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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 €610 million (€570 million from the EU budget and just over €40 million from 15 Member States). The London conference held on 4 February pledged a record € 10 bn (of which € 3 bn 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 XIIth plenary session of the Assembly, due to take place on 29 May.

The meeting closed at 17.45.

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