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Working Lunch Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau Strasbourg, 13 February, 2019 (13h30 - 14h45)

- European Parliament Vice-President David SASSOLI, in the chair, opened the Enlarged Bureau meeting of the PA-UfM by briefing those present about the developments concerning the setting up of the PA-UfM Secretariat in Rome, and explained that the approval for a simplified procedure would be sought from the plenary session.
- Şamil AYRIM, representing Binali YILDIRIM the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, briefed the Enlarged Bureau about the objectives of the incoming Turkish Presidency.
- Committee Chairs gave a summary of the work carried out over the past year and delved into the working methods and the substance of their recommendations.
- MEP Tiziana BEGHIN, Chair of the WG Rules, briefed the Enlarged Bureau the work that her working group had put in to establish the Secretariat, including the modification of Article 15 by written procedure.
- MEP Gilles PARGNEAUX, on behalf of Political Committee Chair Renato SORU, explained that the text of the recommendation focused on the root causes of migration, the combating of criminal networks, as well as the need for solidarity and mutual understanding.
- Mohamed IHOUYET, Chair of the Culture Committee, spoke of a youth cultural event organized by the Moroccan Parliament. The Committee Recommendation focused on education and training, and opportunities for young people to participate in political and public life.
- Nacera SADEK, representing Women's Committee Chair Leila CHETTAOUI, discussed the role of women in the promotion of stability in the region, especially women's role in fighting

- extremism. The recommendation mentioned, among others, migrant women who were a particularly vulnerable group.
- Mohamed ABU STETTEH, Chair of the Energy Committee discussed the environmental consequences of marine pollution, the link between water management, energy and migration.
- Margarita MANO, Chair of the Women Committee, discussed the impact of artificial intelligence on the economy and societies in the EuroMed area.
- The Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean, Nasser KAMEL, took part in the meeting.