

The Meeting of the Bureau and the Expanded Bureau

Amman 12/3/2010

The Bureau:

The Bureau convened in Amman on Friday 12/3/2010 in the presence of:

- Mr. Abdul-Hadi Al-Majali, Member of Jordan's House of Senates and President of EMPA
- Jerzy Buzek Speaker of the European Parliament, and Vice-President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.
- Mr. Mustaphaa Mansouri, Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives, and Vice-President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.
- Mr. Antonio Lione, Deputy-Speaker of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and Representative of the Speaker of the Italian parliament.
- Mr. Antonio D'Ali, Member of the Italian Senate, and Representative of the Speaker of the Italian Senate.

The Bureau members discussed the agenda items as follows:

1- Adopting the agenda

The agenda is adopted.

2- Adopting the minutes of the Bureau meeting held on 22/1/2010 in Rabat

The meeting minutes are adopted.

3- Preparations for the Sixth General Assembly on 13-14/3/2010

Mr. Al-Majali, EMPA President informed the members that as decided in the Bureau and expanded Bureau on Cairo and Rabat meetings, the General Assembly will convene on Saturday 13/3/2010 to discuss the following three main issues:

- Peace process in the Middle East.

- Climate and ecological changes and renewable energy in the Mediterranean Basin
- Transformation of the Euro-Mediterranean investment and partnership facility into a Euro-Mediterranean Bank.

Based on the decision taken by EMPA's Bureau in Rabat, keynote speakers were invited to talk on the above topics as follows:

*** The Peace Process in the Middle East:**

H.E. Mr. Amro Musa, Secretary General of the League of Arab States (He delegated H.E. Ms Nancy Bakeer)

- Mr. George Michel (Apologized)
- Duchess Catherine Ashton, High EU representative for foreign policy and security affairs (Apologised).
- Mr. Tony Blair, Troika's Representative (Apologised)
- Egypt's foreign minister (Delegated H.E. Mr. Muhammad Mustafa Kamal/ Assistant Foreign Minister for Parliamentarian Affairs)
- France's Foreign Minister (Apologised)
- Turkey's Foreign Minister (Apologised)
- Secretary General of Union for the Mediterranean (Confirmed)

Based on the recommendation by EU parliament, we invited Ambassador Jose Reina in charge of Mediterranean affairs and representative of the Spanish presidency of the EU. (Confirmed)

*** Climate and Ecological Change and Renewable Energy:**

- Current Jordanian Minister of energy Mr. Khaled Al-Irani and former Minister of Environment. He already participated in the meetings of the sub-committee on energy, environment and water. (Confirmed)

- Mrs. Helen Bylos from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) (Apologised)

- Mrs. Sylvie Lemmet, Director of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics at UNEP

- Transformation of the Euro-Mediterranean investment and partnership facility into a Euro-Mediterranean Bank.

- H.E. Mr. Einaras Repse, Latvia's Minister of Finance and President of the European Investment Bank's Board of Governors. (Apologised)
- Mr. Charles Malcot, Union for the Mediterranean Commission (Confirmed)
- Mr. Philip Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank (Apologised)

Accordingly, the Bureau agreed on starting general discussions after each presentation giving each speaker two minutes to respond to the interventions. The order of the speakers is as follows:

Mediterranean parliaments, European national parliaments, Mediterranean parliaments, and the European Parliament)

The Bureau agreed that committee chairs submit the recommendations of their committees to the General Assembly and to be adopted on Sunday 14/3/2010.

The Bureau approved a request by Ms. Kratsa to speak for five minutes before inviting the committee chairs to present the report of the Euro-Mediterranean University Working Group on Sunday 14/3/2010.

The Bureau agreed on submitting the amendments of EMPA's Rules of Procedures (proposal of the General Secretariat and EMPA's budgeting and funding) in addition to the proposed new formation of the committees and extension of the committee bureaus for the next two years, and transformation of the ad hoc committee on energy, environment and water into a standing committee. It also accepted membership applications by Croatia and Montenegro and applications for memberships as observers from Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Arab Transitional Parliament, Arab Parliamentary Federation, and Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean on Sunday 14/3/2010.

The Bureau approved granting applicants for the capacity of observers the chance to deliver a two-minute speech before the General Assembly.

Sharing points of view, deciding on the proposed formulation of EMPA's standing committees as submitted by Working

Group on Financing of the Assembly and Revision of EMPA Rules of Procedures in the presence of Mr. Gianni Pittella, head of the working group.

Mr. Pittella submitted a proposal for the formulation of EMPA's standing committees submitted by Working Group on Financing of the Assembly and Revision of EMPA Rules of Procedures.

The Bureau approved the distribution of seats on the five standing committees after the accession of new members: Albania, Monaco, Mauritania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro as follows and effective as of 2010:

Political, Economic and Cultural Committees:

64 members for each committee: 32 members representing partner Mediterranean parliaments, and 32 European members (21 members representing the national European parliaments, and 11 members representing the European Parliament.)

- Woman and Energy Committees:

44 members for each committee: 22 members representing partner Mediterranean parliaments and 22 European members (14 members representing the national European parliaments, and 8 members representing the European Parliament).

- Approving the introduction of the "Permanent alternative members" to EMPA's rules and procedures.

Members of the Bureau agreed to abide by their commitment to support the proposal for the creation of the secretariat and the budgeting through the financial contributions by member parliaments and convince the refusing members to support that proposal or at least to have a constructive refusing stand.

4- Miscellaneous Issues

The Expanded Bureau

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- Mr. Abdul-Hadi Al-Majali, Member of Jordan's House of Senates and President of EMPA
- Jerzy Buzek Speaker of the European Parliament, and Vice-President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.
- Mr. Mustaphaa Mansouri, Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives, and Vice-President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.
- Mr. Antonio Lione, Vice-Speaker of the Italian Parliament and Representative of the Speaker of the Italian parliament.
- Mr. Antonio D'Ali, Member of the Italian Senate, and Representative of the Speaker of the Italian Senate.
- Mrs. Takiyya Saifi (Chair of the political committee) – the European Parliament.
- Mr. Muhammad Abu Al-Aineen (Chair of the Economic Committee- Egypt)
- Mr. Edwardo Kabariti (Chair of the cultural committee) Portugal.
- Mrs. Afifah Saleh (Chair of the woman's committee) Tunisia
- Mr. Stefan SCHENNACH (Chair of the ad hoc committee on energy, environment and water)
- Mr. Gianni Pittella, head of EMPA's Working Group on Financing of the Assembly and Revision of EMPA Rules of Procedures.
- Mrs. Rodi Kratsa , Chair of the Euro-Med University EMUNI Working Group

Members of the expanded bureau discussed the items on their agenda as follows:

1- Adopting the agenda

The agenda is adopted.

2- The minutes of the expanded bureau meeting in Rabat on 22/1/2010 are adopted.

The meeting minutes are adopted.

3- A brief submitted by the President on the decision of the bureau regarding the proposal for the amendment of the formation of EMPA's standing committees submitted by the

Working Group on Financing of the Assembly and Revision of EMPA Rules of Procedures.

Mr. Pittella briefed the members of the expanded bureau on the proposal for the amendment of the formation of EMPA's standing committees submitted by the Working Group on Financing of the Assembly and Revision of EMPA Rules of Procedures, and informed them of the decision of the bureau to be submitted to the General Assembly.

4- Presenting the outcomes of the meetings of the committees and the recommendations to be submitted for ratification thereof by the general Assembly on 14/3/2010.

Chairs of the committees submitted their recommendations that have been adopted by the committees to be submitted to the General Assembly.

5- Miscellaneous Issues

- Members of the expanded bureau adopted the proposal by the political committee to change the name of Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) into "The Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean".

- Members of the expanded bureau have been informed that the vice-chair of the political committee Mr. Khreisha was prevented by the Israeli Authorities from attending the meeting.

-Mrs. Saifi informed the members of the expanded bureau that that a joint meeting of the political and cultural committees will be held in Istanbul in the near future.

- Members of the Bureau took into consideration the request by Mrs. Kratsa to appoint a vice-head of the Euro-Mediterranean University Working Group in the near future.