranean populations and countries, and the support and role of the PA-UfM partners in the Geneva Process, with : Michael Docherty, European Commission, DG NEAR**

DG NEAR's Mr Docherty provided a detailed state of play on the socio-economic situation in the country, which has now regressed to a development level not seen since the late 1970s (unemployment rate is now 50 % and 1/6 of the population lives under extreme poverty).

He indicated that the EU has already committed €5 billion to assist the Syrian people, inside and outside the country. The EU Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis was launched one year ago to provide a regional response to a regional crisis, thus enabling the EU and its Member States to jointly intervene, flexibly and quickly, in response to shifting needs in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and Iraq. The Trust Fund has, within a very short time, reached a total volume of €10 billion (€7 billion from the EU budget and just over €3 billion from 15 Member States). The London conference held on 4 February pledged a record €10 billion (of which €3 billion from the EU/Member States).

6. Any other business.

N.A.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the committee will take place in Rabat on 28 May, ahead of the XII<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the Assembly, due to take place on 29 May.

The meeting closed at 17.45.

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*Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights*

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15.4.2016

## **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

on the Union for the Mediterranean: achievements and future prospects

Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights

## **Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean on the Union for the Mediterranean: achievements and future prospects**

*The Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean,*

1. Deems it necessary, eight years after setting-up the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), to initiate a reflection on the achievements and future prospects of the UfM, notably in the light of the political developments in the Euro-mediterranean region since 2011 in response to the peoples' legitimate aspirations to democracy and freedom;
2. Recalls, in this context, the efforts of Tunisia to cope with a difficult economic and political situation and calls on the UfM partners to renew their commitment to support the consolidation of democracy in the country through an intensive political dialogue and enhanced economic co-operation;
3. Invites all UfM Member States to actively support the establishment of the Government of National Unity in Libya as the sole legitimate government and to offer assistance to address the urgent challenges and, chief among them, the setting-up of institutions, strengthening the rule of law, improving the situation of human rights, the fight against the smuggling of migrants and terrorism;
4. Is concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt and calls on Egyptian authorities to respect their obligations in respect of international law and fundamental rights, in particular as regards the freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism;
5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;
6. Acknowledges the significant effort deployed by some UfM Member States in hosting refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya, and calls for more solidarity in order to better share the effort between the countries of the region and the European Union, in full respect of the international conventions on human rights;
7. Calls in particular on all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap unveiled by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in April 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and sub-regional projects;
8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the Paris Declaration have been replaced by sectoral

ministerial meetings that are unable to give the UfM a strategic framework and in particular to provide it with the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the project without this institutional change being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); welcomes, however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and, together with Member States, funding its Secretariat, whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since 2010, deserves to be highlighted here;
10. Is concerned about the third objective assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, particularly with regard to (1) progress made by the 41 projects approved to date by the UfM and the lack of transparency and centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them, (2) the continuation of process of approving new projects independently of progress on projects that have already been approved, already totalling EUR 5 billion, at the risk of exceeding existing funding capacity in the region and the Secretariat's technical and human resources and (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;
11. Supports the proposal made by the UfM roadmap to revitalise political cooperation (1) by extending the Secretariat's activities to include intercultural dialogue, mobility and migration and the fight against terrorism and (2) by linking issues of security and development more broadly, including by the priority given to human development and youth employment, which the Committee notes with satisfaction is already one of the Secretariat's priority objectives;
12. Wonders, however, about how the Secretariat's activities will be extended to include these new areas and wishes the UfM Secretariat to further clarify the role it will play and its added value vis-à-vis the institutions (UN, EU ...), the dialogue and coordination structures (5 + 5, Anna Lindh Foundation ...) and existing projects;
13. Calls on the Secretariat to continue supporting the development of regional civil society platforms, which, by allowing the participation of the most active components of Euro-Mediterranean society, may contribute significantly to the democratisation of UfM initiatives, particularly in the new priorities set out in the UfM roadmap which include intercultural dialogue, mobility and migration;
14. Strongly backs the Secretariat's proposal to improve the governance of the UfM by holding annually in Barcelona, in November, a 'Regional UfM Forum' involving a

meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, an inter-institutional summit and a forum of project promoters and institutions active in the region in order (1) to give the UfM policy guidelines in line with current developments, (2) to improve coordination between all stakeholders and (3) to better assess progress;

15. Calls, however, on the co-presidency not to overlook the importance of regular summits at the level of Heads of State and Government, as originally provided for in the Declaration of Paris, in order to set out a broader strategic vision geared to the future of the UfM's political activities and policy initiatives;
16. Calls, in the context of this renovated governance, on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;
17. Recommends that the Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by conducting an audit of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data; (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;
18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat support these efforts to monitor UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;
19. Suggests that the Secretariat make operational the many partnerships and agreements signed by the UfM in order to create synergies with the players and organisations active in the region (such as organisations representing regional and local bodies and the management authorities of cross-border cooperation programmes) in order to ensure a better coordination of efforts and resources in the implementation of projects on the ground;

20. Considers it crucial to invest more effort and resources in facilitating the regional and sub-regional integration of the southern shore of the Mediterranean, which can be instrumental in stabilising the region and favouring South-South development whilst reinforcing South-North relations;
21. Calls on the Secretariat therefore to discuss with the Commission, the Committee of the Regions, the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), with the participation of the relevant PA-UfM committees, the opportunities to deploy EU territorial cooperation programmes and methods for the benefit of the Mediterranean partnership countries, as suggested by the Committee in its communication on the review of the ENP;
22. Points out that it appears premature, before the projects are audited, before they have actually been monitored in practice and before the portfolio has been revised as it should have been, to support the proposals set out in the UfM roadmap to (1) give UfM-approved projects privileged access to financing from the EU budget and (2) set up a mechanism pooling the contributions of the various contributors to fund the approved projects;
23. Calls on the Co-Presidency of the UfM, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission, the Secretariat, the Bureau, the committees and all the members of the PA-UfM to address these proposals and urges them to respond to them at a future meeting of this Committee.

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### **2015/2016 Activity Report**

The Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights held a meeting in Brussels on 29 February 2016 to discuss the following points:

1) Palestine Working Group:

Following the recommendation approved by the plenary session in Lisbon in May 2015, this meeting enabled the Committee to approve the mandate of the Palestine Working Group. On the basis of a call for interest among members of the Committee, this working group is currently being set up.

2) Union for Mediterranean:

Following an exchange of views with Ms Delphine Borione, Deputy Secretary General of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, the Committee has chosen to devote its 2016 recommendation to a review of the achievements of the Union for the Mediterranean and its future prospects.

3) Syria:

The intervention by Mr Michael Docherty (Commission, DG NEAR) was devoted to the impact of the Syrian crisis on the Syrian people and the Commission's intervention on the ground.

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13.5.2016

# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 61**

**Draft recommendation**  
(AP101.642v01-00)

on the Union for the Mediterranean: achievements and future prospects

Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights





**Amendment 1**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft recommendation*

1. Deems it necessary, eight years after setting-up the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), to initiate a reflection on the achievements and future prospects of the UfM, notably in the light of the political developments in the Euro-mediterranean region since 2011 in response to the peoples' legitimate aspirations to democracy *and* freedom;

*Amendment*

1. Deems it necessary, eight years after setting-up the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), to initiate a reflection on the achievements, *failures* and future prospects of the UfM, notably in the light of the political developments in the Euro-mediterranean region since 2011 in response to the peoples' legitimate aspirations to democracy, freedom *and social justice*;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft recommendation*

2. Recalls, in this context, the efforts of *Tunisia* to cope with a difficult economic and political situation and calls on the UfM partners to renew their commitment to support the consolidation of democracy in the country through an intensive political dialogue and enhanced economic co-operation;

*Amendment*

2. Recalls, in this context, the efforts of *Tunisian people* to cope with a difficult *social-economic* and political situation and calls on the UfM partners to renew their commitment to support the consolidation of democracy in the country through an intensive political dialogue and enhanced economic co-operation *through alternative partnerships that puts the interests of the peoples before the profits of European companies and investors; calls for the elimination of Tunisia's foreign debt to Europe, and the return of assets that were stolen by Ben Ali, and other corrupt leaders who currently reside in Europe*;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***2a. Expresses its deep concern about the current economic and political disintegration of Libya, which is aggravating the fragile situation of the population; reiterates its condemnation of the 2011 military intervention in Libya led by France, the UK, the US and Canada under the auspices of NATO with the pretext of the so-called doctrine of the "responsibility to protect"; is convinced that this foreign military intervention has been the breeding ground of the current situation of destruction of Libya and destabilization of the region;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
**European Parliament**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

3. Invites all UfM Member States to ***actively support*** the establishment of the Government of National Unity in Libya as the sole legitimate government and to offer assistance to address the urgent challenges and, chief among them, the setting-up of institutions, strengthening the rule of law, improving the situation of human rights, the fight against the smuggling of migrants and terrorism;

***3. Approves the political process in Libya and*** invites all UfM Member States to ***cooperate for*** the establishment of the Government of National Unity in Libya as the sole legitimate government and to offer assistance to address the urgent challenges and, chief among them, the setting-up of institutions, strengthening the rule of law, improving the situation of human rights, the fight against the smuggling of migrants and terrorism;

**Amendment 5**  
**Khalid El Boukarai**  
Moroccan delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft recommendation*

3. *Invites* all UfM Member States to actively support the establishment of the Government of National Unity in Libya as the sole legitimate government and to offer assistance to address the urgent challenges and, chief among them, the setting-up of institutions, strengthening the rule of law, improving the situation of human rights, the fight against the smuggling of migrants and terrorism;

*Amendment*

3. *Welcomes the leading role played by the Kingdom of Morocco in providing political backing for the process of negotiations between the Libyan parties and in the success of Skhirat negotiations and calls on* all UfM Member States to actively support the establishment of the Government of National Unity in Libya as the sole legitimate government and to offer assistance to address the urgent challenges and, chief among them, the setting-up of institutions, strengthening the rule of law, improving the situation of human rights, the fight against the smuggling of migrants and terrorism;

**Amendment 6**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

**3a. *Rejects the use of the notion of ‘responsibility to protect’, as it violates international law and does not offer an adequate legal basis to justify the unilateral use of force, in many cases with the goal of regime change; condemns the unilateral assumption of the role of global***

*police officer by powerful states such as the US or by NATO; also condemns so-called selective airstrikes and the introduction of foreign troops on the ground; denounces NATO's attempt to replace the pacification and stabilisation tasks that can only be implemented by broad consensus in the framework of the UN General Assembly;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 7**

**Zuhair Sanduqa**

Palestinian delegation

**Mahmoud Mohie Eldeen**

Egyptian delegation

**Moroccan delegation**

**Algerian delegation**

#### **Draft recommendation**

##### **Paragraph 4**

*Draft recommendation*

*4. Is concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt and calls on Egyptian authorities to respects their obligations in respect of international law and fundamental rights, in particular as regards the freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 8**

**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

#### **Draft recommendation**

##### **Paragraph 4**

*Draft recommendation*

4. Is concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt *and* calls

*Amendment*

**4. Reiterates its condemnation of the military coup d'état and the brutal**

on Egyptian authorities to respects their obligations in respect of international law and fundamental rights, in particular as regards the freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism;

***repression by the Egyptian army; Is concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt, including the deliberate use of mass death sentences as an instrument of arbitrary and politically motivated prosecution by the state in order to clamp down political dissent; calls on Egyptian authorities to respects their obligations in respect of international law and fundamental rights, in particular as regards the freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism; reiterates its opinion that the leaders and generals of the Egyptian army cannot offer a way forward to advance the rightful demands of the Egyptian people, as the army's leadership holds powerful economic positions within Egypt and represents different economic and political interests from those of the workers, the poor and young people who demand social justice;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 9 Cypriot delegation**

#### **Draft recommendation Paragraph 4**

##### *Draft recommendation*

***4. Is concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Egypt and calls on Egyptian authorities to respects their obligations in respect of international law and fundamental rights, in particular as regards the freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism;***

##### *Amendment*

***4. Commends Egypt's progress in achieving democracy and political stability and urges the Egyptian authorities to work even harder in the area of human rights protection, paying particular attention to issues of freedom of expression and of assembly and pluralism;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10 Maria Mussini Italian delegation**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***4a. Since the existence of a knowledge community is one of the most effective tools in the fight against radicalisation, calls on all countries to work for freedom of movement and expression and of exchanges between students , researchers and academics in general;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Roderich Kiesewetter**  
German delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;;

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations ***in Lybia/Syria*** to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations *Special Envoy to Syria* to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Maria Mussini**  
Italian delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations *and the International Syria Support Group* to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Cypriot delegation**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of

strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations *to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;*

strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations *and all other international actors involved in the peace negotiations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict in Syria so as to restore peace, rebuild the country and allow the displaced population of the country to return to their homes in conditions of safety and security;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Algerian delegation**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict *and rebuild the country once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;*

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict, *while respecting the sovereignty of the Syrian State and the unity of its people;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 16**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft recommendation*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support *the efforts made*

*Amendment*

5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the United



*by* the United Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution *to the conflict* and *rebuild the country* once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

Nations to find a rapid and inclusive solution and *re-building tasks* once peace has been restored, in association with the international actors involved in the peace negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Zuhair Sanduqa**  
Palestinian delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*5a. Expresses its concern about the insistence of Israel on confiscating Palestinian lands, building more settlements and separation walls, imposing collective punishments, desecration of holy Islamic and Christian sites, adopting racist resolutions which increase tension and undermine the two state solution, and calls for: international protection for the State of Palestine under occupation, and supports the French initiative calling for holding an international conference for peace based on international references and signed agreements.*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*5a. Condemns the continuing occupation*

***of Palestine by Israel and the latter's violation of international law, including international humanitarian law; reiterates its call for an end to Israeli colonisation in the Palestinian territories and to the criminal attacks and the isolation of the Gaza Strip; stresses the urgent need to bring about a fair and lasting solution to the conflict with a view to achieving a two-State solution - an independent and viable Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the state of Israel, living side by side in peace and security on the basis of the internationally recognised 1967 borders;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19  
European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation  
Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***5b. Regrets the circumstances in which the Sahrawi people find themselves, having been forced to live under Moroccan occupation or in exile in refugee camps for more than 40 years following Morocco's invasion of the former Spanish colony; deplores that, after 25 years after the ceasefire between Morocco and the Polisario Front and the establishment of MINURSO (United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara), the holding of a referendum is being prevented by the intransigence of Morocco, compounded by the complicity and passivity of the international community including many UfM Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***5c. Reiterates its call to Morocco and the Polisario Front to continue negotiations for a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict in Western Sahara; recalls that this conflict poses a major obstacle to integration and cooperation in the region; considers it essential and urgent therefore to complete the decolonisation process of the non-self-governing territory of Western Sahara as established by international law and to put an end to Moroccan occupation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the significant effort deployed by some UfM Member States in hosting refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya, and calls for more solidarity in order to better share the effort between the countries of the region and the European Union, in full respect of the international conventions on human rights;

6. Acknowledges the significant effort deployed by some ***Southern*** UfM Member States in hosting refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya; ***condemns the lack of solidarity and responsibility among EU Member States and the inhumane and degrading treatment faced by migrants and refugees across Europe, including violent acts by law enforcement authorities*** and calls ***all UfM Member States*** for more solidarity in order to better share the effort between the countries of the region and the European Union ***and to fulfil their international obligations for a migration and asylum policy based on solidarity, humanity and dignity, including the opening of safe and***

*legal access for migrants and asylum-seekers and the carry out a massive and robust proactive multinational rescue operation in the Mediterranean, in full respect of the international conventions on human rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft recommendation*

6. Acknowledges the significant effort deployed by some UfM Member States in hosting refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya, and calls for *more solidarity* in order to better share the *effort* between the countries of the region and the European Union, in full respect of the international conventions on human rights;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the significant effort deployed by some UfM Member States in hosting refugees from Syria, Iraq and Libya, and calls *for commitment for enhanced economic cooperation with host countries* in order to better share the *responsibilities* between the countries of the region and the European Union, in full respect of the international conventions on human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*6a. Expresses its fullest solidarity with the large numbers of refugees and migrants fleeing endless conflict, grave violations of human rights, the fatal consequences of climate change, poverty and harsh repression; recalls that the EU and its*

*Member States have a responsibility for the war, chaos, economic misery, hunger and death from which refugees and immigrants are escaping, not least on account of global neo-liberal economic policies, their colonial past and current neo-colonial policies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*6b. Calls for an alternative relation between UfM countries that takes into account of asymmetries between the parties; takes the view that a new framework needs to be created for relations with the UfM countries and regions, based on strict compliance with international law and the United Nations Charter and on non-intervention in their internal affairs and respect for their sovereignty, aimed at supporting the development and promoting employment and education, instead of partnerships geared solely to establishing free-trade areas that harm the UfM's peoples and offer benefits only for corporate interests and elites in the UfM states;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Algerian delegation**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***6c. Confirms that terrorism is a global phenomenon. It represents a major challenge for all the Mediterranean countries, given the security, political, economic and human issues they face. It is therefore necessary to develop a comprehensive preventive approach with regard to this phenomenon in order to consolidate the stability of States and contribute effectively to international peace and security;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Algerian delegation**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***6e. Takes the view that solutions to the crises in the countries of the southern shore of the Mediterranean, such as Syria, Libya and Iraq, must be peaceful. Foreign interference has had dramatic consequences in the region and had a direct impact on the Mediterranean by generating a large influx of migrants and mobilising an unprecedented number of foreign terrorist fighters;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

***18 f. Underlines that the existence of long standing conflicts due to violations of International law in the region are major obstacles to the cooperation between UfM Member States; in particular in the case of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, of the Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara and of the Turkish occupation of Cyprus; welcomes therefore the creation of the Palestine Working Group at the PA-UfM and considers this initiative could be extended to the creation of other Working Groups that focus on these long standing conflicts;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Khalid El Boukarai**

Moroccan delegation

**Draft recommendation**

**Paragraph 7**

7. Calls in particular on all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap unveiled by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in April 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and sub-regional projects;

***7. Congratulates the UfM Secretariat for its efforts over the last four years and, in order to follow up these efforts,*** calls in particular on all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap unveiled by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in April 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and

sub-regional projects;

Or. fr

**Amendment 29**  
**Roderich Kiesewetter**  
German delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft recommendation*

7. Calls in particular on all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap *unveiled* by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in *April* 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and sub-regional projects;

*Amendment*

7. Calls in particular on all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap *proposed* by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in April 2016 *March* 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and sub-regional projects;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Khalid El Boukarai**  
Moroccan delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft recommendation*

*8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the*

*Amendment*

*deleted*



*Paris Declaration have been replaced by sectoral ministerial meetings that are unable to give the UfM a strategic framework and in particular to provide it with the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Maria Mussini**  
Italian delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft recommendation*

8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the Paris Declaration have been replaced by sectoral ministerial meetings *that are unable to give the UfM a strategic framework and in particular* to provide *it with* the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;

*Amendment*

8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the Paris Declaration have been replaced by sectoral ministerial meetings *whose declarations lay down the political guidelines and orientations for the programme of work to be implemented by the UfM Secretariat; calls on the Heads of State and Government to re-launch the biennial summit which is able* to provide *a strategic framework and* the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a

political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;

Or. fr

**Amendment 32**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft recommendation*

8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the Paris Declaration have been **replaced** by sectoral ministerial meetings that are unable to give the UfM a strategic framework and in particular to provide it with the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;

*Amendment*

8. Notes, as regards political aspects, that the biennial summits of Heads of State and Government provided for under the Paris Declaration have been **supported** by **the works of** sectoral ministerial meetings that are unable to give the UfM a strategic framework and in particular to provide it with the two-year work programme originally planned; welcomes the fact that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the UfM Member States was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2015 co-chaired by EU High Representative / Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Mr Judeh, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, which may herald a political re-launch of the UfM and greater support from Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft recommendation*

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an

*Amendment*

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EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the project *without* this institutional change *being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with* the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); welcomes, however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and funding its Secretariat, whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since 2010, deserves to be highlighted here;

EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the project; *stresses that* this institutional change *must also contribute to greater coordination between* UfM activities *and* the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); *notes that the UfM and the ENP promote the same objectives of shared prosperity, stability and security in the Euro-Mediterranean region*; welcomes, however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and funding its Secretariat, whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since 2010, deserves to be highlighted here;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 34** **European Parliament (GUE/NGL)**

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 9**

##### *Draft recommendation*

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the project without this institutional change being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); *welcomes*, however, the *central* role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission *in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and, together with Member States, funding its* Secretariat, *whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since*

##### *Amendment*

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the project without this institutional change being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); *notes*, however, the role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission *as well as the* UfM Secretariat;

*2010, deserves to be highlighted here;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft recommendation*

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the **project** without this institutional change being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); welcomes, however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and, together with Member States, funding its Secretariat, whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since 2010, deserves to be highlighted here;

*Amendment*

9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the **Organization** without this institutional change being accompanied by any strategic review or increased coordination of UfM activities with the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); welcomes, however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission in preparing, coordinating and following up the ministerial meetings of the UfM and, together with Member States, funding its Secretariat, whose work, including the many initiatives it has taken to give substance to the UfM since 2010, deserves to be highlighted here;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

**9a. Welcomes the efforts of the UfM**

*Secretariat to work more closely with the European institutions and ensure more regular coordination, including with the European Parliament; welcomes the fact that, since 2015, the UfM Secretariat has presented an annual report of its activities before Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft recommendation*

10. *Is concerned about* the third objective assigned to the UfM *regarding* the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, *particularly with regard to* (1) *progress made by the 41 projects approved to date by the UfM and the lack of transparency and centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them,* (2) *the continuation of process of approving new projects independently of progress on projects that have already been approved, already totalling EUR 5 billion, at the risk of exceeding existing funding capacity in the region and the Secretariat's technical and human resources and* (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;

*Amendment*

10. *Regarding* the third objective assigned to the UfM *concerning* the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, *recognizes that the process of approving new projects should be accompanied with developing appropriate funding in the region; Stresses the importance of enhancing the exchange of information regarding* (1) *centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them,* (2) *the process of approving new projects and* (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;

Or. en

## Amendment 38

Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu  
European Parliament

### Draft recommendation

#### Paragraph 10

##### *Draft recommendation*

10. ***Is concerned about*** the third objective assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, ***particularly with regard to (1) progress made by the 41 projects approved to date by the UfM and the lack of transparency and centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them, (2) the continuation of process of approving new projects independently of progress on projects that have already been approved, already totalling EUR 5 billion, at the risk of exceeding existing funding capacity in the region and the Secretariat's technical and human resources and (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature*** these projects and ***their effective*** complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the ***Member-States***;

##### *Amendment*

10. ***Stresses, with regard to*** the third objective assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, ***that the validation of new projects must be accompanied by the establishment of adequate funding in the region, including for corresponding financial and human resources within the UfM Secretariat; calls in this connection for more information about the financial commitments that have been made for the implementation of these projects submitted for approval and underlines the need to assess the*** complementarity of ***these projects*** with bilateral projects funded by the ENP ***or Member States***; ***notes that, according to the General Secretariat of the UfM, 50% of the approved projects are currently in the implementation phase and expresses its support for the launch in 2016 of two major projects, namely the clean-up of Lake Bizerte in Tunisia and euro-Mediterranean University in Fez, Morocco***;

Or. fr

## Amendment 39

Fernando Negrão

Portuguese delegation

### Draft recommendation

#### Paragraph 10

##### *Draft recommendation*

10. Is concerned about the third objective

##### *Amendment*

10. Is concerned about the third objective

assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, *particularly with regard to (1) progress made by the 41 projects approved to date by the UfM and the lack of transparency and centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them, (2) the continuation of process of approving new projects independently of progress on projects that have already been approved, already totalling EUR 5 billion, at the risk of exceeding existing funding capacity in the region and the Secretariat's technical and human resources and (3) the truly* regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;

assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, *and suggests that the process of approving new projects should be accompanied by the developing of appropriate funding capacities in the region and the strengthening of the Secretariat's technical and human resources. In this respect, calls for further information on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects, as well as an appraisal of the* regional and sub-regional nature of these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Khalid El Boukarai**  
Moroccan delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft recommendation*

10. Is concerned about the third objective assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, particularly with regard to *(1) progress made by the 41 projects approved to date by the UfM and the lack of transparency and centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them, (2) the continuation of process of approving new projects independently of progress on projects that have already been approved,*

*Amendment*

10. Is concerned about the third objective assigned to the UfM regarding the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, particularly with regard to the continuation of process of approving new projects, *which should be accompanied by the development of appropriate financial capacities and by a strengthening of the technical and human capacities of the Secretariat;*

*already totalling EUR 5 billion, at the risk of exceeding existing funding capacity in the region and the Secretariat's technical and human resources and (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*10 a. Notes with satisfaction that 54 % of labelled projects are already implemented and expresses its support to the launch in 2016 of two major UfM labelled projects: the depollution of Lake Bizerte in Tunisia and the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes in Morocco;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

*10 b. Recalls the urgent need to improve the social integration and employability of young people which are the major challenges facing the region and at the same time the vehicles of stabilisation,*



*prosperity and security; recalls also that the problems linked to the youth employability in the South and North of the Mediterranean are now the same and require joint solutions formulated within the framework of effective multilateral cooperation such as the UfM;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 43**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 12**

##### *Draft recommendation*

*12. Wonders, however, about how the Secretariat's activities will be extended to include these new areas and wishes the UfM Secretariat to further clarify the role it will play vis-à-vis the institutions (UN, EU ...), the dialogue and coordination structures (5 + 5, Anna Lindh Foundation ...) and existing projects and to explain what added value the UfM will provide in this field;*

##### *Amendment*

*12. Urges the need to ensure the complementarity and coordination of these new activities with those of the institutions (UN, EU ...), the dialogue and coordination structures (5 + 5, Anna Lindh Foundation ...) and with existing projects;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 44**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Gilles Pargneaux**  
European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 13 a (new)**

##### *Draft recommendation*

*13a. Recognises the importance of holding sectoral ministerial meetings, in addition to high-level meetings, meetings*

##### *Amendment*

*of senior officials and dialogue platforms; recognises also the role of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean in promoting a regional dialogue and regional cooperation efforts; encourages the Secretariat to continue and strengthen its work of mobilising regional players, in particular by organising conferences, workshops and round tables that help translate the policy guidelines set by the ministerial meetings into concrete projects that have a direct on and for the population in priority areas such as inclusive growth, youth employability, sustainable development and the empowerment of women;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 45**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**

European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation**

#### **Paragraph 14**

##### *Draft recommendation*

14. Strongly backs the Secretariat's proposal to improve the governance of the UfM by holding annually in Barcelona, in November, a 'Regional UfM Forum' involving a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, an inter-institutional summit and a forum of project promoters and institutions active in the region in order (1) to give the UfM policy guidelines in line with current developments, (2) to improve coordination between all stakeholders and (3) to better assess progress;

##### *Amendment*

14. Strongly backs the Secretariat's proposal to improve the governance of the UfM by holding annually in Barcelona, in November, a 'Regional UfM Forum' involving a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, an inter-institutional summit and a forum of project promoters and institutions active in the region in order (1) to give the UfM policy guidelines in line with current developments, ***such as the refugee crisis or the recent terrorist attacks suffered by the Member States and the peoples of the UfM on both sides of the Mediterranean*** (2) to improve coordination between all stakeholders and (3) to better assess progress;

Or. fr

## Amendment 46

Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu  
European Parliament

### Draft recommendation Paragraph 15

#### *Draft recommendation*

15. Calls, however, on the co-presidency not to overlook the importance of regular summits at the level of Heads of State and Government, as originally provided for in the Declaration of Paris, in order to set out a broader strategic vision geared to the future of the UfM's political activities and policy initiatives;

#### *Amendment*

15. Calls, however, on the co-presidency not to overlook the importance of regular summits at the level of Heads of State and Government, as originally provided for in the Declaration of Paris, in order to set out a broader strategic vision geared to the future of the UfM's political activities and policy initiatives; ***insists that, without these regular summits, a strategic vision and genuine political will at the highest level, the results will not be up to expectations and that the progress of approved projects must also be assessed in light of commitment and mobilisation inspired by the Member States of the UfM;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

### Draft recommendation Paragraph 16

#### *Draft recommendation*

16. Calls, in the context of this renovated governance, on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving

#### *Amendment*

16. Calls, in the context of this renovated governance, ***on the basis of procedures intended to ensure the direct engagement of the Southern Copresidency***, on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing

the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft recommendation*

16. *Calls*, in the context of this renovated governance, *on* (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend

##### *Amendment*

16. *Urges*, in the context of this renovated governance, (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend

the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Roderich Kieswetter**  
German delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft recommendation*

16. Calls, in the context of this renovated governance, on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing *review* of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

*Amendment*

16. Calls, in the context of this renovated governance, on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing *implementation* of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Khalid El Boukarai**  
Moroccan delegation

**Draft recommendation**

## Paragraph 17

*Draft recommendation*

*Amendment*

***17. Recommends that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by conducting an audit of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data; (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;***

***deleted***

Or. fr

### **Amendment 51**

**Fernando Negrão**

Portuguese delegation

### **Draft recommendation**

#### **Paragraph 17**

17. Recommends that the *Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat* give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by *conducting an audit of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made*; (2) by *following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data*; (3) by *presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects*; (4) by *regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined*; and (5) by *suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational*;

17. Recommends that the *Co-Presidencies and the Secretariat* give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio by *presenting information regarding the labelled projects (funding, operational implementation and impact on beneficiaries)*, (1) by *organizing missions of information by PA-UfM members to the Secretariat*, (2) by *organizing regular hearings within the PA-UfM and its relevant Committees for the Secretariat to report on its initiatives and the state-of-play of labelled projects*, (3) by *following-up on the implementation of these projects through the participation of PA-UfM and its relevant committees' members in the activities developed on-the-ground within the framework of labelled projects*, (4) by *presenting the "UfM Regional Forum" an annual report on labelled projects*;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 17**

**17. Recommends that the Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by conducting an audit of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data; (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;**

**17. Stresses the need for a greater involvement of the PA-UfM on the UfM Senior Official meetings (SOM); recommends that the Co-Presidency and the Secretariat further reinforce the exchange of information on the UfM project portfolio by : (1) presenting appropriate information to the PA-UfM and its relevant Committees on the UfM initiatives and the state-of-play of labelled projects, in particular the level of secured funding, the operational implementation and the impact on final beneficiaries; (2) by following-up on the implementation of these projects through the organization of monitoring missions, (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate); (3) by presenting the “UfM Regional Forum” with an annual report on the labelled projects;**

Or. en

### **Amendment 53**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 17**



17. Recommends that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) **by conducting an audit** of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) **by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data;** (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) **by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;**

17. **Notes that the PA-UfM has a standing invitation to the meetings of senior officials, which in principle allows a regular flow of information on projects undergoing approval and approved projects;** recommends, **however, that the Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) through a more regular and systematic exchange of information, including within the framework of the PA-UfM, to present the state of progress of the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by organising field visits to observe the implementation of projects and inviting members of the relevant committees of the PA-UfM;** (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) **by appointing standing rapporteurs in the AP-UfM to monitor the development of each approved project; consideration should be given to closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 54**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft recommendation*

17. Recommends that the Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by **conducting an audit of** the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data; (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;

*Amendment*

17. Recommends that the Co-Presidency, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat give fresh impetus to the management of the UfM project portfolio (1) by **closely monitoring** the 41 projects that have been approved to establish their status from the point of view of securing funding, operational implementation and payments to final beneficiaries actually made; (2) by following up the results of this audit by on-site monitoring missions (in which the relevant PA-UfM committees will be able to participate) and by developing a scoreboard to allow the centralised and regular monitoring of the audited data; (3) by presenting the 'UfM Regional Forum' with an annual management report on audited projects; (4) by regularly reviewing the composition of this portfolio, which could be achieved in particular by adapting the project budget to existing funding capacity and, where necessary, by closing and de-committing funds from projects that have not been implemented after a standard period still to be determined; and (5) by suspending, except in duly substantiated cases, the approval of new projects until these new monitoring and review mechanisms have become operational;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Maria Mussini**

Italian delegation

**Draft recommendation**

**Paragraph 18**

*Draft recommendation*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that it

*Amendment*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that it

should monitor *these efforts to follow up* UfM projects *by the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat* by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;

should monitor UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;

Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**José Ramón Bauzá**  
Spanish delegation

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Draft recommendation*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat support these efforts to monitor UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;

*Amendment*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau, *on the basis of procedures intended to ensure the direct engagement of the Southern Copresidency* that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat support these efforts to monitor UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

**Draft recommendation**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Draft recommendation*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat support these efforts to monitor

*Amendment*

18. Proposes to the PA-UfM Bureau that the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat support these efforts to monitor

UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM;

UfM projects by appointing rapporteurs, by project or sector of intervention, drawn from each of the committees of the PA-UfM *who would be in charge of monitoring the progress of the projects approved by the UfM*;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 58**

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu**  
European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 19**

##### *Draft recommendation*

19. *Suggests* that the Secretariat make operational the many partnerships and agreements signed by the UfM in order to create synergies with the players and organisations active in the region (such as organisations representing regional and local bodies and the management authorities of cross-border cooperation programmes) in order to ensure a better coordination of efforts and resources in the implementation of projects on the ground;

##### *Amendment*

19. *Underlines* that the Secretariat *should* make operational the many partnerships and agreements signed by the UfM in order to create synergies with the players and organisations active in the region (such as organisations representing regional and local bodies and the management authorities of cross-border cooperation programmes) in order to ensure a better coordination of efforts and resources in the implementation of projects on the ground;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 59**

**Roderich Kiesewetter**  
German delegation

#### **Draft recommendation** **Paragraph 21**

##### *Draft recommendation*

21. Calls on the Secretariat therefore to discuss with the Commission, the Committee of the Regions, the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local

##### *Amendment*

21. Calls on the Secretariat therefore to discuss with the Commission, the Committee of the Regions, the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local

Assembly (ARLEM), with the participation of the relevant PA-UfM committees, the opportunities to deploy EU territorial cooperation programmes and methods for the benefit of the Mediterranean partnership countries, as suggested by the Committee in its communication on the review of the ENP;

Assembly (ARLEM), with the participation of the relevant PA-UfM committees, the opportunities to deploy EU territorial cooperation programmes and methods *to bring about stronger regional cooperation* for the benefit of the Mediterranean partnership countries, as suggested by the Committee in its communication on the review of the ENP;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 60**

**Khalid El Boukarai**

Moroccan delegation

**Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Gilles Pargneaux**

European Parliament

#### **Draft recommendation**

##### **Paragraph 22**

*Draft recommendation*

*22. Points out that it appears premature, before the projects are audited, before they have actually been monitored in practice and before the portfolio has been revised as it should have been, to support the proposals set out in the UfM roadmap to (1) give UfM-approved projects privileged access to financing from the EU budget and (2) set up a mechanism pooling the contributions of the various contributors to fund the approved projects;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 61**

**Fernando Negrão**

Portuguese delegation

#### **Draft recommendation**

##### **Paragraph 22**

*Draft recommendation*

22. Points out ***that it appears premature, before the projects are audited, before they have actually been monitored in practice and before the portfolio has been revised as it should have been, to support*** the proposals set out in the UfM roadmap to (1) give UfM-approved projects privileged access to financing from the EU budget and (2) set up a mechanism pooling the contributions of the various contributors to fund the approved projects;

*Amendment*

22. Points out ***to the need for further reflexion on*** the proposals set out in the UfM roadmap to (1) give UfM-approved projects privileged access to financing from the EU budget and (2) set up a mechanism pooling the contributions of the various contributors to fund the approved projects;

Or. en

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PARAGRAPH	AM	Tabled by	ACTION	Comments	Vote
Paragraph 1	1	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 1	
Paragraph 2	2	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 2	
Paragraph 2a (new)	3	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 3	4	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 3	
	5	<b>Moroccan Delegation</b> Khalid El Boukarai	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 3 Text of AM 5 will be added after "Approves the political process in Libya..." of AM 4	
Paragraph 3a (new)	6	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	



Paragraph 4	7	<b>Palestinian Delegation</b> Zuhair Sanduqa <b>Egyptian Delegation</b> Mahmoud Mohie Eldeen <b>Moroccan Delegation</b> <b>Algerian Delegation</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	deletes par. 4
	8	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 7 is adopted
	9	<b>Cyprus Delegation</b>	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 7 or AM 8 are adopted
Paragraph 4a (new)	10	<b>Italian Delegation</b> Maria Mussini	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph
Paragraph 5	11	<b>German Delegation</b> Roderich Kiesewetter	<b>VOTE</b>	SPLIT VOTE on AM 11 (Syria only) + Compromise amendment 11+12+13+14+15+16  5. Considers it necessary, in the context of strengthening policy co-operation in the region, to actively support the efforts made by the United Nations, <i>the United Nations Special Envoy to Syria</i> (AM 12), <i>the International Syria Support Group</i> (AM 13) <i>and all other international actors involved in the peace negotiations</i> (AM 14) to find a rapid and inclusive solution to the conflict in <i>Syria (AM 11) so as to restore peace</i> (AM 14), support <i>re-building tasks</i> (AM 16), rebuild the country <i>and allow the displaced population of the country to return to their homes in conditions of safety and security</i> (AM 14) <i>while respecting the sovereignty of the Syrian State and the unity of its people</i> (AM 15).
	12	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)		
	13	<b>Italian Delegation</b> Maria Mussini		
	14	<b>Cyprus Delegation</b>		
	15	<b>Algerian Delegation</b>		
	16	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá		



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Paragraph 5a (new)	17	<b>Palestinian Delegation</b> Zuhair Sanduqa	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 5b (new)	18	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 5c (new)	19	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 5d (new)	20	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 6	21	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 6	
	22	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 21 is adopted	
Paragraph 6a (new)	23	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 6b (new)	24	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 6c (new)	25	<b>Algerian Delegation</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 6d (new)	26	<b>Algerian Delegation</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 6e (new)	27	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	



Paragraph 7	28	<b>Moroccan Delegation</b> Khalid El Boukarai	VOTE	Compromise amendment 28+29
	29	<b>German Delegation</b> Roderich Kiesewetter		<p><i>7. Congratulates the UfM Secretariat for its efforts over the last four years and, in order to follow-up these efforts, invites (AM 28) all stakeholders, following the UfM roadmap proposed (AM 29) by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (hereinafter 'the Secretariat') in April/March (AM 29) 2016, to reflect on the extent to which progress has been made in attaining the three key objectives entrusted to the UfM in the Joint Declaration (paragraph 14) adopted at the Paris Summit of 13 July 2008, namely (1) upgrading euro-Mediterranean political ties, (2) improving co-ownership of responsibilities by a new governance (Vice-President and Secretariat) and (3) the need to make these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and sub-regional projects;</i></p>
Paragraph 8	30	<b>Moroccan Delegation</b> Khalid El Boukarai	VOTE	deletes par. 8
	31	<b>Italian Delegation</b> Maria Mussini	VOTE or NO VOTE	Falls if AM 30 is adopted
	32	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá	VOTE or NO VOTE	Falls if AM 30 is adopted / will be merged with AM 31 if AM 31 is adopted



Paragraph 9	33	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	Compromise amendment 33+34+35  9. Notes the fact that, as regards the governance of the UfM, the transition to an EU 'Northern' Co-Presidency from 2012 altered the intergovernmental nature of the <i>Organization</i> (AM 35) ; <i>stresses that this institutional change must also contribute to greater ccoordination between</i> (AM 33) UfM activities <i>and</i> (AM 33) the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP); <i>notes that the UfM and the ENP promote the same objectives of shared prosperity, stability and security in the Euro-mediterranean region</i> (AM 33) <i>notes</i> (AM 34), however, the central role played by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission <i>as well as</i> (AM 34) the UfM Secretariat;
	34	<b>European Parliament</b> (GUE/NGL)		
	35	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá		
Paragraph 9a (new)	36	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph
Paragraph 10	37	<b>European Parliament</b> Gilles Pargneaux	<b>VOTE</b>	Compromise amendment 37+38+39  10. <i>Regarding</i> (AM 37) the third objective assigned to the UfM <i>concerning</i> (AM 37) the implementation of regional and sub-regional projects, <i>recognizes that the process of approving new projects should be accompanied with developing appropriate funding in the region</i> (AM 37, AM 38, AM 39), <i>including for</i>
	38	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu		
	39	<b>Portuguese Delegation</b> Fernando Negrao		

	40	<p><b>Moroccan Delegation</b>          Khalid El Boukarai</p>		<p><i>corresponding financial and human resources within the UfM Secretariat (AM 38, AM 39, AM 40) ; calls in this connection for more information about the financial commitments that have ben made for the implementation of these projects submitted for approval (AM 38) and calls for further information on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects (AM 39) ; underlines the need to assess the complementarity of these projects with bilateral projects funded by the ENP or the Member-States (AM 38) ; stresses the importance of enhancing the exchange of information regarding (1) centralised statistics on the actual financial commitments made by the organisations and institutions carrying out these projects and on payments made to implement them, (2) the process of approving new projects and (AM 37) (3) the truly regional and sub-regional nature these projects and their effective complementarity with bilateral projects funded by the ENP and the Member-States; notes that according to the UfM Secretariat, 50 % of labelled projects are currently in the implementation phase and expresses its support for the launch in 2016 of two major UfM labelled projects, namely the clean-up of Lake Bizerte in Tunisia and the Euro-Mediterranean University in Fez, Morocco (AM 38);</i></p>	
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Paragraph 10a (new)	41	<b>European Parliament</b> Gilles Pargneaux	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 10b (new)	42	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 12	43	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 12	
Paragraph 13a (new)	44	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu Gilles Pargneaux	<b>VOTE</b>	New paragraph	
Paragraph 14	45	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 14	
Paragraph 15	46	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 15	



Paragraph 16	47	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá	<b>VOTE</b>	Compromise Amendment 47+48+49
	48	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu		16. <i>Urges</i> (AM 48), in the context of this renovated governance, <i>on the basis of procedures intended to ensure the direct engagement of the Southern Copresidency</i> (AM 47), on (1) the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Commission and the Secretariat to better coordinate the activities of the UfM with those funded by the ENP, the ongoing <i>implementation</i> (AM 49) and review of which provides an ideal opportunity finally to clarify matters, in particular by involving the UfM in shaping decisions and policies affecting the euro-Mediterranean region; (2) the Secretariat to ensure the participation in the UfM ministerial meetings of the relevant committees' Bureaux of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and (3) PA-UfM to seek better coordination between the activities of the Assembly and those of the UfM, whose Co-Presidents should systematically attend the plenary sessions and the summits of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the PA-UfM;
	49	<b>German Delegation</b> Roderich Kiesewetter		



Paragraph 17	50	<b>Moroccan Delegation</b> Khalid El Boukarai	<b>VOTE</b>	deletes par. 17	
	51	<b>Portuguese Delegation</b> Fernando Negrao	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 50 is adopted	
	52	<b>European Parliament</b> Gilles Pargneaux	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 50 or AM 51 are adopted	
	53	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 50, AM 51 or AM 52 are adopted	
	54	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 50, AM 51 or AM 52 are adopted	
Paragraph 18	55	<b>Italian Delegation</b> Maria Mussini	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 18	
	56	<b>Spanish Delegation</b> José Ramón Bauzá	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 55 is adopted	
	57	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 55 or AM 56 are adopted	
Paragraph 19	58	<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 19	

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Paragraph 21	59	<b>German Delegation</b> Roderich Kiesewetter	<b>VOTE</b>	amends par. 21	
Paragraph 22	60	<b>Moroccan Delegation</b> Khalid El Boukarai	<b>VOTE</b>	deletes par. 22	
		<b>European Parliament</b> Mariya Gabriel, Tokia Saïfi, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Ramona Nicole M nescu Gilles Pargneaux			
	61	<b>Portuguese Delegation</b> Fernando Negrao	<b>VOTE or NO VOTE</b>	falls if AM 60 is adopted	



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## Palestine Working Group

### Mandate

#### 1. Basic Working Group Information

<b>A. Group Name</b>	<b>PA-UfM Palestine Working Group</b>
<b>B. Group Purpose</b>	The Purpose of the PA-UfM Palestine Working Group ("the Working Group" or "the Group") is to support the emergence of an independent, democratic, viable and contiguous Palestinian State living side by side by side in peace and security with Israel and its other neighbours.
<b>C. Group Type</b>	The Working Group is set up under the umbrella of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM).
<b>D. Group Duration</b>	Two years (starting from the Working group's constituent meeting).
<b>E. Group Authority</b>	No decision-making authority. This group may be instructed to draw up draft reports and draft resolutions for the Assembly, subsequent to the approval of these texts by the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the PA-UfM
<b>F. Background documents and regulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2015 Recommendation (point 9) of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the PA-UfM, as approved by the Plenary session held in Lisbon on 12 May 2015.</li> <li>- article 12.2 of the rules of procedure of the PA-UfM (regarding the setting-up of working groups by the Bureau).</li> </ul>

## 2. Group Membership

<b>A. Members</b>	20 members : 10 from the European component of the Assembly (5 members of the EU national parliaments, 4 members of the European Parliament, 1 member of the European Mediterranean Countries' Parliaments) 10 members from the Parliaments of the founding Mediterranean partners.
<b>B. Term for serving in the group</b>	Expected commitment is two years
<b>C. Group Chair</b>	Mr. Renato Soru, Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the PA-UfM
<b>D. Group Secretariat</b>	EP Secretariat

## 3. Working Group meetings, Decision-making and Communications:

<b>A. Meetings</b>	The working group shall meet at least once a Year, either in the European Parliament or in the country holding the Presidency of the Assembly.
<b>B. Decision-making</b>	In application of article 10§3 of the Rules of procedures of the PA-UfM, the Working Group shall act by consensus and in the presence of half of the delegations plus one within each of the two component parts of the Assembly, namely, the European component and that of the partner countries. When it is not possible to reach a consensus, the Group shall take its decisions by a qualified majority of at least two-thirds of the votes of the members present from each of the two shores of the Mediterranean, in the presence of at least half of the members plus one of the two components of the Assembly. The Chair shall establish such a presence before the vote begins.
<b>C. Communications</b>	Once adopted by the Working Group, draft reports and draft resolutions will be submitted for approval to the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the PA-UfM.

**Meeting**  
**Saturday 28 May 2016, 10:00 - 12:30**  
**Tangier**

**List of participants**

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