



**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**



Rabat, 22 January 2010

**Bureau Statement on Union for the Mediterranean**

At its meeting on 22 January 2010 held in Rabat, Morocco, under the Presidency of the Jordanian Senate, the Bureau of the Euro Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) recalled the EMPA recommendation, of 12 October 2008, on the role of the Euro Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly within the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), as well as the EMPA Bureau statement of 20 November 2009 and adopted the following statement.

**The EMPA Bureau:**

- welcomes the designation of the Secretary general and urges the adoption of the statutes of the UfM secretariat. Hopes that the Secretary General, once confirmed, will contribute to a swift resumption of UfM activities monitored by a fully operational secretariat;
- calls on all partners to adopt these statutes as quickly as possible in order to implement the identified UfM projects in the fields of Small and Medium sized Entreprises/Business development, transport, energy, environment, education and social affairs, to the benefit of the citizens;
- recalls that the EMPA, as the legitimate parliamentary institution of the UfM, is an essential tool for the strengthening of democracy and will monitor the implementation of the UfM Working programme for 2010 and projects; it should therefore be regularly informed by the Secretary General and its deputies on the activities of the future secretariat;
- regrets the postponement of two ministerial conferences, including the Euromed Ministers for Foreign Affairs Conference; welcomes however the holding of the Conference of Trade Ministers, in Brussels, on 9 December 2009, where the "Euromed Trade Road Map beyond 2010" was adopted.

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